

Community Events Calendar*

RECURRING: Nature Connections:

- 5:00pm – 7:00pm
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- Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
- Fees/Admission: Free – Age 18+

- **2024 Nature Connections Schedule:**
 - **Thurs, April 11, 5-7 pm - Redbud**
 - **Thurs, May 9, 5-7 pm - Service Berry**
 - **Thurs, June 13, 6-8 pm - Basswood**
 - **Thurs, July 11, 6-8 pm - Elderberry**
 - **Thurs, August 1, 6-8 pm - Sassafras**
 - **Thurs, Sept 12, 6-8 pm - American Chestnut**
 - **Thurs, Oct 24, 5-7 pm - Witch Hazel**
 - **Thurs, Nov 14, 4-6 pm - American Beech**
 - **Thurs, Dec 12, 4-6 pm - Oak**

April 4th, 2024 – Thursday

- **Nature Story Hour**
 - 10:00am – 11:00am
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 - 7:00pm
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 - Bring your own equipment or you can rent equipment for \$5.00.
 - Class cost is by donation for those that can afford it, this allows us to offer it free for those that can't.
 - Contact Information: Julie Dopp. 989 631-4107 or 989 948-8198
 - Fees/Admission: Donation for the class. Equipment rental is \$5

April 5th, 2024 – Friday

- **WakeUp! Midland – April 2024**
 - 7:30am – 9:00pm
 - 7:15am: Registration Opens
 - 7:15-7:30am: Early Bird Networking
 - 7:30am: Program Begins
 - Location: Great Hall Banquet and Convention Center, 5121 Bay City Rd, Midland
 - Talk Show Topic: The Midland Housing Crisis
 - Contact Information: Heather Watson: hwatson@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission:
 - Member Registration: \$20
 - Walk-In/Future Member Registration: \$25

- **Beyond the Exhibit: Hollister Horses**
 - 6:30pm – 8:30pm
 - Location: Midland Center for the Arts
 - As we celebrate Jeri Hollister's work in our exhibit, "Abiding Inspiration," we encourage you to see her distinctive equine sculptures and hear from her about her journey and process as an artist during a private cocktail hour. This is your only chance to meet the artist in discussion for this remarkable exhibition!
 - Contact Information: Kyra Macomber macomber@midlandcenter.org (517)983-3610
 - Fees/Admission: \$25 Public / \$20 Member / \$12 Students

April 6th, 2024 – Saturday

- **Pop Up Sale Saturdays**

- 9:00am – 4:00pm
- Location: 132 Ashman Circle, Midland
- Each Saturday we will be hosting a different small business, vendor, crafter, artist, or professional. We will have only one vendor per Saturday, so each has a chance to showcase their particular item, art, or service. The event will be indoors at our location 132 Ashman Circle, and is cohosted by Stranded, yarn and coffee. Please stop by and meet some great local makers and vendors.
- Contact Information: 989-898-7979
- Fees/Admission: Free to the public

April 7th, 2024 – Sunday

- **Nature Play!**

- 2:00pm – 4:00pm
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- Fees/Admission: Free

April 10th, 2024 – Wednesday

- **MYPros Unwind – Lee Bar & Grill**

- 5:00pm – 7:00pm
- Location: Lee Bar & Grill, 430 W Isabella Rd, Midland
- Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
- Fees/Admission: Free

April 11th, 2024 – Thursday

- **Ribbon Cutting – Tri Star Trust**
 - 10:00am – 10:30am
 - Location: 200 E Main St, Midland
 - In 2023, Tri-Star invested over \$200,000 in the Riverside Suites, lower level, in the Downtown Midland location. These significant improvements made room for 10 employees to have a warm, cozy office space.
 - Enjoy complimentary beverages and baked goods from local businesses.
 - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

