

TO HONOR & RESPECT

ANISHINABE ANCESTRAL REPATRIATION OBSERVANCE SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan and its Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways will recommit back to the earth the ancestral human remains of one Native American individual from the University of Michigan's Museum of Anthropological Archaeology (UMMAA) from the Garry site of Arenac County, MI. Not subject to NAGPRA, the Arenac County Historical Society will repatriate 15 associated funerary objects to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan.

In August of 1971, human remains representing, at minimum, one individual were removed from the Garry site (20AC19) in Arenac County, MI. Workers contacted the Michigan State Police after encountering human remains while digging a trench for a water main on private land. The human remains are of one adolescent, indeterminate sex, 17-18 years old. No known individuals were identified. Several Post-Contact Period funerary objects were found in association with the burial but were transferred to the Arenac County Historical Society instead of the UMMAA.

The human remains have been determined to be Native American based on burial treatment and diagnostic artifacts. A relationship of shared group identity can be reasonably traced between the Native American human remains from this site and the Chippewa based on multiple lines of evidence. The associated funerary objects noted from the site are typical of the types of goods traded in the region from approximately A.D. 1760 to 1820. Additionally, according to historical records, when the burial occurred, the Chippewa were the predominant tribe in the area. This is further evinced by a treaty creating two Chippewa reservations in the vicinity of the Garry site in 1837. The Saginaw Chippewa were the sole signatories of this treaty. The Notice of Inventory Completion posted to the Federal Register on July 12, 2018.

PREPARING FOR THE JOURNEY

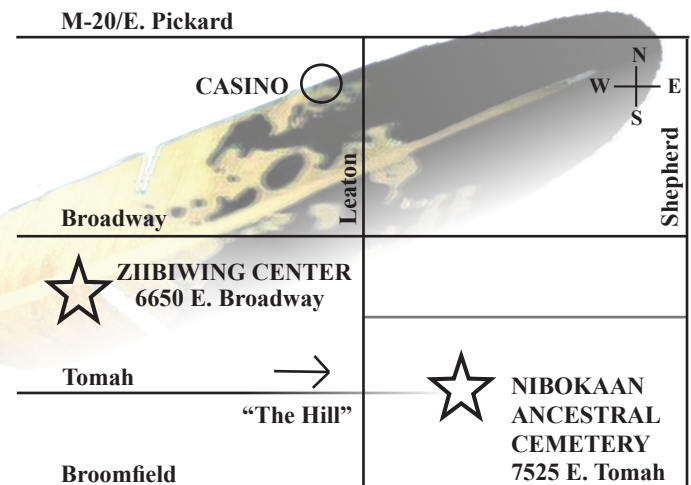
Thursday, September 6 • 2pm
Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways
6650 East Broadway • Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
Witness the final preparations and ceremonial protocols for the ancestor.

RECOMMITMENT TO THE EARTH

Thursday, September 6 • 3pm
Nibokaan Ancestral Cemetery
7525 East Tomah Rd. • Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
The interested public is invited to attend.

JOURNEY FEAST

Thursday, September 6 • 4pm
Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways
6650 East Broadway • Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
A Journey Feast will conclude the ancestral protocols.



Michigan Anishinabek Cultural Preservation & Repatriation Alliance



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