



The Official Newsletter of the **SENECA NATION**



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A message from President Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.



Greetings!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and spent some much needed time with your children and families. One of the highlights of the holiday season for me is our annual Elder’s Holiday Party, which was held at the Seneca Allegany Casino on December 18th. It was a delight to watch our elders enjoy themselves and participate in merriment activities meant to foster goodwill and peace. Elvis even made an appearance during the ever exciting chair dancing contest! I truly hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as I did.



The Lakeshore Hospital (Health Center) has been operating in Irving, NY since the 1960’s and as of January 1st, 2020, will close their doors permanently. The reason given for the impending closure is, “patient volume is too low to maintain services and cover the cost of operating the campus”. In fairly recent years, the hospital had survived a bankruptcy by merging with Brooks-TLC Health, however the merger hasn’t been enough to keep the hospital operating. Other factors which have impacted the hospital include: decreasing usage, declining population in the service area, continuing cuts in state and federal reimbursements and staff recruitment. Hospital administrators and state representatives will continue to try to revive Lakeshore Hospital, by finding another health system to manage it. Brooks-TLC Health System is building a new hospital in Fredonia, which is scheduled to open in

2021.

I would like to congratulate another outstanding Seneca athlete, Miya Scanlan, a junior at Gowanda High School. On December 10th, Miya shot her 1,000th point in a win at Salamanca. This was the season opener for both teams with Miya needing 21 points to reach 1,000, going into the game. Miya dominated the game with 23 points, several turn overs and fought a strong defensive game, along with her sister, Crissa, a freshman. Miya is the daughter of Jodi and Charlie Scanlan and is coached by Ross John, Sr. What a great achievement Miya!



To those whom have been interested and actively participating in the Constitutional Reform Public Listening Sessions, unfortunately, the final of four scheduled sessions was postponed due to extreme

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weather conditions on December 18th. That session was re-scheduled for Tuesday, January 7th, 2020, in the Cattaraugus Council Chambers, from 6pm-8pm and the written comments deadline was extended to Friday, January 10th, 2020, at 4:00pm. As stated in one of my earlier messages, once all public oral and written comments have been received, they will be transcribed, cataloged and turned over to the Constitutional Reform panel for review. The panel will then present the comments and their recommendations to the full Council, whom will decide if

there is adequate interest to proceed with developing questions for a referendum vote to be offered to our membership.

As a reminder to the Seneca public, you are all encouraged to attend the upcoming Community Meetings, which have been scheduled for:

- **Thursday, January 23rd, 2020, from 2pm to 5pm, in the Allegany Council Chambers**
- **Thursday, January 30th, 2020,**

from 2pm to 5pm, in the Cattaraugus Council Chambers

These meetings are an opportunity for an open exchange of ideas about improving the future of our people, respectfully, together. Please come and share your thoughts and ideas with Executives, Council and Department Directors.

Respectfully,
Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.

FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER



Treasurer Matthew Pagels

“Approach the New Year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day.” – Michael Josephson

I hope all had a safe and happy welcoming to 2020! The new year gives us time to pause, reflect, and embark on new possibilities. In retrospect 2019 was very successful with general fund spending which lead to a healthy surplus. Many of our income generators had small gains such as Import/Export. The investment funds flipped a strong return for the 2019 markets as

well. Contributions to the Seven Generations Fund were above years past and Seneca Energy fund showed continued strength. Our own investments were improving as we saw a reduction in grant funding compared to years past. The Nation successfully completed the Allegany Fire hall and created a paid EMS service on both territories for the well-being of our communities and

surrounding municipalities. Lastly the NYS thruway billing is at \$1.2 billion dollars!

My resolutions for 2020 are to continue to pay down debt on all lines of credit well ahead of schedule while continuing to support new initiatives. We have already started the fiscal year off to a great start. Working with the Comptroller and Audit Investment Director I’m confident we will find a strategy to pay off certain debts in a timely and strategic manner. We will help the 401K team, fiscal and HR to bring new options for this program and financial wellness to the employees of the Nation.

Another goal is to bring water to areas in need and other developments will be sent out as a request for proposals (RFP’s). With that I will continue to work every nook and cranny to find savings and explore ways to generate more revenue.

I hope other Seneca Nation initiatives planned for the year will take last year's lead. We have great leadership in both our Administration and Directorship as examples for our workforce and members to follow. Thank you for reading and as always, feel free to stop by and ask questions anytime.

Nya:wëh,
Matt

****PUBLIC NOTICE****
The Seneca Nation is currently accepting letters of intent to serve on the following Commissions, Committees & Boards:

HEALTH COMMISSION
(See Separate Posting on page 3)
3 Vacancies

SENECA NATION HOUSING COMMISSION

HUMAN RESOURCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

IMPORT EXPORT COMMISSION

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE

SENECA GAMING AUTHORITY

SENECA GAMING CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
(See Separate Posting on page 4) 3 Term “C” Seats

SENECA HOLDINGS LLC

UTILITIES COMMISSION

If interested, please submit your letter of intent no later than January 31, 2020.

Submit letters to:

Seneca Nation of Indians Clerk’s Office
Attention: Bethany Johnson; Clerk
90 Ohi:yo’ Way
Allegany Territory
Salamanca, NY 14779



Bethany Johnson, Clerk
ALLEGANY TERRITORY



Marta Kettle, Deputy Clerk
CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY

Seneca Office Building – 2nd Floor
310 Fourth Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14303

DIRECT DEPOSIT OF ANNUITY AND/OR ELDERS
PAYMENTS

If you would like to sign up for Direct Deposit of your Annuity and/

CLERK’S OFFICE HOURS

We are open Monday-Friday
8:00am-4:30pm, as well as the
second Saturday of every month
from 8am-12pm on both territories.

The Buffalo Clerk’s Office is located
at:
533 Amherst Street
Buffalo, NY 14207
(716)951-7555
8am-4:30pm

ANNUAL REGISTRATIONS

IT’S A NEW YEAR!! STOP INTO
THE OFFICE TO DO YOUR
ANNUAL REGISTRATION.
Members can complete their
annual registrations anytime
during the calendar year (January-
December).

Local home visits are available for
the elderly and disabled, that need
to have their forms completed,
please call for more information.

The Buffalo Clerk’s Office is
available in Niagara Falls on the
1st Wednesday of every month
from 9:30am-1:30pm for Annual
Registrations. The location is:

or Elders Check, you will have to complete the form. The form is
available on the web at www.sni.org under Documents/Clerk’s Office
/ Direct Deposit forms or at the Clerk’s Office.

- All direct deposit forms MUST have a voided check or
deposit slip attached (start-up checks will NOT be accepted).
- Members must be at least 18 years old to sign up for Direct
Deposit
- Minors are NOT eligible for Direct Deposit

ADDRESSES UPDATED

Please remember to keep your address current with the Clerk’s
Office. This includes changes with custody of minor children or legal
guardians (Court orders). Also, your address needs to coincide with
the information on your annual registration.

Be aware that, an address change only with the U.S. Postal Service
(USPS) does not update your address with the Nation.

RELEASE OF MINORS TRUST FUND

In order to begin receiving Minor Trust Fund disbursements. A
member must be at least 18 years old and submit the following
documentation:

- Application for Release of Minors Trust
- High School Diploma / GED
- Financial Literacy Certificate

If you need to obtain a Financial Literacy Certificate please contact
the Seneca Nation Education Department for details.

SEEKING ORGANIZATIONS TO SERVE COUNCIL

We are currently seeking organizations to serve Council through the
2020 calendar year, please contact Ashley Warrior in the Cattaraugus
Clerk’s Office 532-4900 ext. 5038 or Adrienne Cook in the Allegany
Clerk’s Office 945-1790 ext. 3036

NEXT COUNCIL SESSION WILL BE HELD ON THE
CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8,
2020 AT 9:30 A.M.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Seneca Nation of Indians is currently accepting resumes & letters of intent for those interested in serving on the:
SENECA NATION HEALTH COMMISSION

Establishment

The Council of the Nation hereby established the Seneca Nation
Health Commission (SNHC) for the purpose of providing strategic
oversight, policy direction and guidance with respect to the Nation’s
health care operations and facilities. The SNHC is recognized as
a governmental arm of the Nation and shall perform an essential
governmental function which is hereby designated to the SNHC by
the Nation Council. Commissioners of the SNHC shall be recognized
as performing said essential governmental functions on behalf of
the Nation.

Purpose

The Commission is established for the purposes of providing overall
policy and direction for the health care delivery system of the
Nation and maintaining overall responsibility for the conduct of
the Nation’s Health System consistent with the bylaws and specific
direction provided by the Nation’s Tribal Council.

Qualifications of Commissioners

- Each Commissioner may or may not be an enrolled member
of the Nation.
- Commissioners shall be at least 25 years of age and shall
have relevant experience and education in the health care
industry that will enable them to successfully serve in their role as a

Commissioner.

- The following persons are not eligible to serve on the SNHC;
 - o employees of the Nation’s health care system;
 - o owners or employees of contractors (medical or otherwise),
who conduct business with the Nation’s Health Care System;
 - o persons directly related to any of the above;
 - o persons convicted of a felony or of a crime of embezzlement,
theft or of any other money related crime or honesty related
crime (such as fraud).
- Commissioners shall be considered “Public Officials” for
purposes of the Nation’s Ethics Law.

If interested, please submit your resume and letter of intent no later
than: January 31, 2020.

Mail To:
Seneca Nation of Indians Clerk’s Office
Attention: Bethany Johnson; Clerk
90 Ohi:yo’ Way
Allegany Territory
Salamanca, NY 14779

Seneca Nation welcomes new enrollments at council

Photos by Newsletter staff



SENECA GAMING CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Term "C"

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Seneca Nation of Indians is seeking interested individuals to submit their qualifications to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Seneca Gaming Corporation. The Corporation Board currently has three (term C) seats which expire in 2020; therefore will be up for appointment.

Pursuant to the Charter adopted by the Nation’s Council, every director shall meet the following minimum qualifications:

- must be at least 21 years of age
- must have earned at least a high school diploma or equivalent
- must not have been convicted of a Felony, as defined under the Indian Major Crimes Act (18 U.S.C. §1153)
- must meet the substantive standards necessary to obtain a license as a Class III Gaming Key Employee (although formal licensing is not required)
- no Elected Nation Official may serve on the Board; and
- no Company employee, nor any

person with an economic interest in the Company’s activities may serve on the Board.

Interested individuals are invited to submit a letter of interest and a resume to the Nation’s Clerk and a licensing application to the Seneca Gaming Authority Licensing Manager as set forth below. The Council plans to schedule interviews once the SGA has completed its background check and both the SGA and the Nation’s Clerk have certified that the individual is an eligible candidate for the director position. As such, candidates are strongly encouraged to submit their materials to both the Nation and the Seneca Gaming Authority as soon as possible, in order to provide sufficient time for the background check and certification process to occur.

Copies of this RFQ and the SGA application are being made available through the Seneca Nation Clerk’s Office, and on the Nation’s website at www.sni.org, under GOVERNMENT/RFP/RFQ.

The Nation may reject any proposal that is received after the specified date and time.

The deadline to submit your letter of

interest and resume is on or before 4:30 pm on January 31, 2020 to:

Bethany Johnson, Seneca Nation Clerk
90 Ohi:yo’ Way
Salamanca 14779

Interested Individuals are also required to submit a complete Seneca Gaming Authority license application that is required for the position of Seneca Gaming Corporation Board of Directors. SGA will accept the License application after all letters of interest & resumes have been received. Please contact SGA License Manager, Teresa Palumbo at SGA Niagara Falls office (716) 299-1246 or License Manager, Tracy Wrona at SGA Allegany office (716) 244-5330 for a February appointment. The Seneca Gaming Authority Offices are located at:

345 Third Street Suite 404
Niagara Falls, NY 14303

777 Seneca Allegany Blvd.
Salamanca, NY 14779

Constitution Reform Update:

The Constitution Reform Committee (CRC) has concluded their listening sessions. The CRC is in the process of compiling the information and will make it available to the public upon completion. The comment period has also been extended to January 31, 2020. Written comments can be sent to Millicent.Proud@sni.org or mail to PO Box 231 Salamanca, NY 14779.

What is constitution reform? The broad term "constitutional reform" is usually reserved for proposed amendments that would alter in some fundamental way the structure of the government established by the nation's charter—that is, the organization of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches, the distribution of power among them, and their interrelationships. (Source: <https://www.encyclopedia.com/politics/encyclopedias-almanacs-transcripts-and-maps/constitutional-reform>).

The Seneca Nation Constitution has been amended several times since 1848. The last revision made was 26 years ago. The Constitution Reform Committee would like to know “Does our Constitution need to be changed?”

CONSTITUTION OF THE SENECA NATION OF INDIANS OF 1848 AS AMENDED

(effective November 9, 1993)

Made and adopted in convention assembled, duly called and organized in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the said Nation, convened at the Council House at Cold Spring on the Allegany Reservation; and also at the Council House on the Cattaraugus Reservation, on the 15th day of November, 1898.

We the people of the Seneca Nation of Indians, residing on the Cattaraugus, Allegany and Oil Spring Reservations, in the State of New York, grateful to Almighty God for our national preservation, growth and prosperity, for the freedom and manifold blessings heretofore by us enjoyed honoring the traditions of our Nation, trusting in the present, with confidence in the future advancement and better condition of our race and desiring greater enlightenment in order to perpetuate our national relations to provide for ourselves greater safeguards to pursuit of life, liberty and happiness, and to bring ourselves, as a Nation, to as high a plane intellectually, socially, and morally as possible, do make, adopt and establish the following resolution:

SECTION I

Our government shall have a legislative, executive and judiciary department.

The legislative power shall be vested in a Council of sixteen members, who shall be known and called the Councillors of the Seneca Nation of Indians, eight Councillors elected to the Council shall be from the Cattaraugus Reservation, and eight Councillors elected to the Council shall be from the Allegany Reservation. Councillors shall be elected for four-year terms, except for the November, 1978 election. The staggered terms will be determined by the four Councillors having obtained the highest number of votes from the Allegany and Cattaraugus Reservations. The four Councillors, per reservation, with the least number of majority votes shall serve a two year term. No person shall be eligible for the office of Councillor unless he is an enrolled member of the Nation, has attained age twenty-one (21), and has resided on the Reservation he represents for at least one (1) year prior to the date on which he takes office.

