

# Community Cultural Teaching & Feast

In conjunction with the **STANDING ROCK SOLID** changing exhibition

The **ZIIBIWING CENTER** is thrilled to welcome a very special guest

**FREE & OPEN**  
to the Public

## Gitche Nokomis Mary Lyons

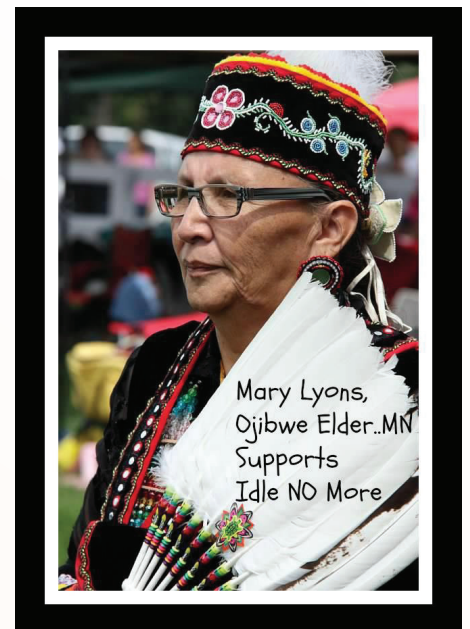
For Sanilac:  
Bring your  
lawn chair

- **Friday, June 23, 2017 • 5pm to 7pm**  
**at Ziibiwing Center • Teaching Dinner**

“Overcoming trauma & strengthening  
Anishinabe Families”

- **Saturday, June 24 • 11am to 3pm**  
**at Ezhibiigaadek Asin • Teaching Luncheon**  
(*Sanilac Petroglyphs site near Cass City, MI*)

“Protecting Mother Earth & the Top Hat  
Medicine Dress/Long Skirt Society”



Great-Grandmother Mary Lyons- Ojibwe Elder, Niizh-Nibi-Ikwe “Second Water Woman” Elder of Mitigwakk-Daywaygus-Giwstashskad “Water Drum Circle”, Senior Member of the “Top Hat Medicine Dress/Long Skirt Society”, Spiritual Advisor, Storyteller, Wisdom Teacher

Mary travels the globe with The Indigenous Grandmothers of the Sacred We, presenting on issues including foster care of indigenous children and supporting women in recovery from addiction. She is the founder of the Minnesota Coalition on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (MNCOFAS@aol.com), an Indian Child Welfare Act Expert Witness and Native American Family and Child Advocate for the Tribes. Mary was a keynote speaker at the Parliament of World Religions in Utah and spoke at the 2014 World Climate March in New York City. She is a winner of the Minnesota Congressional Angels in Adoption Award, nominated by Senator Norm Coleman from Minnesota. She currently serves as a counselor for the women’s sobriety group Women of Wellbriety International.

For over 30 years, Mary has fostered and adopted many children with disabilities and fetal alcohol syndrome. She was one of the many Native American children removed from her home and placed in an institution. Mary explains alcohol as a coping mechanism turned to by some from her generation.

**You’re invited to come and meet this inspirational leader and hear her powerful teachings!**



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