

Waabibagaa-Giizis (Moon of the Leaves Turning Color) September, 2017

MONARCH BUTTERFLY CELEBRATION & KIDS AND CULTURE event took place at the

Ziibiwing Center on Saturday, September 16, with over 100 interested and excited participants.

Infants to elders were in attendance, learning about and celebrating the Monarch butterfly and its place of honor in the Anishinabe culture and natural world. Dancers shared culturally-based butterfly stories prior to performing the Butterfly Dance. Audience members happily accepted the invitation to take part in the exquisite, energetic experience.

Information and handouts were provided by the 4H Club, Mike LeValley, Isabella Conservation District, USDA and Gary Kramer from the Chippewa Valley Audubon Club. Cookies, crafts and door prizes were as abundant as the warmth from the sparkling September sun of an awesome afternoon.

Despite the positive reports of seeing Monarchs around town this year, there were, like last year, sadly, only a few butterflies available to release. However, those few seemed healthy, lively and eager to be on their way. They stayed but a nanosecond on the kids' fingers and nose before taking flight and performing their own Butterfly dance of flittering motion, vibrant color and natural beauty. They disappeared into the blue surround, rushing towards the next phase of their life's journey.

Visit: www.sagchip.org/ziibiwing for more photos. Visit 4H Club, Isabella Conservation District and Chippewa Valley Audubon Club on Facebook



Memengwaans Memengwaans Butterfly) Celebration

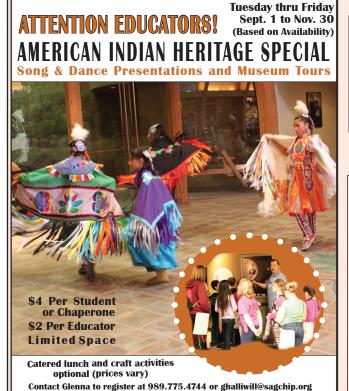


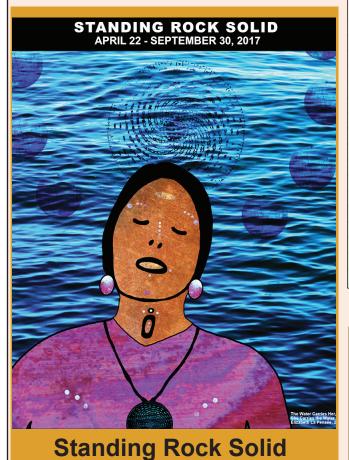












Closes September 30, 2017

The Ziibiwing Center will be **OPEN** on Indigenous People's Day - Monday, October 9, 2017



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