The first election under this Constitution will be held on the first Tuesday of November, 1899, and thereafter on the first Tuesday of November every second year. The vote of the Nation shall be by single ballot containing the names of all party candidates and independent candidates, and shall be cast by the individual voter, out of presence of others, and be cast by him, without inspection by the Board of Inspectors.

That on Election Day the polls shall be opened at 9:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

On or before the 15th day preceding the biennial election, all candidates shall file with the Clerk of the Nation their name and office, and no further candidate shall be allowed to file for office after the 15th day preceding the biennial election, except in case of death, substitution will be permitted on party tickets so filed.

The single ballot shall be printed at the expense of the Nation, and by the Clerk distributed to the Board of Electors twenty-four (24) hours before the date of the election.

SECTION II

Ten of said Councillors when assembled in session regularly organized shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

In all appropriations of public money an affirmative vote of at least ten of the whole number elected shall be necessary. It shall not be lawful for the Council to make appropriations of public money in any one year exceeding the sum of the aggregate revenue of that year; but the Council shall make appropriation of public money to carry on the government in extraordinary cases for the welfare of the Nation.

In case of vacancy in the office of the president, the Council shall choose from their number a president, who shall hold office until his successor shall be duly elected and shall have qualified.

In case of absence of the president, the Council shall choose from their number a presiding officer pro tempore.

The council shall have the power of impeachment, by vote of the majority of all the members elected.

The court for the trial of an impeachment shall be composed of the president and the Council or a majority of them in all cases except in that of the trial of the president; in that case, the court for the trial of impeachment shall be composed of at least a majority of the Council and of the surrogates of the Nation.

SECTION III

The executive power shall be vested in a president whose duty it shall be at all times to preside over the deliberations of the Council having a casting vote therein.

The president shall from time to time give to the Council information of the state of the Nation and recommend to their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient, not inconsistent with the true spirit and intent of the laws of the Seneca Nation.

It shall be his duty to see that the laws applicable to the Nation are faithfully executed. He shall have power to fill all vacancies by appointment that shall occur either by death, resignation or impeachment of any of the officers of the Nation.

Such appointees shall hold office until their successors are elected and duly qualified.

The president shall have the power of veto. Every resolution or other measure, passed by the Council carrying with it any appropriation out of the funds of the Nation, before it becomes operative shall be presented to the president for his approval or objections; if he approves, he shall sign it; but if not, he shall return it to the Council with his objections in writing.

The objections shall be entered at large on the minutes of the Clerk; after which the same may become operative and binding on the Nation only by a second passage of the same by not less than twelve votes of the Council.

In all such cases, the name of each member voting shall be entered in the journal of the proceedings of the Council.

SECTION IV

The judicial power shall be vested in a Court of Appeals, a Peacemakers Court and a Surrogates Court. There shall be one Court of Appeals. There shall be two Peacemakers Courts and two Surrogates Courts, one each to be established upon the Cattaraugus Reservation and one each to be established upon the Allegany Reservation.

The Court of Appeals shall be comprised of six judges, any three of whom shall hear each appeal. The judges of the Court of Appeals shall be trained in the law. The Peacemakers Court shall be comprised of three judges each, any two of whom shall have the power to hold Court and discharge all the duties of the Peacemakers Court. The Surrogates Court shall be comprised of one judge each.

The judges of the Court of Appeals shall be elected from the residents of the Allegany, Cattaraugus and Oil Springs Reservations, with three of the judges elected from the residents of the Cattaraugus Reservation and three of the judges elected from the residents of the Allegany and Oil Springs Reservations. The judges of each of the Peacemakers and Surrogates Courts on the Cattaraugus Reservation shall be elected from the residents of the Cattaraugus Reservation and the judges of each of the Peacemakers and Surrogates Courts on the Allegany Reservation shall be elected from the residents of the Allegany and Oil Springs Reservations. The election of judges shall be on the first Tuesday of November. Beginning in 1993, judges shall not be elected in the same year that other Nation officials are elected. Judges elected in November, 1992 shall serve in office until their successors are duly elected in November, 1993, provided that judges of the Court of Appeals shall first be elected in November, 1993.

The term of office of the judges of the Court of Appeals shall be four years. At the first election of judges of the Court of Appeals, three positions on the Court of Appeals initially shall be for a term of two years and three positions initially shall be for a term of four years. The term of each position shall be determined by lot prior to the election, provided that at least one judge from each Reservation shall serve a two year term. All subsequently elected judges of the Court of Appeals shall be elected for a term of four years.

The term of office of the Peacemakers and Surrogates shall be four years, provided that, at the next judicial election following the approval of this amendment, except if judicial elections are moved to an off-year, one Peacemaker from each Peacemakers Court shall be elected for a term of two years, with the remaining two Peacemakers from each court and all subsequently elected Peacemakers elected for a term of four years.

The judicial power shall extend to all cases arising under this Constitution, the customs or laws of the Nation, and to any case in which the Nation, a member of the Nation or any person or corporate

entity residing on, organized on, or doing business on any of the Reservations shall be a party.

The forms of process and proceedings in all Courts shall be such as is prescribed by law.

All determinations and decisions of the Peacemakers and Surrogates Courts shall be subject to appeal to the Court of Appeals. All cases of appeal shall be decided by the Court of Appeals upon the evidence taken in the Peacemakers and Surrogates Courts. In every case on appeal, it shall be the duty of the judge or judges before whom the case was heard to certify the evidence and record in the case to the Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals shall then decide the case upon the certified evidence and record. Upon the hearing of the appeal, a party shall have the right to be heard and to appear in person or by counsel and argue the merits of the case at his own expense.

All determinations of the Court of Appeals shall be subject to appeal to the Council upon the granting of a writ of permission by a vote of not less than seven Councillors. Such appeal, if granted, shall be heard by at least a quorum of the Council. In the event that no appeal is made to the Council, the decision of the Court of Appeals is final, and no other court or subsequently elected Council shall have the right to re-open, re-hear, reverse or affirm the decision of the Court of Appeals. All cases of appeal shall be decided by the Council upon the evidence taken in the Peacemakers or Surrogates Courts. In every case on appeal, it shall be the duty of the judges before whom the case was heard to certify the record in the case to the Council. The Council shall then decide the case upon the certified evidence and record. Upon the hearing of an appeal, a party in interest shall have the right to be heard and to appear in person or by counsel and argue the merits of the case at his own expense.

On such matter of appeal from the Court of Appeals, the decision of the Council shall be final, and no subsequent elected Council shall have the right to re-open, re-hear, reverse or affirm the decision of a previous Council.

In every action in any Court, such action shall be brought in the name of the real party in interest.

Nothing herein shall be construed as affecting the right of any Council to repeal or modify existing laws and regulations passed and approved by a previous Council.

SECTION V

The power of making treaties shall be vested in the Council, subject to the approval of at least three-fourths of the legal voters and the consent of three-fourths of the mothers of the Nation.

SECTION VI

There shall be a clerk and a treasurer of the Nation. The rights, duties and liabilities of such shall be as defined by law.

SECTION VII

There shall be two marshals for the Nation; one shall reside on the Cattaraugus and one on the Allegany Reservation. The rights, duties, and liabilities of each shall be as defined by law.

SECTION VIII

The Council may provide for the election of Highway Commissioners, Overseers of the Poor, Assessors and Policeman for each of the said Reservations; their duties to be defined by law.

SECTION IX

All officers of the Nation named in this Constitution, except for certain officers otherwise provided for herein, shall be elected



Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino classes begin- January 6th 2020. Seneca Allegany Resort and Casino classes begin – January 13th 2020. Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino classes begin- January 27th 2020.

Seneca Gaming Corporation teams up with Workvivo to provide employee engagement app

Reprint from Bradford Era. Dec 6, 2019

NIAGARA FALLS, NY — Seneca Gaming Corporation is teaming up with Workvivo to bring more employee engagement to their team members across all of their resort & casino properties; Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino in Niagara Falls, New York, Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino in Buffalo, New York, and Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino in Salamanca, New York.

Based in Cork, Ireland, Workvivo’s powerful internal communications platform will bring a new level of employee engagement to Seneca Gaming Corporation.

The app will roll out to all team members before the end of the year and will be dubbed “Inside 8”. Inside 8 is in reference to the Seneca Gaming Corporation’s HR platform which is branded TheBest8Hours.com and boasts that joining the Seneca team is the best 8 hours!

“We are passionate about engaging with our Team Members as well as our guests,” said Holly Gagnon, President & CEO, Seneca Gaming Corporation. “Our Team Members are our first customer and in order for them to provide excellent customer service, they need to be informed. We were looking for a new platform to increase employee engagement and strengthen our communication and Workvivo was the best fit for our needs. This new app will allow us to interact and connect with each other in a fun and familiar way.”

Currently there are many different ways to distribute information to team members including the company newsletter and company-wide emails. With the launch of this app through Workvivo team members will be able to check updates on their phones and stay engaged with their teams in real time.

Workvivo was founded in early 2017 in Cork, Ireland by John Goulding and Joe Lennon. John and Joe had worked together previously at CoreHR, a leading global HCM software provider, as CEO and CTO respectively.



Advertisement:

The Workvivo communications platform is already used across over 40 countries by more than 70,000 employees.

Says John Goulding, CEO and Founder of Workvivo, “We are very excited to be working with Seneca Gaming Corporation. Employee engagement and a positive employee experience is important for Seneca, and we at Workvivo share the same philosophy. Seneca have big plans for the platform and we’re looking forward to seeing where they take it.”

Seneca Gaming Corporation to Hold Quarterly Meeting for the Seneca Public

Enrolled Seneca Nation members are invited to join the SGC Board of Directors and members of the Corporation’s management team to discuss updates of the gaming facilities and the ongoing financial health and well-being of the Corporation. The date, time and location of the meeting are as follows:

Date: January 25, 2020
Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Location: Seneca Allegany Casino & Resort

The meeting is one of SGC’s quarterly Stakeholders’ meetings held by the Corporation on the fourth Saturday of January, April, July and October of each year. Lunch is provided.

To help ensure that all issues of concern are adequately recognized and addressed, enrolled Seneca Nation members should submit written questions addressed by email to the SGC Board of Directors at SenecaStakeholders@senecacasinos.com or by regular mail to the SGC Board of Directors at 310 Fourth Street, Niagara Falls, NY 14303, for consideration at the meeting.



Training and Employment Resource Center (T.E.R.C.) Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program

If you or a family member have a documented disability or think you may benefit from getting a diagnosis in order to obtain employment, the Vocational Rehabilitation program would like to invite you to come to the Buffalo Native Resource Center and meet with our Intake Specialist and VR Counselor to learn more.

We will be at the BNRC: 533 Amherst St., Buffalo, NY 14207 on the following Tuesdays:

Jan 21st. 10 am - 2 pm
Feb 25th. 10am - 2 pm
March 24 th. 10am - 2 pm
April 21st. 10am - 2 pm
May 19th. 10am - 2 pm

Call 716- 845-6304 for appointments while they are here.

You will need to bring any documentation you have from your medical provider and 3 forms of ID including a proof of address. RSVP to 531-1033 or 845-6304.

Training and Employment Resource Center: Professional Closet

Submitted by Sharon Patterson



The Training and Employment Resource Center is looking for gently used or new clothes for our “Professional Closet”. We are asking that any clothes you bring in are on hangers, are clean and ready to go. Bags of clothes will not be accepted. No more than 12 items at a time. The Professional Closet will be ready by February 17th and is for participants of our program entering the workforce. This will ensure they are

properly dressed for their new job at no expense to them. We will accept any donations of: deodorant, new t-shirts (all sizes) and new socks.

Drop off donations at the Cattaraugus Office: 23 Thomas Indian School Drive, behind AOA and BHU, the yellow double wide. 532-1033


Seneca Nation Utilities Department

Submitted by Anthony Giacobbe

Let this notice serve as confirmation that Tilson Tech has been granted permission to access the Seneca Nation (Cattaraugus Territory) in order to perform survey field analysis of the utility-pole infrastructure as part of an engineering & design study for the Nation’s broadband project.

Tilson’s field analysis will begin December 2019 and may continue through mid-March 2020 depending on winter weather conditions.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact one of Seneca Energy’s Project Managers, Anthony Memmo (a.memmo@sni.org) or Wes Jackson (wes.jackson@sni.org) at 716-532-9221 ext. 5022 or




MONTHLY REPORT

DECEMBER 2019

CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY

CHIEF MARSHAL KEYES



ABANDONED/ DISABLED VEHICLE	3	DOMESTIC: ALCOHOL/DRUG	2	RUNAWAY PERSON	
ALARM	18	DOMESTIC: NO ALCOHOL/DRUG	2	REFERRED TO C&F/C.P.S.	1
ANIMAL COMPLAINT	1	HARASSMENT	1	SEXUAL ASSAULT	
ASSIST PERSON	16	IMPOUND		SOLICITATION	1
ASSIST OTHER DEPARTMENT	3	LAND DISPUTE		S.N. TRAFFIC STOP	7
ASSIST C&F	1	LARCENY	3	S.N. TICKET ISSUED	1
ASSIST C.P.S.	1	LARCENY/ SMOKESHOP	6	S.N. DRUG/ ALC TICKET ISSUED	
ASSAULT		LOCK OUT	13	STATEMENT	
A.T.L. PERSON		LOST PROPERTY	3	SUICIDE/ SUICIDE ATTEMPT	
A.T.L. VEHICLE	2	MISSING PERSON		SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT	5
A.T.V. ACCIDENT		MVA-INJURIES ALCOHOL/DRUG	1	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	4
A.T.V. COMPLAINT		MVA-INJURIES NO ALCOHOL/DRUG	2	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	6
BAILIFF REQUEST		MVA/PDO: ALCOHOL/DRUG		UNWANTED GUEST	9
BURGLARY		MVA/PDO: NO ALCOHOL/DRUG	15	U.U.M.V.	1
COUNTERFEIT MONEY		MVA/FATAL: ALCOHOL/DRUG		VEHICLE JUMPSTART	1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	5	MVA/FATAL: NO ALCOHOL/DRUG		WELFARE CHECK	8
CUSTODY DISPUTE		NARCOTICS COMPLAINT/ARREST		9.41 /22.09	2
DISTURBANCE	2	O.D./NARCAN ADMISSION		D.W.I. ASSIST	
ENFORCE/VIOULATE COURT ORDER	7	O.C. ADMISSION		10-60	3
FIRE/VEHICLE		OPEN WINDOW/ DOOR/GATE	25	FOLLOW-UP	7
FIRE/BLDG	1	P.D.O.	1	TOTAL S.N. TICKETS ISSUED	1
FIRE/OTHER	1	PREMISES CHECK (S.N.)	860	WRITS SERVED	3
FIRST AID	36	PREMISES CHECK REQUEST	434	PREMISES CHECK TOTAL	1292
FOUND/RETRIEVE/ RECOVER PROP.	1	RECKLESS OPERATION	3	TOTAL REPORTS	236
GENERAL COMPLAINT		ROAD HAZARD	3	TOTAL	1531



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Thank you for your cooperation on our initial design phase for this important and exciting project that will provide high-speed internet connectivity to Cattaraugus residents in approximately 2.5 to 3 years. This high-speed access will provide our community with education, business, healthcare and recreational benefits, which will improve the quality of life for our future generations.