- **Ribbon Cutting – Medical Procedures Center**
 - 12:30pm – 1:00pm
 - Location: 4800 Saginaw Rd, Midland
 - Come celebrate Dr Berlanga's Birthday at our ribbon cutting ceremony. There will be a food truck on site for you to purchase a tasty lunch. Afterwards, please join us for desert. Dr Berlanga's birthday wish is to give YOU a gift of one of the following: Tattoo Removal, Professional Teeth Whitening, Laser Hair Removal, or C02 resurfacing. We hope to see you at the celebration.
 - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

- **Ribbon Cutting – Coleman Postsecondary Hub**
 - 3:00pm – 3:30pm
 - Location: 4839 N Coleman Schools Dr, Coleman
 - The Coleman Postsecondary Hub is a project of the Midland Area Career & College Access Network, an initiative of the Midland Area Community Foundation
 - Midland Area Career and College Access Network is proud to anchor the many organizations that have worked together to equip the Coleman Postsecondary Hub with 12 laptop computers, 2 desktop computers, a printer, and workspace for all, as well as programming that reduces postsecondary barriers for all in the Coleman community.
 - Please like and follow the initiative on Facebook [@midlandccan](#) and visit the Max loves Midland Community Calendar for Coleman Postsecondary Event postings:
<https://www.maxlovesmidland.com/community-calendar>
 - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

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April 12th, 2024 – Friday

- **Wee Stroll**

- 9:30am – 10:30am
- Location: Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S Badour Rd Midland
- This program is designed for parents to take a guided walk with their child, learn about the outdoors and learn ways to introduce children to the natural world around them. Meet at the Visitor Center.
- Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
- Fees/Admission: Free

- **Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival**

- 7:00pm – 10:00pm
- Location: Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S Badour Rd Midland
- See some of the best mountain films of 2023 featuring the people who live, play and enjoy those areas through high adventure, humor and a love for the out-of-doors!
- Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
- Fees/Admission: \$18/person / \$14.40 CNC Members

April 15th, 2024 – Monday

- **Ribbon Cutting – A&W**
 - 4:00pm – 4:30pm
 - Location: A&W - 1514 Washington St, Midland
 - Come celebrate the reopening and new ownership of A&W!
 - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

April 16th, 2024 – Tuesday

- **In Search of Woodcock & Snipe**
 - 7:30pm – 9:00pm
 - Location: Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S Badour Rd Midland
 - Join naturalist Tom Lenon on a short hike to look for Woodcock and Snipe. Tom will highlight the different habitats these birds use, discuss their mating behaviors and look for their aerial displays in action. Wear dark clothing and dress for the weather.
 - Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

April 17th, 2024 – Wednesday

- **April Business After Hours – Midland Center for the Arts**
 - 5:00pm – 7:00pm
 - Location: 1801 W St. Andrews Rd, Midland
 - Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free to all MBA Members

April 18th, 2024 – Thursday

- **Nature Story Hour**
 - 10:00am – 11:00am
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 - Fees/Admission: Free

- **Goal Setting, Efficacy & their Relationship to Visioning**
 - 3:30pm – 5:00pm
 - Location: Northwood University Idea Center, 102 E Main St, Midland
 - Join your fellow small business owners, entrepreneurs, and professional development collective members for a learning session on goal setting, efficacy and how they relate to visioning.
 - This series is for anyone that wants to become better in their workplace, and to help workplaces become better for their people
 - Contact Information: Jason Story - jstory@mbami.org
 - Fees/Admission:
 - Member Registration: \$15.00
 - Future Member Registration: \$18.00
 - Snacks and beverages provided.

- **Artifact Discovery: A History Mystery**
 - 6:00pm – 7:00pm
 - Location: Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S Badour Rd, Midland
 - Artifacts are objects once used by people and have incredible stories to tell. Sometimes how these items were used is forgotten. Join CNCs Historical Interpreter to explore different artifacts from CNC collection and see if you can figure out how they were used!
 - Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free

April 20th, 2024 – Saturday

- **The Wild Bogs of Ireland: A Story of Conservation**
 - 10:00am – 11:00am
 - Location: Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S Badour Rd, Midland
 - Join us as the Irish Peatland Conservation Council teaches us about Ireland's Peatlands. Bogs are a diverse resource that take thousands of years to form and grow. We'll dive into how humans and wildlife utilize the bog, how it formed, and the conservation efforts that go into ensuring it's around for generations to come.
 - Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
 - Fees/Admission: Free - **Registration is required - please select in-person or virtual attendance during registration.**

