

# E-Noodlujun

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**ZIIBIWING CENTER**  
of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways

Nimebine-Giizis  
(Sucker Moon)  
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## Hoop Dance Camp with Ty Defoe

was held April 3-6 at the Ziibiwing Center with a Graduation Performance at Andahwod on Friday, April 7, 2017.

Ty Defoe, Ojibwe and Oneida Nations, is a writer, story teller, educator, multi-talented artist and World Class Hoop Dancer. Visit Ty's website at [www.tydefoe.com](http://www.tydefoe.com) for more information.

The students who partook in the class were embraced in the circle (or hoop) of Ty's knowledge, experience and patient instruction. "The hoops help to create an illusion of something happening," Ty explained when showing how the hoops could be used to imitate things, such as a tail wagging, to tell a story with dance. Cultural teachings, mindful intelligence, and energetic, fluid movements and dance steps, such as the *Walk of Life* and the *Figure 8*, were some of the elements taught in this fun class that culminated in the beautiful Hoop Dance performance enjoyed at Andahwod at the end of the week.

Parents and family watched the class, sometimes being invited to join in. The graduation performance began with an Honor Dance, followed by the Hoop Dance, and then a Round Dance. Afterwards, Certificates of Graduation were presented to the students.

Miigwetch to Ty Defoe and the sponsors; the Olga J. and G. Roland Denison Visiting Professorship of Native American Studies at Central Michigan University and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe's Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, Andahwod Continuing Care Community & Elder Services, and Ziibiwing Center.



Miigwetch to all who helped to make this another fun, learning event that helps to keep the Anishinabe culture alive and strong.



Grand  
Opening  
April 22  
@ Noon

# STANDING ROCK SOLID

Changing  
Exhibit

... a contemporary mixed-media exhibition presenting an  
artistic response to environmental threats to land and life.

**APRIL 22 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

**WATER IS MEDICINE.**  
MSHKIKIWAABOO AAWAN NIBIISH,

**WATER IS NOT A WEAPON.**  
GAAWII JI NAKAAZANG MIIGAAZANG.  
DYLAN MINER-WISAAKODEWININI.COM

ADMISSION COMPLIMENTARY WITH PERMANENT EXHIBIT

## SACRED WATER SYMPOSIUM

An event in conjunction with Ziibiwing's STANDING ROCK SOLID exhibit

**Saturday, April 29, 2017**

**7am - 5pm**

Much discussion has been emerging from our community  
regarding Standing Rock, Enbridge Line 5, Nestle, Flint, etc.

The intent of this symposium is to share, learn,  
mobilize, and discuss strategies for peaceful action.



- 7am Sunrise Ceremony
- Pipe Ceremony
- Water Ceremony
- Keynote Speakers
- Environmental Info Booths
- Youth Activities
- Breakfast and Lunch provided

FREE & OPEN to the PUBLIC

For more information contact William Johnson at 989.775.4730 or [wjohnson@sagchip.org](mailto:wjohnson@sagchip.org)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**"Honoring, Healing  
& Remembering"**



Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School

Join us on the 83rd anniversary of the Mt. Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School closing.  
We recognize the suffering, strength, and resilience of the children through a day of memorial and fellowship.

Rain or  
Shine

**Tuesday, June 6, 2017 • 7am-4pm**

Boarding School Site • 1400 W. Pickard, Mt. Pleasant, MI

Open to  
the public

**Ceremony • Dance • Guest Speakers • Silent Auction**

Silent Auction donations welcomed! Contact Amanda Lewis at [alewis@sagchip.org](mailto:alewis@sagchip.org) or 989.775.4734



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**ATTENTION K-6 TEACHERS!**

## MOTHER EARTH WEEK

Learn about Earth Day and Wild Rice

**April 24-28, 2017 • 9:30am-1:30pm**

Pre-registration required • Reserve your space!

**\$2 per educator**  
(with their classroom)

**\$4 per student**  
(or chaperone)

(Prices do not  
include museum tours)

### Agenda:

- History of wild rice
- Wild rice sampling
- Wild rice harvest
- Language teachings
- Hands-on environmental activities

Contact Glenna  
at 989.775.4744 or [ghalliwill@sagchip.org](mailto:ghalliwill@sagchip.org)

Bring your own  
brown bag lunch.

Catering options  
also available!



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For more information call (989) 775-4750 or visit us at [www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing](http://www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing)

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