Nya:wëh,
Seneca Energy/Seneca Utilities

Attention Elders/ Disabled Medicare Beneficiaries

The Medicare Savings Program (MSP) can assist people with limited incomes in paying for their Medicare Part B premiums. You may be eligible if your monthly income is less than \$1426.00/single or \$1923.00/married. Please contact Gail Kennedy, Seneca Nation AOA HIICAP Counselor at 945-8991. She will be pleased to assist you.

Import/ Export

Import/Export Meeting
1/22/2020
Allegany Council Chambers.
Meeting will commence at 1pm.

Enterprise

Enterprise Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 21st
@ 2pm
Second Floor Conference Room, SAAB

New rental fees for the SAAB Grand Hall

Kitchen & Patio will be in effect
January 1, 2020:
\$50.00 Reservation Fee –
Refundable if checklist for post event
clean up is satisfactorily met
\$50.00 Rental Fee

Family Photograph Opportunity!

The Seneca Iroquois National Museum is expanding the “On the Mother’s Side” clan exhibit. If you would like for your family to be photographed and included, please call to set up an appointment. Please call Jennifer Jimerson at 716-945-1760.

***You may also submit your own 8x10 portraits for display**

Seneca Nation Area Office for Aging

The SN AOA participates with NY Connects: Choices for Long Term Care. The purpose of the NY Connects Program is to provide consistent, locally based information and assistance on long term services and supports (LTSS) to individuals, caregivers and families to help them make informed choices and assistance in accessing such services and supports. Additionally, the NY Connects: No Wrong Door network offers consistent comprehensive information, assistance and coordinated guidance to available public benefit options, as appropriate, regardless of age, disability or payor source. It is an optional, voluntary service provided to the public to create seamless coordination across systems and populations seeking LTSS and provide easier access and understanding. The SN AOA NY Connects/Options Counselor is Gail Kennedy and she may be contacted at (716) 945-8991. She would be pleased to offer information and assistance.

Tribal Advocate seeks household items

The Allegany Tribal Advocate Office is seeking household items, baby furniture and gently used furniture for donation at 93 RC Hoag Drive, Salamanca, NY 14779. If you need assistance getting your large item, please contact Andrea Perkins at 716-945-1790 ext. 7902 to make arrangements for pick up.

Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center Winter Hours

Sunday: CLOSED
Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Wednesday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Thursday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

"Powerful Tools For Caregivers"

Are you a Caregiver of an adult with chronic conditions? Would you like to:

- **Communicate more effectively in challenging situations?**
- **Reduce personal stress?**
- **Make tough caregiving decisions?**
- **Change negative self-talk?**

If so, you are invited to attend a six-week seminar each Wednesday beginning February 12, 2020 and ending March 18, 2020 from 1:00pm - 3:30pm at the Seneca Nation Allegany Elders Center - 3644 Administration Dr., Salamanca, NY 14779. **For more information call Gail Kennedy**, Options Counselor for the Seneca Nation AOA at (716) 945-8991.

Need help getting your High School Equivalency Diploma?

Come to the Training & Employment Resource Center at 3674 Administration Dr. Salamanca, NY. We can help!

- We can help you obtain your HSED
 - Provide various readiness workshops
 - Resume writing, customer service, working with difficult people, interview skills, appearance & attire, soft skills
 - Need transportation? We can assist with that as well!
- Call Tari @ 716-945-8120 ext. 3058 or 716-801-3332**

Seneca Iroquois National Museum seeking memorabilia involving “Seneca People in Protest”

Our staff is collecting material for a future exhibit. If you have any photos, news articles, videos or any other memorabilia you would like to share, please bring them by to be part of our new exhibit.

We accept copies and can also scan materials as they are brought in for your convenience. If you simply have a story to tell, we are happy to audio record your experience.

Please contact Jennifer Jimerson for more information @ (716)945-1760 ext.7853 or j.jimerson@sni.org

Social Security Assistance

Cattaraugus Territory

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

Representative Jessica Gansworth, SSA will be available on the following dates:

**January 28, 2020
February 25, 2019**

at the Supportive Services Bldg.
210 Thomas Indian School Drive Extension
Irving, NY 14081

To file a claim for SSI/SSDI or Retirement, ask questions, fill out forms, hand in paperwork or sign up for a new card
APPOINTMENTS ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

This schedule is subject to change

Phone: 716-532-4900, ext. 5152 or 5151
Or email: leanna.leroy@sni.org
ashley.kennedy@sni.org

New Language Initiative

Submitted by Don "Flip" White

Vision: To restore the Seneca language to the point it is the first language acquired and is learned in the home.

“In our future the Seneca language will be in use in the daily lives of all Seneca’s and our culture will be a vibrant force for identity and community collaboration, resulting from a shared understanding of our history and the implementation of a comprehensive instructional approach that incorporates our linguistic, cultural, and spiritual traditions.” – Seneca Language Group 2001

The Seneca Nation Language Revitalization Plan will revive the use of our language and cultural heritage as the foundations to our distinct identity and daily existence.

Mission: To become functional speakers of the Seneca Language.

In July of this year a group of approximately 15 individuals set out to create a comprehensive 20 year plan to secure the future of the Seneca language.

The following describes the initial plan for the next 5 years and describes some of the work that is currently underway.

In the first five years the following milestones will be accomplished. A Seneca Language Commission whose purpose is to enact and oversee a collaborative, ‘one mind’ operating philosophy, will be established. The responsibilities of this Commission include strategizing, assessment, accountability, communication, and reporting. Directors from the Language, Ceremonial, ECLC, SALC, and Education programs from both territories will report to this commission. Benefits of this collaboration are clarity of language learning expectations, purposeful language teacher development and career growth, improved quality and delivery of language services, avoidance of duplication and wasteful spending, and strategic program administration.

Each program is being assessed based on their program objectives. The operational infrastructure of each program is also being evaluated in terms of its ability to create and sustain a Good Mind culture within the department and classroom environments. These environments have to be such that they attract and draw others to become involved in learning the language and supporting this revitalization effort. Using the collective talents and experience of the ‘language community,’ we can offer quality programs, a progressive curriculum,

and quality instruction to foster/influence broader participation.

Every language employee will have their speaking ability assessed based on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Scale. The assessments will determine where our strengths and weaknesses are. Fluent Seneca speakers will conduct the language assessments via a conversational interview conducted entirely in OnödowaꞐga:’ gawë:nö’. When completed, we will be better able to make adjustments where needed and initiate plans to create a ‘speaker pool.’ The goal is for all language employees to achieve a proficient rating. For those

language/culture teachers already performing at the proficient level, a Fast Track Development plan will be put in place.

We are happy to share that these assessments, 72 in all, were completed in November. The results are now being analyzed and shared with individual teachers.

The ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines are being used in this plan. They are descriptions of what individuals can do with language in terms of speaking in real-world situations in a spontaneous and non-rehearsed context. These guidelines identify five levels of proficiency: Distinguished, Superior, Advanced, Intermediate, and Novice and are subdivided into High, Mid, and Low sublevels. They describe what an individual can and cannot do with language at each level, regardless of where, when, or how the language was acquired. These levels form a

learning progression in which each level incorporates all previous levels.

Once the proficiency level is achieved, language teachers will enroll into an accredited teacher certification track. Some of the topics included in the teacher training are classroom management, lesson planning, and implementation of the assessment battery, applying the results to instructional practice, ‘Best Practices’ and learning methodologies. There will also be a Haudenosaunee Worldview and Lifeways component as part their teacher training.

The initial goal is to create a pool of language teachers who have sufficient language skills to ‘stay in the language’ for 75% of scheduled classroom time with every intention to achieve a 100% in the future.

Finally, after this stage teachers will continue on in community language programs, in the school districts, Early Childhood Learning Centers, local colleges, or within SNI departments. Looking forward, it is also safe to assume new and expanded language programming will evolve.

In between each stage of their development,



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PHONE: 716-532-1033

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PHONE: 716-945-8120

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evaluations will be conducted to insure the learner progresses and maintains the consistent use of the language in the classroom.

In summary, we have taken the first step in a very long journey. This journey will evolve and grow with each new day. We will encounter new challenges; whatever lies in our path, we will not allow it to stop us. As the organization grows & stabilizes our participation and involvement of others will also expand.

This initiative is on behalf of our language, the children, and future; it is a responsibility for us individually and as a Nation.

Nya:wëh,

Kelly Spruce, Gonio Miller, Robbie Jimerson Jr., Brandon Martin, Adrian John, Lexie Stevens, Flip White, Trudy Jackson, Darlene Miller, Sandy Dowdy, Clayton Logan, Nancy Williams, Ja:no's Bowen, Alexia John, Nicole John, Amy Jimerson, Nation Councillors Linda Doxtator, Tim Waterman, & Al George

Seneca Media staff get FAA pilot certificates

By Seneca Media



You may notice something flying swiftly through the air with twinkling lights, although it may seem strange, it's an awesome sight!

The Seneca Media & Communications Center

(SMCC) now has 3 staff members who have obtained a Remote Pilot Certificate from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Maurice John Jr., Bradley Jimerson, and Patrick Redeye have all completed the necessary measures to officially fly drones. This certification demonstrates that pilots understand the regulations, operating requirements, and procedures for safely flying drones. The rest of SMCC is presently doing the training to take the certification.

Drones are used for aerial photography and video that have many applications including land surveying, building inspections, crop management and thermal imaging. The SMCC has been using drones to document various Seneca Nation projects, infrastructure and in association with other departments, create informational videos on varying initiatives throughout the Nation. Such projects include the Bison Farm, the Fish Hatchery and community clean-ups by Environmental Protection.

So, do not be alarmed at any events if you see a drone in the midst.

Title VI PAC meeting dates SSCD 2019-2020 school year

The Title VI Committee is made up of parent representatives, educators, community members and officials from both Salamanca City Central School District and the Seneca Nation Education Department. The committee is responsible for allocating funds to Native American students under the Title VI grant for field trips, presenters, events and even support staff. Please join us! Meetings are open to the public.

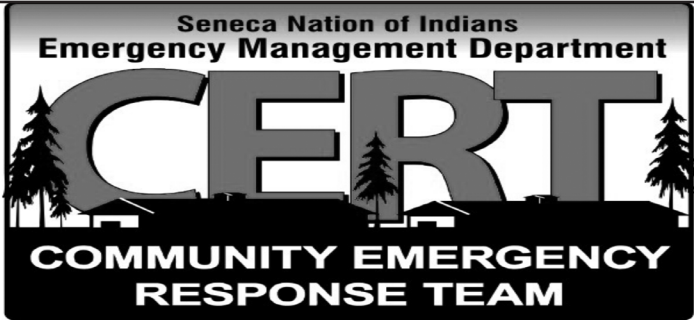
AOA support systems

Submitted by Gail Kennedy

The Seneca Nation Area Office for the Aging is pleased to offer NY Connects, a program that offers a Long-term and Supports (LTSS) system to individuals who desire to live as independently as possible and remain at home and in their communities. This program offers Information & Assistance (I&A), application and enrollment assistance for public health benefit individuals through financial and functional eligibility processes. Options Counseling/ Person-Centered Counseling is also available.

NY Connects/No Wrong Door serves disabled individuals of any age by providing information and resources and assisting individuals and families to access services and/or programs. The goal is to provide the individual, family, and/or caregiver a seamless experience in accessing Long-term Services and Supports (LTSS).

Please call Gail Kennedy, Options Counselor at 716.945.8991. She will be pleased to assist you.



CERT IS DESIGNED TO TEACH PEOPLE BASIC SKILLS TO RESPOND TO OR LIMIT THE IMPACTS TO OUR NATIVE COMMUNITY DURING TIMES OF EMERGENCIES. HISTORY HAS SHOWN THAT HAUDENOSAUNEE HAVE SUSTAINED OUR WAY OF LIFE BY BEING PREPARED. AS ÖGWÉ'ÖWEH COME TO THE AID OF YOUR COMMUNITY WHEN IT MATTERS MOST, BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER AN EMERGENCY.

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For more information or
If you would like to join the CERT team
Call- (716) 532-8178 OR
Email- mike.gates@sni.org
And leave your contact information

The Title VI Committee meetings are held monthly at the Allegany Community Center in the Education Wing at 6pm.

Wednesday, Aug. 14th – 6:00 p.m. – ACC Education Wing
Wednesday, Sept. 18th – 6:00 p.m. – ACC Education Wing
Wednesday, Oct. 16th – 6:00 p.m. – ACC Education Wing
Wednesday, Nov. 13th – 6:00 p.m. – ACC Education Wing
Wednesday, Jan. 15th – 6:00 p.m. – ACC Education Wing
Wednesday, Feb. 12th – 6:00 p.m. – ACC Education Wing
Wednesday, Mar. 18th – 6:00 p.m. – ACC Education Wing - Elections
Wednesday, May 13th – 6:00 p.m. – ACC Education Wing

SALC holds Reindeer Games

Submitted by Tammy Blair



The Seneca Arts and Learning Center held a Reindeer Games Night for families and friends to celebrate the Holidays.

The children had fun playing games that the Lead Teachers and TA's created.