- **Earth Day Celebration**

- 10:00am – 5:00pm
- Location: Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S Badour Rd, Midland
- We are celebrating Earth Day with a day full of stewardship and conservation programs! Join us for a vernal pool community science project, birdhouse building, learning about invasive plant species and how to handle them at home and more!
- Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
- Fees/Admission: Free

- **360 ALLSTARS**

- 7:30pm – 9:00pm
- Location: Midland Center for the Arts, Midland
- A phenomenal physical performance exploring all forms of rotation, this show connects the street with the elite to deliver a high energy display of talent.
- Contact Information: Kyra Macomber (517) 983-3610
- Fees/Admission: Tickets starting at \$16.50

April 21st, 2024 – Sunday

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April 22nd, 2024 – Monday

- **Ribbon Cutting – Elevate Community Ministries: The Bridge Food Center**

- 12:00pm – 2:00pm
- Location: 1826 S. Saginaw Rd, Midland
- The Bridge Food Center expanded and moved to its new location at 1826 S. Saginaw Rd on January 20, 2024. The Bridge would like to invite the community to celebrate with us and to invite the community to learn more about the Bridge Food Center by taking a tour.
- Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
- Fees/Admission: Free

April 23rd, 2024 – Tuesday

- **Full Moon Stroll**

- 8:30pm – 10:00pm
- Location: Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S Badour Rd, Midland
- Join an Interpretive Naturalist for a hike to enjoy this month's full moon. Learn how the tradition of naming moons began and what makes each month special. Please wear dark colors and bring a flashlight. Meet at the Visitor Center.
- Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
- Fees/Admission: Free

April 24th, 2024 – Wednesday

- **Tropical Costa Rica Informational Meeting**

- 6:00pm – 7:00pm
- Location: Grace A Dow Memorial Library, 1710 W St. Andrews, Midland
- As part of the Midland Business Alliance Global Networking Initiative, March 1 - March 9, 2025, we will host an exciting nine-day trip to explore beautiful, tropical Costa Rica, located in spectacular Central America!
- Trip highlights include San Jose, a coffee plantation, Arenal volcano, Cano Negro Refuge, Lake Arenal cruise, farm tour, Monteverde Cloud Forest, Guanacaste, and a choice of optional tours. We invite you to join us to explore beautiful, tropical Costa Rica!
- To help you explore this travel opportunity further, we are hosting an informational meeting featuring a comprehensive overview by a representative of our tour operator, Collette. We will provide information on an array of topics relevant to international travel, and answer any questions you may have.
- Contact Information: Diane Middleton at (989) 839-9901.
- Fees/Admission: See contact info

April 25th, 2024 – Thursday

- **Unlock Nature's Secrets by Decoding Bird Language**

- 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- Location: Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S Badour Rd, Midland
- Level up your naturalist skills and discover nature's hidden treasures by understanding bird language. Participants will start with an indoor, cooperative game to learn key concepts and then practice their new skills on a short hike. Going beyond identification, the group will observe how birds behave and reveal the secrets of other species. Meet at the Visitor Center.
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April 26th, 2024 – Friday

- **MYPros PerkUp! – Creation Coffee**

- 8:00am – 10:00am
- Location: Creation Coffee, 5023 Eastman Ave, Midland
- Contact Information: Marybeth Penkala - mpenkala@mbami.org
- Fees/Admission: Free

April 28th, 2024 – Sunday

- **Nature Book Club**

- 1:00pm – 3:00pm
- Location: Chippewa Nature Center, 400 S Badour Rd, Midland
- Join us for a book club chat and naturalist-led hike! April's book is Finding the Mother Tree by Suzanne Simard. Meet at the Visitor Center
- Contact Information: info@chippewanaturecenter.org
- Fees/Admission: Free

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