

# June, Happy Pride!

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## Two-Spirit History



Have you heard the term two-spirit before? The term was officially coined on August 4th, 1990, at the 3rd Annual Gathering of Native American Gays and Lesbians. It is used as an organizing strategy or tool rather than identity or sexual orientation. That means just because someone is a LGBTQ Indigenous person does not mean they also consider themselves two-spirit. It is always polite to ask, "How do you identify?" A small way to show your love and care. A two-spirit person embodies feminine and masculine spirit.

Pre-colonial Indigenous two-spirit people were "opposite gender" clothing, were thought of as healers, name-givers, ceremony leaders, or matchmakers.

The term is specific to Indigenous people only and all though there is no official flag, there are many variations. Such as the one shown in this newsletter.

A new acronym "2S/ LGBTQIA" includes two-spirit rightfully at the front. It stands for two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, and asexual.

Two-spirit heroes who paved the way for the two spirit people today; Osh Tisch was a male person in the Crow community that had feminine roles in their daily life. In the 1920s natives were imprisoned, penalized, and had their family's treaty rations cut or denied. Soon after Osh Tisch and other two-spirit people became a target. Crow warriors and chiefs spoke out in defense of two-spirit values and pushed against the federal government for their release.



Osh Tisch and their spouse

## M'NO D'BIISH-KAAN!

- \* Hazel Hale 6/7
- \* Roslyn Arbogast 6/9
- \* Lyric Arbogast 6/9
- \* Stephanie James 6/10
- \* William Brown Jr. 6/12
- \* Miranda Wilson 6/13
- \* Saige Schultz 6/15
- \* Niecejo Luft 6/15
- \* Rochelle Wolf 6/18
- \* Barbara Dakota 6/20
- \* Christopher Ramirez 6/23
- \* Johnathan Lozicki 6/26
- \* Debra Watson 6/29



## Things to look forward to...

ISABELLA COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY PRESENTS

### ZOO IN THE PARK

DATE: FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2023  
 TIME: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
 LOCATION: ISLAND PARK  
 WHAT: ANIMALS, FOOD, GAMES, RAFFLES, GIVEAWAYS & MORE

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS FREE EVENT

← June 09, 2023  
 5:00—7:00 PM @ Island Park



Opioid Summit- June 7th and 8th

**Tuesdays** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 June 6 - Oct. 3, 2023 Farmers Market Pavilion  
 Corner of Broadway and Leaton roads

Items include: Seasonal produce, baked goods, handcrafted/seasonal art and Indigenous foods.

Now featuring: Maple syrup, eggs, honey, seeds, cottage cheese, plants, organic produce and local rice.

Like us on Facebook!

For more information, contact: Janine Gonzalez, Market Manager  
 Phone: 989-775-4629  
 Email: jfgonzalez@chippewa.org

← Tuesdays 10 am to 2 pm  
 @ Farmers Market Pavilion on Broadway



Hippie Fest - June 10th 12:00 PM - June 11th 7:00 PM

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## ***Fun National Holidays:***

- \* *June 2, donut day*
- \* *June 4, hug your cat day*
- \* *June 19, Juneteenth*
- \* *June 20, American eagle day*
- \* *June 21, selfie day*
- \* *June 30, meteor watch day*

**We're on the web!**  
**[Sagchip.org](http://Sagchip.org)**



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website that pops up !**



## **SCIT Housing Department**

### **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

SCIT HD invites you to get involved if you are a leasehold home owner or a tenant of the SCIT Housing Program.

**This is your opportunity to have a voice in our program.**

The Housing Department is currently accepting letters of interest from Leasehold Home Owners and HUD Residents for the Housing Advisory Committee SCHD AC.

**Please include the following:**

Name, address, phone number, photo, and a letter of interest.

**Letters of interest will be accepted until:**

June 30, 2023 at 5:00 PM

**Mail letters of interest to:**

SCIT Housing Department  
2451 Nish Na Be Anong Rd.  
Mount Pleasant, MI, 48858

**For more information:**

Call (989) 775—4595

Email: [housing@sagchip.org](mailto:housing@sagchip.org)

Or check us out at

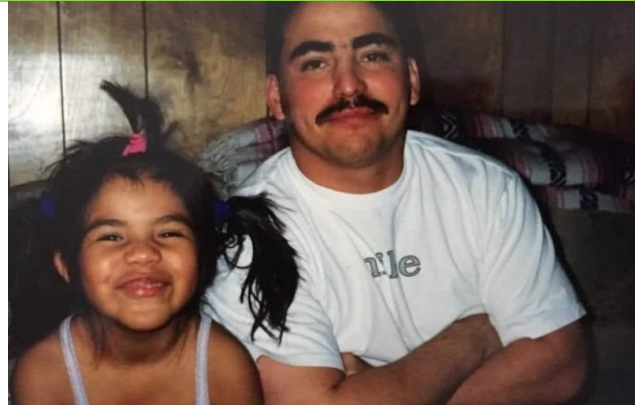
[www.sagchip.org/housing/index.htm](http://www.sagchip.org/housing/index.htm)

## **Happy Father's Day! June 18, 2023**

Here is another holiday that can be positive or negative for folks depending on your life story. As I mentioned before, I lost my parents in the same year. My dad passed away December 21, 2020, that was exactly 6 days after my youngest daughter was born.

I would like to give a loving shout out to all the fathers out there who stepped up to the plate and took care of theirs. I applaud those who stuck around or even stood up to take on children that may not be biologically theirs. Families come in all forms and sizes, and nothing is wrong with taking another as your own. I love that more than anything!

I know my papa bear was my rock. He showed me what a male figure in my life should strive to be like and that I



**My papa bear: Joe Miley and me**

shouldn't settle for anything less. He set the bar high and spoiled me, as I am sure all the father's can relate to. I miss our goodbye smooches, "I love yous", and he was handy with everything. Always fixing my brakes, hanging up big picture frames on my wall, bringing me snacks and zhoon whenever I needed it, and just

encouraging me to go out and be the best.

Cherish your dads, grandpas, papas, fathers, whatever name you use, take good care of them! Learn as much as you can; how to build things, fix your car, take care of your home, cook meals, and listen to their advice. It may come in handy one day.