They were excited to collect prizes from Miss Ruth's Prize Tent!

Miss Renee and Miss Shanelle handed out delicious snacks at the Popcorn and Hot Cocoa Bar. Miss Amy, Miss Connie, and Miss



Channy served yummy tacos in a bag and hot dogs.

Everyone enjoyed the festive music The DJ Grinch played atop Mt. Crumpit.

The children were all smiles when they received a little present from Santa and his Elf. Nya:wëh to everyone who helped make it a special night!



Beaded Keychain Class

When: February 18th and 19th | **Time:** 5:30-7:30pm
Where: Education Wing @ ECLC Bldg. Room 1222 (Use direct exterior door to Rm 1222 Closest to "Department of Education Sign" - corner room closest to Hënödeyëstä' Dr. and main parking lot)

- Class is limited to 15 participants, call to reserve your spot 532-3341.
- Hosted by SNI Education Department.



(Actual design may vary)



Onöndowa'ga: Gawë:nö' (Seneca Language) Classes for Beginners

- **Online Every Monday / 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM**
 - Via SKYPE: <https://join.skype.com/invite/yXPh1iDG9Qjp>
 - SKYPE Name: live:janosjaninebowen
 - Required text found at: <https://senecalanguage.com/community-classes-now-available/>
 - For any questions, please contact: janos.bowen@sni.org
- **Tuesdays @ Seneca Strong / 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM**
 - 983 RC Hoag Drive, Salamanca, NY 14779
- **Wednesdays / 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM @ the Allegany Elders Center**
 - Administration Drive, Salamanca, NY 14779
 - next to the Allegany Community Center
- **Wednesdays / 2:00 PM at the Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center**
 - 82 West Hetzel Street, Salamanca, NY 14779

Applications are available at these locations:

Cattaraugus Early Childhood Learning Center
2016 Hënödeyëstä Drive
Irving, NY, 14081
716-532-0505



Seneca Arts & Learning Center
25 Center Street
Salamanca, NY, 14779
716-945-5035

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For the 2020-2021 school year

YOUR CHILD MAY BE ELIGIBLE IF: **PRIORITY ENROLLMENT TO:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> They are/will be four (4) years old by December 1, 2020 | <input type="checkbox"/> Children with disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> They will be three (3) years old by December 1, 2020 | <input type="checkbox"/> Children in Foster Care, Homeless or on TANF/SSI |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not eligible for Kindergarten in Fall 2019 | <input type="checkbox"/> Below income |
- *Income eligibility is based on 2019 federal poverty guidelines*

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE NEEDED WITH APPLICATION:

- * Tribal ID of child or parent/guardian (if applicable) :child's tribal enrolment
- * Custody papers if applicable)
- * Proof of Income (any one listed below)
 - 4 consecutive pay stubs, W-2 ,Income tax return
 - Zero income worksheet , Employer letter on company letterhead , child's birth certificate,
 - Public assistance award letter
 - Current child's physical & immunizations

2019-2020 Waiting List
Applicants must submit an up-dated application and recent proof of income
TUESDAY-FRIDAY
8:30am-3:30pm



Cornplanter’s Pipe Tomahawk Officially Repatriated to Seneca Nation by New York State Museum

Gift from George Washington will forever remain in Seneca Nation ownership
By Phil Pantano, Pantano & Associates, L.L.C.



ALLEGANY TERRITORY, SALAMANCA, N.Y. – A meaningful piece of history has been officially restored to the Seneca Nation’s ownership.

Nation leaders welcomed officials from the New York State Museum to Salamanca on January 9, 2020 to announce that a pipe tomahawk originally given to the respected Seneca leader and diplomat Cornplanter by George Washington has been officially repatriated to the Nation. The event took place at the Nation’s Onöhsagwe:de’ Cultural Center, where the pipe tomahawk has been on loan to the Nation since March.

“In Seneca history, Cornplanter stands among our greatest and most respected leaders,” said Seneca Nation President Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr. “George Washington originally presented this pipe tomahawk to Cornplanter as a sign of respect, friendship and recognition of our sovereignty. Now, this piece



of our great leader’s remarkable legacy can finally – and forever – remain on Seneca land where it belongs.”

Washington gave the pipe tomahawk to Cornplanter in 1792 as a gift during discussions for the Treaty of Canandaigua. Signed in 1794, the Treaty of Canandaigua confirmed the sovereignty of the Haudenosaunee, with the United States pledging to honor the land rights of the Haudenosaunee people.

Seneca diplomat Ely Parker donated the pipe tomahawk to the New York State Museum in 1851. Sometime between 1947 and 1950 the piece went missing from the Museum and for nearly

70 years was in the hands of private collectors. Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the pipe tomahawk was returned to the State Museum in June 2018. The museum loaned the tomahawk to the Nation for display last year, before officially restoring the Nation’s ownership of the artifact today.

“Cornplanter’s tomahawk is an incredibly important object that speaks of Native American, New York, and American history and culture,” said Mark Schaming, Deputy Commissioner of Cultural Education and Director of the State Museum. “It is due to this shared history that it is our great honor to return the tomahawk to the people of the Seneca Nation. We make this return in representation of mutual trust, partnership and fruitful years ahead, as was intended by our forebearers.”



“Cornplanter’s descendants are very glad that his prized tomahawk pipe has been returned to his Seneca family,” added Odie Porter, Cornplanter Descendants Association Co-Chair. “We will work with the Seneca Nation to ensure that Cornplanter’s legacy of protecting Native rights will continue by educating the public



about this pipe and what it symbolizes.”

On one side of the tomahawk’s blade is Cornplanter’s name, Gy-ant-waka, and on the other side of the blade is the name “John Andrus,” possibly the manufacturer. When Parker purchased the tomahawk, the original handle, or haft, was gone. He replaced the haft with one made of curly maple wood and silver inlay to reflect what the original haft may have looked like. Parker also added a brass plate engraved with his name on the bore end of the tomahawk.

“We are incredibly grateful to all those who understood the greater meaning and importance of Cornplanter’s tomahawk, and who understood that there was only one true home for this piece of our shared history,” President Armstrong said. “In restoring the Nation’s ownership of the tomahawk, you have shown the spirit of respect for our Nation, our people, and our sovereignty in which President Washington first presented this gift to Cornplanter. Now that it is home for good, it can forever shine as an example of those same ideals for all generations of Seneca people, as well as for our friends and neighbors.”

The tomahawk will be on permanent display at the Onöhsagwe:de’ Cultural Center. The center is open seven days a week. For information, call 716-945-1760 or visit <https://www.senecamuseum.org>.



Annual Elder Holiday Party

2019

By Tami Watt, Editor



President Armstrong and the Area Office of Aging hosted the annual Elder "Winter Wonderland" Holiday Party at the Seneca Allegany Casino on December 18th. Over 800 elders and guests enjoyed entertainment by Elvis, a holiday meal with all the trimmings, and of course games and contests.

Mike "Purr" Jimerson served as emcee doling out an unprecedented amount of giveaways. Hundreds of giveaways were donated by Nation departments, executives, and vendors including TV's, electronics, gift cards, and cash prizes. Our community gave back this year!



Many departments aided in the making the day eventful. Seneca Media ran a photo booth with Christmas props and printed photos to take home. The Men's and Women's Ceremonial Groups danced to social songs performed by Alan Dowdy. The Clerk's Office was on hand to help members with registrations.



Gardener provided dance tracks for hot feet.

The ugly sweater contest was a hoot with Melvin Huff Sr. taking the top prize with his decked out wheel chair, festive antlers, and Snoopy hat. Toni Biscup out danced the rest with her slick moves in her chair. The rest of the winners were:

Ugly sweater:
1st place - Melvin Huff, Sr.
2nd place – Juanita Jimerson
3rd place – Madeline Lay

Seat Dancing:
1st place: Toni Biscup
2nd place: Samuel Kelly
3rd place: Annabell Jimerson

Cash Drawing:
Phillis Harris & Lance Stafford

Ja:goh to the hardworking and dedicated Area of Office Aging staff for a great event! See you all next year!



Vendors lined the hall and back of the room for the last minute shopper with everything from cultural hand made items to fluffy blankets and decor. Elvis made the crowd go wild and DJ JD

COMMUNITY MEETING NOTICE



ALL Seneca Nation enrolled members are invited to attend a **COMMUNITY MEETING** with Executives, Council and Department Directors to discuss the needs and concerns of our community members

JANUARY 23rd, 2020
2pm-5pm
Allegany Council Chambers

JANUARY 30th, 2020
2pm-5pm
Cattaraugus Council Chambers

Top Stories of 2019

A look back at events, grand openings, successes, celebrations, and losses
By Tami Watt, Editor. Megan Torres, Reporter

Rovena Watt retires from the Seneca Nation Official Newsletter- 1/9/19
After 30 years of dedicated service, Rovena Watt received a Lifetime Achievement Award at a recognition ceremony held in January. Rovena worked for the Seneca Nation for 67 years total while also serving as a Councillor and judge. She was instrumental in the women's suffrage movement, fought the Kinzua Dam removal and negotiated the Salamanca Lease deal. Nya:wëh Rovena!



Rovena Abrams with Nation executives

Cornplanter peace pipe/tomahawk returns to Seneca Nation -3/14/19
After decades of sales, turnovers, donations and theft Cornplanter's peace pipe-tomahawk came back to the Seneca Nation in a presentation by the Seneca Iroquois National Museum Board, Seneca Nation executives, and former director David Shongo. The ancient pipe was gifted to Cornplanter in 1792 by George Washington in a display of peace. The peace pipe tomahawk is on display at the Onösahgwë:de' Cultural Center.

Seneca Nation receives set back in casino revenue sharing compact- 4/16/19
In April, the NYS arbitration panel ruled 2-1 that the Seneca Nation must continue to pay the annual 25% casino revenue payments for 15-21 years of the compact. Payments were halted after the 14 year agreement to pay the state was up. The Seneca Nation has requested the Interior Department to review the gaming compact as the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act ultimately governs all Nation-state compacts across the United States.

Seneca Women’s Acknowledgment and Recognition Month – 4/26/19
This May was the 55th Anniversary of the Seneca Woman’s right to vote. Various events were held throughout the month to commemorate and honor the brave individuals who advocated for the Seneca women’s right to vote as well as all Seneca women whose accomplishments have greatly benefited the community and future

generations to come.

Marvin "Joe" Curry Veterans Powwow celebrates 30 years! 7/15/19-
The Seneca Nation hosted their first powwow back in 1989 in the Haley Building gym. The annual pow wow, renamed in honor of Seneca veteran Marvin "Joe" Curry, has grown in categories, drum groups, specials and dancers. It is currently billed as "North America's Biggest Smoke Dance Contest" doling large cash prizes and bringing indigenous dancers, singers, artists and vendors from across Turtle Island.

Ralph Bowen presented with Legion of Honor Medal 7/15/19
Seneca WWII veteran, Ralph Bowen, was honored for his role in liberating France from Nazi occupation. He is the first Seneca and only second Indigenous soldier to receive the title Knight in the Order of the Legion of Honor from the French government Bowen is one of the oldest Seneca veterans at age 97, is snipe clan and father to Dennis, Rebecca, and Jacqueline Bowen.



Ralph Bowen receives Legion of Honor medal

Seneca Niagara Casino gets an update- 8/15/19
In August, the Seneca Niagara Casino unveiled a \$40 million renovation. The renovation includes a brand new staging area for outdoor concerts, more parking, and extra lanes to ease traffic. The hotel front entrance, bar, mezzanine, and event center were updated to represent a resort and give an upscale look.

Gakwi:yo:h Farms Opens Local Organic Market- 7/26/19
Back in July, Gakwi:yo:h Farms located in Collins, NY opened the area’s first organic farmer’s market, providing fresh, quality food products straight from the producer. The products for sale included: berries, beets, carrots, kale, spinach, swiss chard, lettuce, red potatoes, snap peas, leeks, fennel, zucchini, squash, maple syrup and white corn products. Gakwi:yo:h Farm’s

bison meat products were also for sale at the market including the Seneca One Stop locations in Allegany and Cattaraugus.

Seneca Iroquois National Museum repatriates ceremonial mask to the Cherokee Nation -8/7/19
For the first time, the Seneca Nation was able to give back an ancient cultural item to its rightful owners. The museum had two masks in their collection that they knew belonged to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians(EBCI). In a show of grace and respect with our long standing relationship with EBCI, the museum invited them to Seneca territory to repatriate the masks back to them in an official ceremony held on the one year opening of the Onösahgwë:de' Cultural Center.

Steamburg Community Center gets face lift 8/28/19- Residents in Steamburg now have a work out room, dry and wet saunas, locker rooms, a new kitchen, gym and recreation center. The reopening of the renovated building was held in August complete with a ribbon cutting ceremony, food and speakers. The Steamburg Recreation Program offers their own curriculum, activities and field trips for after school and school breaks.

AOA’s Senior Prom – 8/30/19
Over the summer, Cattaraugus AOA held their first “Senior” Prom at the Fire Hall. Elders were able to dress up and enjoy food, dancing, prizes and having their photo taken at the photo booth. Barry and Janet (Beda) Parker were crowned King & Queen of the prom.



King & Queen Barry & Janet "Beda" Parker

Fish and Wildlife open archery course 9/19- The Seneca Nation Fish and Wildlife Department built an archery course similar to a game of golf. The course is nestled against a hill and boasts 13 targets at 3 different levels in various terrains, much like real bow hunting. The 1.3 mile course also serves as a beautiful walking trail. The course/trail will reopen in the spring until fall hunting season resumes.

NYS to start repairing I-90 9/25/19- After years of back and forth, hazardous road conditions and a call out from local, state and Seneca Nation politicians, Seneca Nation executives were finally able to engage directly with the NYS Thruway Authority after a request was sent on September 12th to discuss needed repairs. The Nation received the plan for repairs and the details of the final agreement were finalized. Repairs started within days, repairing the most dangerous sections first.

Degawëno:da's paddles 300 miles to protect Ohi:yo' 11/14/19- Degawëno:da's began his journey at Ohi:yo's headwaters in Coudersport, PA in May and ended in Pittsburgh, PA in September. An active member of Defend Ohi:yo', Degawën:da's "trip was to call attention to the need for vigilance in protecting the region's waters and to "give people an opportunity to acknowledge their natural surroundings." He also advocates for waterways to have the same rights as human beings.

Former President Barry Snyder Sr. passes away 10/1/19
Barry Snyder Sr., five time president of the Seneca Nation, passed away at home October 1st. Shaping Seneca politics and business for over 50 years, Snyder served as president 5 times, treasurer, and councillor for 8 terms. Barry Snyder and wife Deanna founded the Seneca Diabetes Fund with ECMC honoring them with the Barry & Deanna Snyder Dialysis & Medical Office Building. His most recent tenure was with the Seneca Gaming Corporation where he served as chairman of the board. “Barry served our nation during our times, but he will deservedly be looked upon as a leader for all times,” said Seneca Nation President Rickey L. Armstrong Sr. “Throughout his life and through his service, Barry elevated the Seneca Nation and the Seneca people. As president, he touched every facet of life on our territories.”



Seneca Fire- Allegany grand opening 11/22/19- The Allegany Indian Reservation Volunteer Fire Department and first responders have a new place to call home. After years of deterioration, the Seneca Nation built an up to date facility equipped with 24/7 dispatch services along with a fully staffed fire and EMS personal.

Amenities include a banquet hall that seats 160, full kitchen, locker rooms, bunk space and a large bay for emergency vehicles.



President Armstrong & community members

Gowanda Central School Board passes proposal- 11/22/19 & 12/6/19
At the November 20th Gowanda Central School Board of Education meeting, it was unanimously approved that graduating seniors will have the option of wearing their traditional outfits during graduation in lieu of a cap and gown. This proposal was brought to the board by Senior Tia Thompson who courageously connected her request directly to her family and her culture.



Tia Thompson presents to Gowanda school

Seneca Nation Newsletter goes digital- 11/22/19
After 30+ years in print, The Seneca Nation Official Newsletter went on-line in November. The entire newsletter is available at sninews.org and will be updated biweekly to match the print deadline. Please contact the newsletter office at 945-1790 or 532-4900 if you would like to cancel your print subscription.

Broadband service coming to the Cattaraugus Territory- 12/6/19
The U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded the Seneca Nation with a \$4.3 million dollar grant for a broadband network on the Cattaraugus Territory. Once complete, the network will provide connectivity to more than 1,000 households, businesses, Nation buildings and critical community facilities on the Cattaraugus Territory. Work on the network is expected to take approximately 2-3 years, from engineering and design through construction.

Seneca Artisans donate "Seneca Fall Festival Community Basket" to Museum 12/6/19

Holly John and Penny Minner hosted a community table at the Nation's annual Fall Festival in Irving, NY where they asked visitors to participate in a community project. Participants were asked to weave their own splint into a basket. The community basket was completed and donated the Seneca Iroquois National Museum where it will be a part of a special exhibit. "It's important to continue to teach and share this traditional knowledge of Basket making for the upcoming 7 generations. There will always be a need for basket makers within our communities. Watch for postings of upcoming classes in 2020."- Holly John.



Penny Minner, Holly John, Joe Stahlman, Hayden Haynes

Nick Lone wins Native American Music Award- 12/20/19
Cattaraugus Territory resident, Nick Lone beat out top Native artists to win Best Rap/Hip Hop/R&B Recording for his single “Native Pride” at this year’s 19th Annual Native American Music Awards that were held on November 2, 2019 at the Seneca Niagara Casino. This was Lone’s second nomination and first win of his career. Lone says the next step in his career is to travel, perform, produce a music video and work on his next album.

Casino Sports Betting – 12/20/19
The Seneca Gaming Corporation celebrated the opening of the first sports wagering lounge in Western New York, at the Buffalo Creek Casino. Soon followed the opening of a Sports Wagering Lounge at the Seneca Allegany Casino and the Seneca Niagara Casino. This is a new and exciting entertainment option for patrons and sports fans here in Western New York.

Senecas announce venture into the Hemp Industry 12/30/19- Hemp Compliance Officer for the Seneca Nation, Jessica Crouse, is currently developing a Hemp Production Plan with hopes of revitalizing agronomics on territory. "Right now it's going to be open for our people to apply and try their hand at it. Whether that means they're putting it in the ground or they're growing it indoors, we'll definitely help facilitate that and we'll see where it goes," Jessica Crouse.

Photos by Newsletter & Seneca Media Staff

Sports coverage was provided all year for our amazing athletes. There were too many achievements to narrow down to one.

2/22 – Lois Garlow (Mount Saint Mary’s Basketball) scores 1,000 career point

3/15 – Lake Shore Eagles Girls Varsity Basketball team wins Section VI Championship, beating defending champion Amherst



3/15 – Elliot Bowen wins Empire 8 Conference’s Rookie of the Year Award and heads to NCAA Tournament with Alfred University Men’s Basketball team

3/15 – Zariah Armstrong, Ira John and Zach Helms (Salamanca Varsity Football) picked to play in the 46th Annual Big 30 All Star Charities Classic

3/29 – Summer Hemphill (University of Buffalo Women’s Basketball) sets record in NCAA Tournament with 16 points & 21 rebounds in a single game

3/29 – Kamryn Cook (Monroe Community College) places in NJCAA Swimming & Diving Championships

3/29 – 7th Grader Emily Brown wins NY State wrestling championship for a second time

3/29 – 8 Seneca Chief’s youth wrestlers qualify to compete in NY State Championships

3/29 – Miya Scanlan (Gowanda Girls Varsity Basketball) makes CCAA Division 1 East All Stars First Team

3/29 – Chase Scanlan picked as #1 in Division 1 Men’s Lacrosse Freshman



Rankings

4/12 & 4/26 – Ivy Santana (University of Albany’s Women’s Lacrosse), Shayla Scanlan (University of Louisville Women’s Lacrosse) & Jade Haumann (Keuka College Women’s Lacrosse) appear in April edition of US Lacrosse Magazine

5/17 – Olivia White (McKendree University Women’s Lacrosse) named All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honoree

5/17 – Miya Scanlan (Gowanda Girls Varsity Lacrosse) sets NYS single game scoring record with 16 goals

5/17 – Rae White (Fredonia University Women’s Basketball) wins Fredonia University Freddy Performance of the Year

5/17 – Dylan Snow (Lake Shore Eagles Boys Varsity Lacrosse) commits to play Division 1 Lacrosse at the University of Hartford

5/31 – Zed Williams has breakout season with NLL team Georgia Swarm

5/31 – Seneca Chiefs win 17U Boys Championship at the Native American Youth Basketball Tournament

7/26 – Jaxon Mohawk makes all-tournament team at the Under Armour National High School Lacrosse Showcase

9/27 – Clay Scanlan picked by Halifax Thunderbirds in second round of the 2019 NLL Entry Draft

9/27 – Zach Miller traded to Georgia Swarm in the 2019 NLL Entry Draft



10/11 – Iroquois Nationals take home silver at the World Indoor Lacrosse Championships

10/25 – CCMFL Salamanca Warrior Peewee team wins the “A” Super Bowl Championship game and had an undefeated season



10/25 – CCMFL Salamanca Sabres Peewee team wins the “B” Super Bowl Championship game

11/8 – Clay Scanlan featured on cover of the November edition of US Lacrosse Magazine

11/22 – Special Olympic bowlers Vicki Jimerson & Vincent Moore compete in Western Region Competition

11/22 – Summer Hemphill (University of Buffalo Women’s Basketball) named Big 4 Player of the Year

12/6 – Women’s Haudenosaunee Nationals Team win championship game at the Pan American Lacrosse Association Women’s Lacrosse World Qualifier, now headed to the 2021 World Lacrosse Women’s World Championship



12/6 – Edgar Lay, Nelson “Bally” Huff, Glen Lay, Ken Lay, Sr. & Darwin John inducted into the Can-Am Lacrosse Hall of Fame



12/20 – Miya Scanlan (Gowanda Girls Varsity Basketball) scores 1,000 career point

Sports highlights by Megan Torres

NFL Draft Prospect Interview: Skye King, DL, York University

By Damond Talbot | December 28, 2019 | Reprinted from www.nfldraftdiamonds.com

Skye King the pass rusher formerly of York University recently sat down with Jimmy Williams of Draft Diamonds.

- Name: Skye King
- Height: 6’3
- Weight: 265
- Position: DL
- College: York University
- Professional Team: San Diego Strike Force (IFL)
- Twitter: @skyekiing

Tell us about your hometown. What do you like most about it?

I was born and raised in Buffalo, NY until I moved in with my father, and we moved to Calgary, AB Canada. After spending significant time in both cities, I’ve grown to appreciate the gritty blue collar work ethic both places produce, and I try to embody those characteristics in my game on and off the field.

I’m also of Native American descent from the Seneca and Ojibwe tribes. I’ve spent time living on both reserves, the Seneca’s reside on the Cattaraugus Reservation located in Irving, NY about 30 minutes south of Buffalo and the Ojbwe’s reside on Christian Island about 3 hours north of Toronto. Having to make the constant cultural jumps between living on the reserve and living in the city has been a major eye opener to just how different ones life path can change dependant on where you’re from and who you surround yourself with. The amount of poverty and people in these communities struggling motivates and drives me to continue to make not only a better life for myself and my family, but as well as these communities.

What do your teammates say is your best quality?

I’ve had a very close teammate and friend describe my best quality as my drive, and when I set my eyes on a goal I don’t stop until I’ve reached it. With teammates seeing that in me I make it my mission every time I step on the field or in the gym to have the highest motor and to be relentless no matter what adversity I’m faced with.

What kind of role do you see yourself in on the team? What scheme and/or position suits your skill set?

I see myself ready to contribute to a team in any way possible, whether that be on special teams or anywhere along the defensive front. I’m motivated to work hard towards any job given to me and, as a defensive lineman, I believe I am a versatile & athletic enough to contribute at any position on the interior or on the edge.

Who is the best player you have ever played against?

I’ve played against quite a few star players ranging back to high school at Notre Dame. I’d have to say my top guys are

probably Chuba Hubbard or Dwayne Haskins.

Throughout your career so far, which one of your teammates has impressed you the most?

I’ve been very blessed to be surrounded with amazing talent all my career but I’ve been most impressed with my high school teammate Amen Ogbongbemiga. He’s grown into an amazing player and I’m happy to see him doing his thing at Oklahoma State.

Describe a time in your life when you were able to overcome a struggle.

I’ve constantly been overcoming struggle all my life so it’s become a second nature, but most recently this past July my family of 6 and I went through the awful experience of a house fire that left us with virtually nothing after. I received the news while I was on a plane to participate in the Spring League and in recent memory that was the hardest struggle to overcome, to be able to go out and play football clear minded and at a high level for 3 days

while you’re worried sick about your family. That was a major mental thing I had to get by to continue chasing my dream and get film at the biggest showcase in my career up to that time. Thanks to the support of family we were able to get through it together and since then things have started getting better.

If you didn’t play football, what other sport would you play?

If I weren’t playing football I would be trying my hand in MMA for sure.

What is something that you are most proud of? What would you say is your biggest achievement?

I think something I’m most proud of in regards to personal achievements, would be winning a gold medal with Team Canada in China back in 2016 against Team USA. The whole experience from meeting other countries to touring around Harbin was the experience of a lifetime.

Describe one of the most memorable plays of your collegiate career?

I played in a game this year where we had to get the offence off the field at the end of the game on 3rd down (4th down in the US) for their last play of the game to come back and win. I had called a stunt of my own that had worked previously in the game when we ran it, and it worked to perfection when we ran it again and I came completely clean off the edge to swat the ball and seal the teams first win in over a year and a bit.

Do you have a favorite athlete or professional team? Is there a player that you model your game after?

I’d have to say one of my favorite athletes of (Continued on page 19)

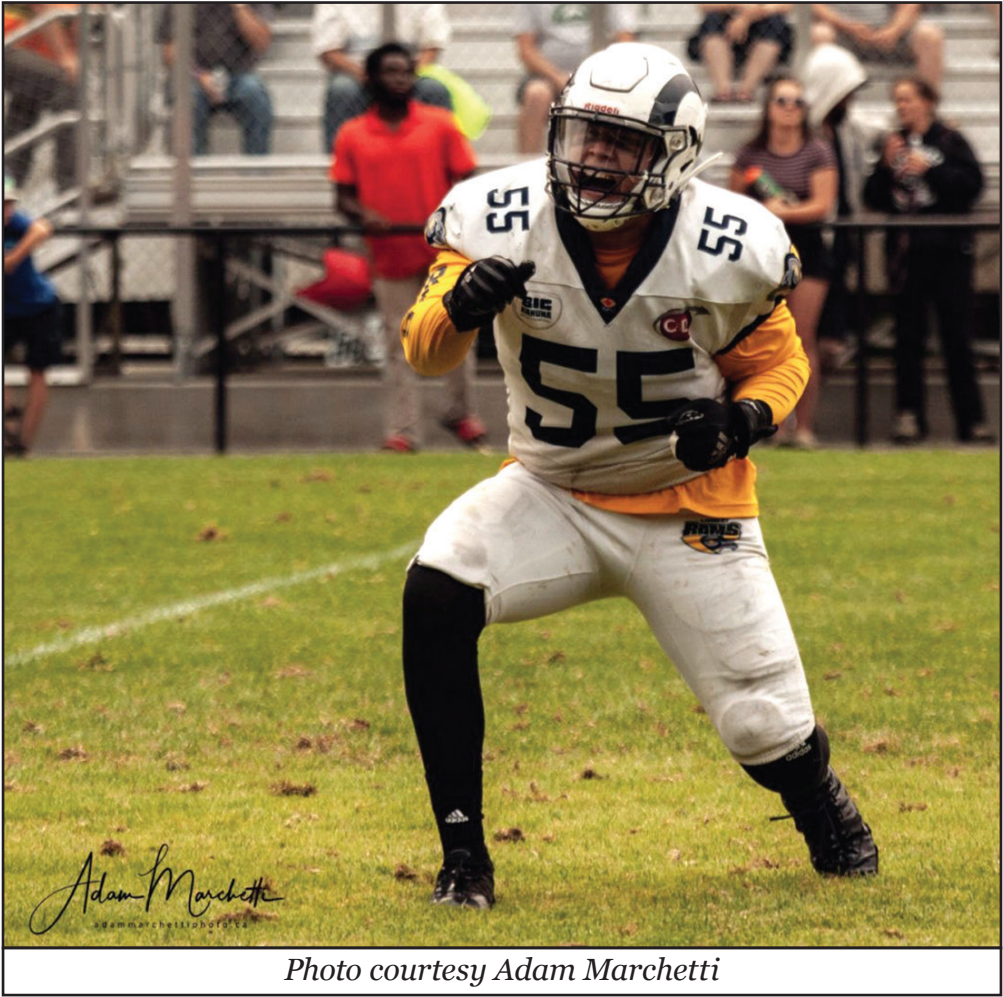


Photo courtesy Adam Marchetti

all time has to be Mike Tyson. Something about the intimidation he possessed over others and the violence he fought with makes him one of my favorites. I try to model my game after Aaron Donald though, he exemplifies everything it is to be a dominant defensive lineman, even as a “undersized” lineman. He puts together the explosiveness, fast feet, and violent hands all together on top of being very intelligent with his moves.

Who is your favorite music artist? What gets you pumped before a game?
I’ve got quite a few favorites

and its always changing but Meek Mill is definitely a go-to. Listening to “Dreams and Nightmares” never fails to get me in the right mindset.

What is your favorite comfort food?
Easily has to be a good steak dinner!

Do you have a favorite movie or actor?
I grew up on Fast and Furious movies, all time favorite series.

What do you do in your spare time? Do you have any hobbies?
Spare time doesn’t come too

often aside from football related activities. I like to keep myself busy with some digital media work though. I’ve recently gotten into videography and it’s been a great creative outlet. On top of that I’ve recently been trying my hand at becoming an entrepreneur and I’m preparing to start my own meal prep business geared towards athletes, as well as, everyday fitness oriented consumers.

Who or what motivates you the most?
My family motivates me the most, more specifically my siblings motivate me the most. I have 5 sisters and 1 brother

between my mother and father, and I’m the oldest of them all. In everything that I do, I do it so that my little brother and sisters can have a role model to look up to and be proud of. I grew up in places that often lacked strong support systems so it is very important to me that my siblings can have someone who can be that person for them.

Source:

<https://www.nfldraftdiamonds.com/2019/12/skye-king/?fbclid=IwAR2erUNaUhzaTPUa5MENJebOEyDvnpl2navOdXtsDjaGOUXnx4Q-65-moew>

Snakes in Snow at Native American Winter Games

One of the oldest outdoor winter games in North America is again coming to the Ganondagan State Historic Site in Ontario County



Already centuries old when Europeans first arrived in this country, the game of “snow snake” will be featured at our family-friendly annual Native American Winter Games on February 22. Earlier that week from February 18 to 21, there also will be a variety of wintertime activities for visitors at Ganondagan, the state’s only historic site dedicated to Native American history and the only representation of a Seneca town in the United States.

Our winter activities will include making a miniature wooden bow from ash, as well as Native American storytelling, Iroquois social dancing, and a variety of outdoor activities including snow shoeing, dog sled demonstrations, and the snow snake. All events are

weather permitting, of course.

And not to worry, any first-timers. The game does not involve an actual snake... Rather, this traditional game once widely played by the Iroquois and many other Native American tribes across North America uses a long smooth stick – known as a gawasa – that is thrown down a trough cut into the snow. The hardwood stick has a tapered head to help it

clear potential obstructions, giving it a snakelike appearance as it slides and shimmies down the track.

Snow snakes can be six feet long or more. Smaller versions called “mud cats” are about half that long.

Historically, the track was made by dragging a log through the snow, sometimes a half a mile or more. Called a gawan’go, the U-shaped trough could be level or on gently downward sloping

terrain, and different types of sticks were used, depending on whether the condition of the snow was wet, dry, icy, powdery or something else.

Players also used mixtures of special waxes, tallows and oils on their snakes to get them to slide easier, and those mixes were closely-guarded secrets, as a well-tossed snake could travel a great distance. If it is fresh snow, wet snow, or icy conditions the snow snake will slide faster when it is properly waxed for the conditions. Today, ski wax might be part of the mix.

This 1909 published account by New York State Museum official Arthur C. Parker who witnessed the contests described the action as a player “grasps his snake by the tail, his thumb and middle-finger grasping the sides two or three inches from the end, and his index-finger bent and tightly pressed against the grooved end. The palm of the hand of course is turned upward. Dashing forward with every trained muscle in play, he hurls the snake into the trough, using all his skill to throw accurately and steadily.”

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Examples of snow snakes at Ganondagan State Historic Site (Photo Credit: Wikipedia Commons)

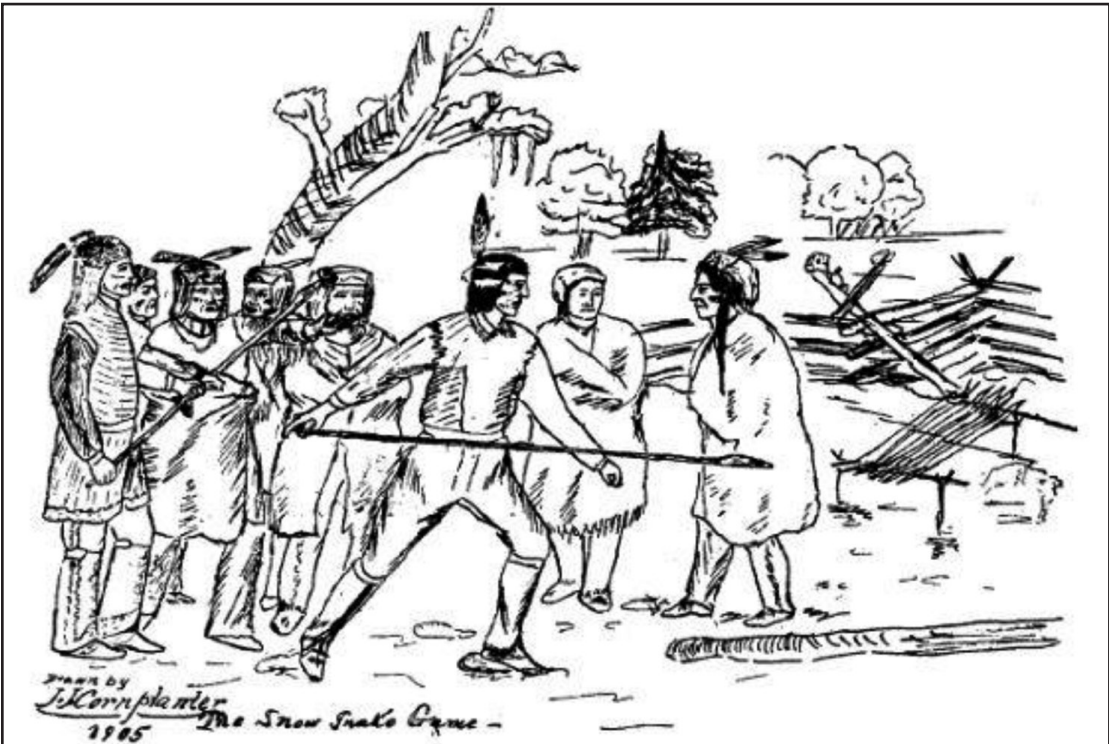


FIG. 57. — The snow-snake game. The drawing depicts a *heódiens* in the act of throwing a snow-snake at one of the midwinter clan games at Newtown, Cattaraugus reservation, Erie county, New York.

Illustration in the 1909 report by New York State Museum official Arthur C. Parker, “Snow Snake as Played by the Seneca-Iroquois.” *American Anthropologist*, vol. 11, no. 2, 1909, pp. 250-256. JSTOR, www.jstor.org/stable/659466

Competitors tended to be boisterous, and could use what now is called “trash talk,” shouting derision and discouragement as a player drew back for throw, according to this account. If a throw was successful, the snake would move rapidly down the track,

with Parker writing, “In its swift passage through the trough, the flexible stick twists and bends in truly snake-like fashion, its upturned head adding greatly to the resemblance.” Teams could compete for points, and often times, wagers

were made on the outcome, so players kept their own special materials and techniques as closely-guarded secrets. Prized snakes were carefully preserved and stored for use year after year.

Per Parker: “Snow snakes are made of various kinds of hardwood, such as maple and walnut, it being believed that some woods are better adapted to certain kinds of snow. This special knowledge is kept secret by the various experts in the art of snow-snakery.”

During the traditional midwinter festival, Ganayusta, two rival brotherhoods or clans seek to outdo each other in the game, he wrote. Assistants for each team would select the snow snakes to be used, and rub them with various substances “to overcome the peculiar kind of friction exerted by various kinds of snow.”

Once the snake came to a stop, it could either be left in place to be possibly pushed aside or even cracked by a rival’s oncoming snake, or removed after its location has been marked. A good player could throw a snake on a level track from 300 to 400 yards, or even further if the track sloped downward enough, Parker wrote.

But woe to the player who made a poor throw, as they came in for some serious ribbing from other players and onlookers, according to Parker.

“If the (snake) is not thrown at the proper angle, its head may run into the snow when it strikes the track, that is, “spear the track.” This accident brings forth many sarcastic jests, such as, “Are you afraid the trough will get away?” “What’s the matter? Trying to nail down the snow?” or “Thinks he is spearing fish!”

At our winter festival, people are going to be a lot more encouraging to those who will throw the snake, whether they are experienced or first-timers who can start out by throwing the smaller mud cat. So, come to Ganondagan and try your hand at a very ancient way of wintertime fun!

Source: <https://nystateparks.blog/2019/12/30/snakes-in-snow-in-native-american-winter-games/>



Left: A player at Ganondagan throws the snow snake at the head of the track. (Photo Credit - David Mitchell)
Right: Snow Snake teacher Snooky Brooks describes throwing technique. (Photo Credit - David Mitchell)

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biennially for the term of two years.

All officers of the Nation named in this Constitution may be impeached or removed for such cause as recognized by law, in such manner and form as is prescribed by this Constitution.

SECTION X

Every member of the Seneca Nation of Indians of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, who shall not have been convicted of a felony, shall be competent to vote at all elections and meetings of the electors of the Nation and shall be eligible to any office in the gift of the people of the Nation. No person shall be eligible for the office of president unless he is an enrolled member of the Nation, has attained the age of thirty (30) years, has resided on the Reservation he represents for at least one (1) year.

SECTION XI

The compensation of all officers of the Nation named in this Constitution shall be such as prescribed by law and the salaries shall not be increased or diminished during their term of office.

SECTION XII

The Council of the Nation shall meet, in general session to conduct the business of the Nation, on the second Saturday of each month in the year; provided, however that if the second Saturday of any month is a legal holiday or if the Council so votes at its next preceding session, the Council shall meet on the third Saturday of the month. The president shall have the power to convene the Council in extra session as often as the interests of the Nation in his judgment requires.

SECTION XIII

The Council shall have the power to make laws not inconsistent with this Constitution.

SECTION XIV

The laws and regulations heretofore made and adopted by the Council and not inconsistent with this Constitution shall continue in full force and effect as heretofore until repealed or amended, to the extent and in the manner, as the Council shall deem lawful and proper.

SECTION XV

The present officers of the Nation shall hold their offices respectively until the first Tuesday of November, 1899, until others are elected in their places in accordance with the terms of this Constitution, unless removed for cause.

SECTION XVI

It shall be lawful for the Council in their discretion, by at least a quorum vote to appoint a committee of three for revision of the Constitution. The duty of the committee shall be on ten days notice of their appointment, to prepare amendments or alterations of the Constitution as amended to the Council.

It shall be the duty of the Council to submit the same to the electors of the Nation for their approval or objection, to be determined by a majority vote of the qualified electors at a meeting called for that purpose on the Cattaraugus and Allegany Reservation, respectively. In case the proposed amendments of the committee are rejected, no action shall be taken by the Council or the electors relative to amending this constitution within one year from the date of said meeting and rejection.

CERTIFICATION: NOVEMBER 9, 1993

SNI Constitutional Amendments From 1848 to Present

Dec. 4, 1848	DECLARATION of the Seneca Nation of Indians, changing their form of government, and adopting a constitutional charter.
Amendment Date	Amendment(s)
In convention Oct. 2, 1855; John Luke appointed president of the convention	CHANGED Councillors from 18 to 12 (5 from Allegany and 7 from Cattaraugus) REMOVED <i>apportioned to each reservation according to population</i>
In convention Oct. 22, 1868	CHANGED Councillors from 12 to 16 of whom eight shall be elected annually for the Cattaraugus and eight for the Allegany Reservation REMOVED Superintendent of Schools AMENDED voter qualifications every male Indian of the Seneca Nation of the age of twenty one years and upwards . . . WHO SHALL NOT HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY, shall be competent to vote . . .
Amended Oct. 22, 1874	ADOPTED number of chiefs Sec. II ADOPTED treaties and leases Sec. V LOST residents age to vote Sec. IX A constitution is not recorded.
Feb./Mar. 1877	Motions by Council to appoint committee to revise the constitution. No further action or mention.
In convention Jan. 25, 1881	A constitution is recorded.
Amended Feb. 22, 1887	Resolved whereas this Council and the committee have failed to find any existing constitution formally adopted by the Seneca Nation of Cattaraugus, Allegany and Oil Spring reservations. Therefore, we, by a resolution of this council, submit the present amended constitution to the voters . . . The vote is 27 "for" and 78 "against" the new constitution. A constitution is not recorded.
Jan. 4, 1893	A constitution committee is ordered to report on amending the constitution. The report is accepted. The President is instructed to call a special election to approve or reject the amended constitution. A committee is appointed to go to Cattaraugus and Allegany to explain the proposed amendments. Proposed amendments not recorded. There is no further information.
In convention Jan. 14, 1893	The constitution and the proposed amendments were read followed by discussion. Motion was made to adopt the amendments which will be in force from this time over. 8 affirmative votes, 2 negative Proposed amendments not recorded.
Dec. 4, 1895	SNI constitution committee made report and submitted revisions. Council recommended the Constitution be submitted to the electors . . . and authorized the President to set the time and date for a convention. Proposed amendments and convention results not recorded.
Sept. 27, 1898	President ordered constitution be amended. After deliberation on the proposed amended constitution a motion on the 9 th line strike out 5 words where it reads "members of the Seneca Nation" and insert " individual Indians residing on said Cattaraugus and Allegany Reservations." The committee report was accepted and President was authorized to call a meeting of electors for approval or rejection. No recorded results or constitution.
Mar. 31, 1956	Proposed amendments to Sec. II: 1 – single ballot . . . marked by individual voter . . . deposited in the ballot box without inspection . . . polls shall open at 9:00 a.m. . . . 2 – filing 15 th day preceding the bi-annual election . . .
	3 – single ballot printed at expense of the Nation . . . Proposed amendments to Sec. IV: 1 – on matters of appeal from the . . . Courts the decision of the Council shall be final, . . . 2 – nothing herein shall be construed as affecting the right of any Council to repeal or modify existing laws and regulations . . . Proposed amendments to Sec. XII: 1 – Council . . . shall meet semi-annually . . .
Oct. 30, 1956	Proposed amendment: The right to vote, but not hold office, shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex. "For" 90, "Against" 105
May 11, 1959	Proposed amendment: Women's suffrage Defeated
Oct. 6, 1962	Proposed amendments: Sec. XII Council to meet first Saturday of each month . . . ADOPTED
Oct. 27, 1962	Sec. X Women's suffrage DEFEATED
May 23, 1964	Sec. X Women's suffrage Adopted 169 yes – 99 no
Oct. 8, 1966	Proposed amendments: Sec. II DEFEATED 121-Yes 169-No Sec. III ? Sec. IV 108-Yes 181-No DEFEATED Sec. IX 132-Yes 147-No DEFEATED Sec. X women's right to hold office 146-Yes 140-No ADOPTED Sec. XII in event Council is postponed Council shall meet on the third Saturday of the month 158-Yes 129-No ADOPTED
Sept. 12, 1978	Proposed amendments: Sec. I Staggered 4-year terms for Councillors ADOPTED Sec. X Lower voting age to 18 years of age DEFEATED Sec. X Qualifications of the President . . . enrolled . . . attained age of thirty . . . resided on the Cattaraugus or Allegany reservation for one (1) year ADOPTED
Apr. 26, 1980	Proposed amendment: Sec. 10 voter registration, [include] referendums, eligible to any office, [include] Oil Springs, President must have been an elected Councillor 143 "in favor" 272 "against" DEFEATED
Dec. 8, 1987	Proposed amendments: Sec. I election reform Sec. II impeachment of judges Sec. III judicial vacancies Sec. IV courts Sec. IX except judges Sec. XIII delete constitution of the United States or of the State of New York 228 no – 168 yes DEFEATED
Aug. 29, 1992	Proposed amendments: Sec: IV question #1 est. appellate court 167 yes-55 no ADOPTED Question #2 separate judicial elections 177 yes-50 no ADOPTED Question #3 4-year staggered judicial terms 172 yes-56 no ADOPTED Question #4 clarify jurisdiction of courts over non-Indians 175 yes-53 no ADOPTED Question #5 eliminate requirements to follow US or NYS laws 139 yes-84 no ADOPTED ADOPTED

Vote for The Jeremy Keyes Band, Jeremy Keyes & JJ White!

The Jeremy Keyes Band has been nominated for Top Traditional Blues Band for the WNY “2019 Buffalo Night-Life Music & Club Awards.” Jeremy has been nominated for Top Blues Harmonica while JJ has picked up 2 nominations for Top Blues Male Vocalist & Top Blues guitarist.

You can come out to support and network with local musicians and representatives of bars/ restaurants around WNY on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at the Cove, located at 4701 Transit Rd., Depew, NY and listen as they announce the winners!

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Nonagenarian Seneca Woman Shares Her Life Experiences

By Beverly Kehe-Rowland | Dec 16, 2019 | Reprinted from www.post-journal.com

Anna Miller was born into the Printup Family on Oct. 6, 1929, in Red House. The fourth child and the only girl of six children, she was delivered by her grandmother, who was a midwife. Her father had worked on the Pennsylvania Railroad, as did his father, but left that job around 1926 to work at Allegany State Park, which was closer to their home on Bay State Road. He built the house, barn and some out buildings on a property across the creek from his father’s home.

The 90-year-old has an excellent memory and vividly recalls her third birthday and the eyelet and muslin dress her mother made for her, a dress that was to be saved for Sundays. Sunday was regarded as a day to rest after a week of hard work. One Sunday her



grandfather, a man of whom she had high regard, came to take her to church in her beautiful new dress. There had been enough rain to create a large puddle across which her father had place some boards for safe, dry crossing.

“I stepped off the back steps and couldn’t resist jumping into the puddle,” she said. “I love water and it was like that was what that puddle was there for.”

She remembers sitting in the dirty water and her grandfather taking her back into the house, but doesn’t remember being reprimanded.

“We never knew the hard hand of our mother or father or grandfather, but we knew the look,” she said.

She was one of about 16 students, all of which were native American, who attended Red House School No. 3. On the small child’s first day of school, as she was speaking to a friend in Seneca, the language she spoke in her home, she felt pain in her little hand. The pain was caused by a wooden rod wielded by her non-Indian teacher.

“He shook his finger at me and told me never to speak Seneca again,” she said. “My brothers didn’t tell me I

wasn’t supposed to speak it at school. We were looked at as vile heathens. We’re still trying to get over that feeling. Our young people have become strong and don’t go looking for trouble, but won’t be pushed down.”

She has played piano from an early age and began lessons when she was five-and-a-half-years old.

“I was like a sponge,” she said. “I went to fourth and fifth grade at Tunesassa Friends School, a Quaker boarding school at the former Quaker Bridge, which went with our biggest heartache, the Kinzua Dam.”

She studied music under one of the professors at the school. From sixth grade, her education was completed in Salamanca, where she took typing, shorthand, bookkeeping, accounting, basic law, Spanish and French classes.

“In ’38 and ’39 there was grumblings of war. Many relatives went into the service because they had no work,” she said. “I’ll never forget Dec. 7, 1941, the attack on Pearl Harbor, as long as I live. My parents had gone to shop. I remember hearing on the radio that America had gone to war.”

After graduation in 1948, she went to Fredonia State College

to study music, but left after one year because she found instead of learning music, she was being educated to teach school, something in which she had no interest. She returned home for the summer. The next 18 months found her living in a girl’s dorm while attending Jamestown Business College, where she took business courses including business law I, speed shorthand and typing.

“This is where I learned how to get along with people who weren’t native.”

She returned home, knowing she needed to support herself, as she had been brought up to understand. She had a job at Allegany State Park when she was 15, where she walked up to six miles each morning, but was able to catch a ride home with her father at the end of a long day. Her mother left the teenager with four dollars of her \$15 pay. Today she understands why it was done and knows her mother was preparing her to make her way in life.

After finishing business school, she took a job in Olean with Max Andrews Outdoor Advertising and was able to ride to and from work each day with her father, who by this time had taken a job for a contractor in Allegany. One day after she and (Continued on page 23)

a coworker had finished lunch at a diner, they decided to stop by a nearby Navy recruiting office. The young women returned to work after their break as inductees of the United States Navy.

“We took the oath,” she said.

Two weeks later she boarded a train to Waukegan, Illinois for four weeks of basic training. As she was nearing the end of the training and about to return home for a fourteen-day leave, her mother called asking what she had done wrong. The FBI had visited the tiny community of Red House to ask about her. Unsuspecting family members and friends did not realize a background check was taking place.

She met Herman Miller, who was in the Air Force, the night before she left Waukegan and ran into him again on the train on her way home the next day. The Air Force Tech Sergeant took the seat next to Miller after her friend had gotten off in Jamestown. In the time it took to get to her stop in Olean, they had exchanged contact information and he had invited her to come to Waverly, just 150 miles from her parents’ home in Red House. Two days later she was once again on a train, this time headed for Waverly. The couple became Mr. and Mrs. Herman Miller a week later.

After the leave, the 21-year-old was on her way to Seattle, Wash., where she was to be employed with the Thirteenth Naval Intelligence District. Her husband had been transferred to Pensacola, Fla., to further his flight training, where she joined him after her discharge a year later.

Herman took his family with him to every assignment, both in the states and abroad. While living in England, his wife learned the Brits had heard negative stories about the American Indian and made it her main goal to prove she was as good as the others.

“I have no desire to travel, because I’ve been all over the

world,” she said. “I lived in 22 states. My husband took his family wherever he went.”

On April 6, 1967, about three weeks before the pilot was due to retire and after 15 years of marriage, he was shot down over Vietnam. Miller was left to raise three children by herself. The 37-year-old mother moved her family to Salamanca, where she found more sadness.

“I watched my elders die, even though there was nothing wrong with them,” she said. “They were going to lose their homes to the dam.”

Her father and the president of the Seneca Nation had gone to the first Seneca relocation hearings in Washington, D.C. in 1927 and 40 years later, he was sitting on his porch on the day they came to burn his house. He stopped visiting with people after the dam flooded his property. His wife passed away at the age of 53 with a broken heart at the thought of losing her beautiful home and property.

“She grieved to death,” said Miller. “We were not even considered human.”

This was not Miller’s first experience with the effects of imminent domain. She saw it take land from farmers near McGuire AFB in New Jersey when the base’s runway needed expansion to accommodate the new C-148 planes.

“I’ve seen so much ugliness. I’m not bitter, I’m sad,” she said. “They came from Europe where they had troubles. They treated us like they were treated.”

Miller retired from United States Government Services when she was 41, after 20 years of service. Many of those years took place on the various bases near where her husband was stationed and she completed her service commuting to Buffalo after returning to New York. Finding herself bored one year after retirement, she went back to school to become a nurse. Her nursing career took her to jobs in Olean and Elmira and

Erie,Pa., Edinboro, Pa., and Bradford, Pa.

Over the years she has taken several theological courses. She now keeps busy volunteering with her Seneca people and attending meetings, never sitting idle, because she was taught to never sit down with nothing in her hands. She always has a knitting or crocheting project in the works. Her family taught her trustworthiness, clean mind and spirit and faithfulness.

“We depend on that to get us where we want to go. We have high integrity,” she said. “My life is not just one thing or two things. I’ve been raised to believe we don’t show pride and be who you are under the Creator.”

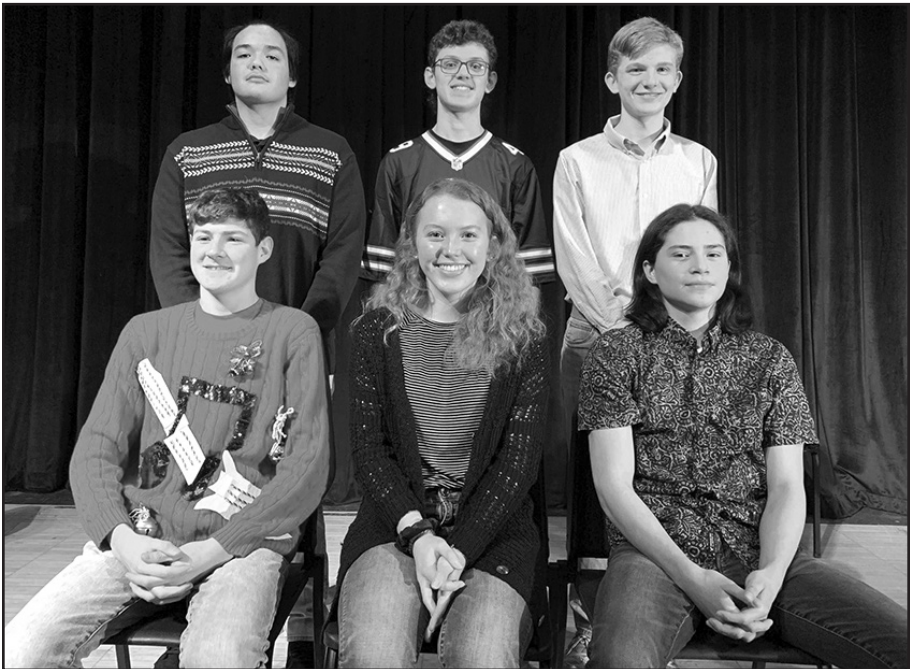
“There has not been a day I had been able to play until complete retirement at age 76,” she added.

Source: <https://www.post-journal.com/news/page-one/2019/12/nonagenarian-seneca-woman-shares-her-life-experiences/>

Salamanca "TAPS" New Students Into National Honor Society

*By Michala K Redeye,
TOSA Native American Program Coordinator,
Salamanca City Central School District*

December 20, 2019 - Salamanca High School held their annual National Honor Society “tapping” ceremony. This is where we “tap” new members into the Salamanca Chapter of the National Honor Society of Secondary Schools, under the sponsorship and supervision of the National Association of Secondary School principals. The purpose of the NHS is to create enthusiasm for scholarships, stimulate a desire to render service, promote leadership, and to develop character in its members. The NHS was regarded from its inception as a concrete way to promote high academic standards and an instrument for the betterment of the individual and the school. Current members of our organization, tapped last year have completed one full year of satisfactory membership. To maintain their membership in NHS, these students have been required to keep their cumulative average above 89.5%; to participate in at least one group sponsored service project and at least one individual service project, to continue to demonstrate and strengthen their leadership skills, and to continue to demonstrate good character traits (Continued on page 24)



*Standing L to R: Amos Whitcomb, Eric Murphy, Cole Johnson.
Seated L to R: Reece Redeye-Despocito, Maeghan Collins,
Carson Redeye.*

TAPS

both inside and outside of school.

This year, the current National Honor Society members have already sponsored one group service project. After raising almost \$450 in monetary donations, they sponsored a family to help make Christmas brighter for a family in need.

And, we will soon be joining individuals from all over the nation to, once again, raise money for The Leukemia Lymphoma Society with the Pennies for Patients Drive.

At the beginning of the month, several juniors were notified that they met the initial scholarship requirement for NHS membership. The initial academic eligibility requirement is an unweighted, cumulative average of at least 89.5%. Next, the cumulative, first marking period averages, as well as individual averages of core courses were closely reviewed.

Scholarship, however, is only the first qualification for membership. Members in the National Honor Society are expected to demonstrate not only high academic standards, but also the attributes of leadership, service, and good character. Therefore, each of the students who met the initial academic requirement was given an activity sheet to complete detailing extra- curricular activities, community activities, and service projects that could demonstrate ability in these areas. In addition to completing the activity sheet, students were required to submit a one page, typed personal statement on one of the topics: leadership, service to others, or character. Another key component of the selection process is the faculty rating. All members of the faculty who have knowledge of the candidates rate them in the areas of responsibility, attitude toward their peers and their teachers, leadership capabilities, and character. A faculty selection

committee, consisting of five members in addition to us advisors, closely reviews the student activity sheets, the faculty rating scores, the students’ transcripts, and the first marking period report cards. It was with much honor to “tap” the newest members into the National Honor Society today.

National Honor Society Advisors:
Lynn Magiera
Michala Redeye
Brittney Jimerson

Current members:
Jordan Ray, Nizhoni Kennedy, Aly Hill, Emma Fiske, Kohl Ambuske, Justin Blakeslee, Dylan Wheeler, Dennis Cogley Jr.

New members:
Carson Redeye, Amos Whitcomb, Maeghan Collins, Eric Murphy, Reece Redeye-Despocito, Cole Johnson

Gowanda helps Blue Star Mothers
Ja:goh Tia Thompson, Trinity "Bee" Jensen, Shelby Weston & Meredith Wheeler.
Reprinted from www.observertoday.com

Gowanda Central School District is grateful to all those who donated to the recent Blue Star Mothers holiday care package collection for deployed soldiers. The cheerleaders sorted the contributions — 153 pounds of goods and \$421 in cash — for delivery. Cards and letters created by our students were cherished by the military members unable to be home for the holidays. Collection boxes were placed in the elementary, middle and high school clerical main offices and clerical staff facilitated and collected the cash donations from staff via a “Jeans Day” event. The funds collected helped to ship 28 care packages.



Additional SCCSD News
Title 6 Grant Money used to Jumpstart Beading in MacArthur' Art Room

Michala Redeye, Native American Program Director, helped support the Native American culture and the Arts by using Title 6 grant money to purchase the supplies to jump start beading in Mrs. MacArthur art room. The students have embraced this skill and have made earrings, pins, peyote stitch lanyards, and medallions.

Students pictured are Marla Warrior, Brooke Kettle, and Ryleigh John.

Family Engagement Program

Submitted by Native Connections—BHU Prevention

We hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday! It’s always exciting to say hello to the New Year and to think of all the great ways you can improve yourself. But have you ever wondered about how you could improve someone else, by being a positive influence in their life? January is National Mentoring Month, which is the perfect opportunity to learn more about how you can impact a young person’s life.

The research shows that if a youth has one positive adult presence in their life that they are more likely to achieve better grades, graduate high school, and make healthy choices. But what does a mentor look like exactly? Well it can be as simple as helping a youth learn to set goals for themselves or teaching them basic skills that they can use later in life. It’s really about creating that trusting relationship with the youth and giving them the

foundation for a healthy and successful future.

There are mentor programs around the area that you can look into or you can look within your own community for any youth that might not have that positive presence in their life and see how you can make an impact. You have the ability to really make a difference in someone else’s life. For more information about opportunities to service youth in the community or about the Native Connections program, contact a Prevention Specialist at 716.532.5583 or 716.954.9001.

We hope that you have a great and healthy start to the New Year!



Unifying Seneca Nation communities, systems and resources so our youth and families are protected against suicide and substance misuse.



Check us out online for more information about our prevention team, events, programs, and the Youth Clubhouse!

Cattaraugus CHWC
36 Thomas Indian School Drive
716•532•5583

Allegany LRJHC
987 R.C. Hoag Drive
716•945•9001

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Simply HR ~ November

New Hires

Andrea Spako
Exercise Specialist, LRJHC
November 4, 2019

Jamie Billings
Prevention/Aftercare Specialist, LRJHC
November 12, 2019

Transfers

Allen Ward
Clinical Services Supervisor, CHWC
November 4, 2019

Teresa Montour
Certified Coder, CHWC
November 4, 2019

Teri Cowles
Medical Administrative Assistant, LRJHC
November 20, 2019

Congratulations on your new positions!

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
J	 * Allegany Events are in Blue * Cattaraugus Events are in Green * Both Locations are in Brown *Activities may be subject to change without prior notification.		1 Closed HAPPY NEW YEAR	2 Closed~ Administrative Day	3
A	6	7	8 LRJHC/CIRHC Pharmacies CLOSED 12:30-1 p.m. for Staff Meeting	9 Friends of Friends group 1-2 p.m. LRJHC Grand Room Family Olympics Night 5:30-7:30 p.m. LRJHC Grand Room	10
N	13	14	15 LRJHC/CIRHC Pharmacies CLOSED 12:30-1 p.m. for Staff Meeting FEP Language Class 5:30-7:30 p.m. LRJHC Grand Rm.	16 Friends of Friends group 1-2 p.m. LRJHC Grand Rm. SSI/SSD Assistance w/Steve Patrick at LRJHC BHU, Appt. required LIFE Group 5-6 p.m. LRJHC Wellness Room Family Olympics Night 5:30-7:30 p.m. CHWC Grand Room	17
O	20	21	22 LRJHC/CIRHC Pharmacies CLOSED 12:30-1 p.m. for Staff Meeting	23 ASIST Suicide Prevention Workshop 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. CHWC Grand Room Friends of Friends group 1-2 p.m. LRJHC Grand Rm.	24 ASIST Suicide Prevention Workshop 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. CHWC Grand Room Bloodmobile 11 a.m.-3 p.m. LRJHC Grand Room
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Healthy Winter Vegetables

Submitted by Robin Crouse, Health Educator, LRJHC

Eating in season is a breeze in the spring and summer, but can be very challenging when the cold weather sets in. However, did you know that some vegetables could survive the cold, even under a blanket of snow? These are winter vegetables.

These cold-hardy vegetables can withstand frosty temperatures due to the higher amount of sugar they contain. The sugar found in the water of winter vegetables causes them to freeze at a lower point, which allows them to survive in cold weather.

Additionally, this process results in the cold-hardy vegetables tasting sweeter in the cooler months, making winter the optimal time for harvest. Let’s look at 10 of the healthiest winter vegetables and why you should include them in your diet.

1. KALE – Kale is a cold-hardy leafy green vegetable that contains an impressive amount of vitamins, minerals and antioxidants.
2. BRUSSEL SPROUTS – Brussel sprouts are packed with nutrients and are especially rich in vitamin K. They are high in alpha-lipoic acid, an antioxidant that may benefit people with diabetes.
3. CARROTS – Carrots thrive in colder weather. They are packed with vitamin A and powerful antioxidants that may help protect against certain diseases like prostate and breast cancer.
4. SWISS CHARD – Swiss chard is very low in calories yet packed with vitamins and minerals. It also contains antioxidants that may reduce the risk of heart disease.
5. PARSNIPS – Similar in appearance to carrots, parsnips are highly nutritious root vegetables that contain an impressive amount of soluble fiber, which is linked to many health benefits.
6. COLLARD GREENS – Collard greens have a slightly bitter flavor and are packed with nutrients. They are especially high in calcium and vitamin

- K which are important for healthy bones.
7. RUTABAGAS – Rutabagas are a root vegetable that is an excellent source of vitamin C and potassium which plays a key role in controlling blood pressure.
 8. RED CABBAGE – Red cabbage is packed with nutrients including vitamins A, C and K. It also contains anthocyanins, which protect against heart disease.
 9. RADISHES – Radishes are an excellent source of vitamins B and C as well as potassium. Additionally, they contain isothiocyanates, which may have cancer-fighting abilities.
 10. PARSLEY – Parsley is a cold-tolerant green that’s rich in nutrients. It also contains the plant compound luteolin, which may promote brain health.

These cold-hardy vegetables make it possible to fill your diet with seasonal, nutrient packed produce all winter long.

While any vegetable from this list would make a highly nutritious addition to your diet, there are many other winter vegetables that make great choices as well. Ex: Squashes

After all, adding any fresh produce to your diet will go a long way toward promoting your health.

*Source: Healthline

SNHS Provider Spotlight



Timothy Smith, is the Doctor of Chiropractic, located at the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Health Center. He has been with the health system since January of 2019.

We asked him what he likes best about his job and he said “helping patients work through their pain and disability without having to rely on medications or surgeries. Working with the rest of the team to accomplish the same goals.”

He grew up in Chautauqua County (Sheridan and Arkwright). Timothy attended the State University at Buffalo and New York Chiropractic College. He earned a bachelor of arts in biological sciences and (DC) Doctor of Chiropractic.

We asked what he likes to do in his spare time. He says “Be outside!...gardening, camping, running, hiking, and hunting.”

Additional information he’d like to add: he says “I have been a Chiropractor in solo practice in Derby, NY for 17 years. I have lived in Hamburg for 14 years with my wife and daughter.”

Thank you Dr. Smith for sharing some of your background with us!

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Erie County Sheriff’s Office
Domestic Violence Unit
716-858-7063 or
716-532-8223 ext. 3145

You can reach us here:
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716-945-5894
Community Health
and Wellness Center
716-532-8223
Cattaraugus Indian Reservation
Health Center
716-532-5582

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF BARRY E. SNYDER, SR.

Executor: Julie L. Brant,
397 Herr Rd., Angola, NY 14006
~ Cattaraugus Territory - Final Notice ~

ESTATE OF GARY W. NEPHEW, SR.

Executor: Marie Nephew,
P.O. Box 168, Versailles, NY 14168
~ Cattaraugus Territory - Final Notice ~

ESTATE OF MICHAEL GIOFREDDA

Executor: Arlette Giofredda,
P.O. Box 252, Collins, NY 14034
~ Cattaraugus Territory - 2nd Notice ~

ESTATE OF PAUL A. PIERCE

Executor: Betty K. Pierce,
13174 Route 438, Gowanda, NY 14070
~ Cattaraugus Territory - 2nd Notice ~

ESTATE OF ARTHUR HILL

Administrator: Lisa Powless,
8004 Old Route 17, Salamanca, NY 14779
~ Cattaraugus Territory - 1st Notice ~

Seneca Nation of Indians
SURROGATE’S COURT,
Cattaraugus & Allegany Territory

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedents, that all persons having claims against the decedents are required to file them with the appropriate Surrogate’s Court, at the Allegany/Cattaraugus Territory. You are also required to mail or deliver a copy to the Administrator/Executor. This notice shall serve to notify creditors that they have ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the first publication of the notice to present their claims to the Administrator/Executor or the Clerk, and the estate may pay only those claims presented. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

Next Newsletter DEADLINE:

Tuesday, January 21, 2020
Next issue to be dated January 31, 2020

CCC: Breaking Out the Sticks
Jr. Lacrosse Tournament

March 20th - 22nd, 2020
Gil Lay Arena

Ages 16-21 | 20 Player Roster | \$400 Team Entry Fee



Rising Legends (29 & under),
Future Legends (30-39)
Legends (40 & up)

Team rosters and entry fee
due by March 16th.

For more information,
contact Grant Stevens at
(716) 532-8450.

NOTICE TO APPEAR

Notice from the Surrogate Court

ATTENTION: HAROLD E. SMITH

THE SNI SURROGATE COURT FOR CATTARAUGUS INDIAN TERRITORY WILL HOLD COURT PROCEEDINGS IN THE MATTER OF PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION (LAND IN PINEWOODS) REGARDING THE ESTATE OF JANICE E. SMITH, on **Friday, January 31, 2020 at 2:00pm** at the Judicial Court Building, 2 Thomas Indian School Drive, Irving, New York, 14081 located on the 1st floor.

Submitted on behalf of the Administrator, Terry L. Smith

ATTENTION: JON CAMPBELL

THE SNI SURROGATE COURT FOR CATTARAUGUS INDIAN TERRITORY WILL HOLD COURT PROCEEDINGS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID R. JIMERSON, on **Friday, January 31, 2020 at 3:00pm** at the Judicial Court Building, 2 Thomas Indian School Drive, Irving, New York, 14081 located on the 1st floor.

Submitted on behalf of the Administrator, Scott A. Snyder

FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CALL THE
SURROGATE COURT CLERK, NADINE MARACLE OR
MEAKA GARLOW AT (716) 532-4900, EXT. 5486/5492

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Custodial Evaluators (2)

For Allegany & Cattaraugus Peacemaker Courts
Contract position until September 30, 2020

Deadline for submission extended to:
January 31, 2020

Full RFP & description duties can be viewed on www.sni.org

IBA 60th Annual Spring Singles
Tournament
April 4, 2020

Where: AMF Strike N Spare
1777 Brewerton Rd., Syracuse, NY 13211

Banquet: Comfort Inn & Suites
6701 Buckle Rd., Syracuse, NY 13212

Cost: \$40 (Guest is \$30)
Application Deadline is
March 14, 2020

Contact Sherry Dowdy for applications



First half of registration fee is \$115 and is due at the next meeting for those still needing to pay.

CATTARAUGUS COMMUNITY CENTER
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1ST, 2ND, 3RD PLACE CASH PRIZES

400.00 TEAM ENTRY FEE

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Calendar

The remainder of

January

2020



Feel free to contribute your events, classes or meetings to sninews@sni.org. **Nya:wëh.**

Allegany Territory		Cattaraugus Territory	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Puzzles 11am, Scrabble 1pm, Card Games 3pm, Valentine Wreath 5pm- (S-REC): Center open 7:30am-6pm	Friday 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- (WINI K): Coffee Hour 8am, Pool 10am, Puzzles 11am, Sewing 1pm, Painting 3pm, Fish Fry 4pm- (CCC): Cornhole League 7pm	Friday 17
	Saturday 18		Saturday 18
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Puzzles 11am, Scrabble 1pm, Card Games 3pm, Coloring 5pm- (ACC): Warrior Games Lacrosse Tournament	Sunday 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- (WINI K): Coffee Hour 10am, Sewing 12pm, Football & Snacks 1pm, Sewing 3pm, Beading 4pm, Puzzles 6pm- (CCC): Big Bear Hockey Agility Training 11am-1pm, Co-Ed Youth Bball Practice 9am	Sunday 19
	Monday 20		Monday 20
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Seneca Language 11am, Potluck & Bingo 1pm, Scrabble 4pm- (ACC): Pickleball Training in Gym 10am- (S-REC): Pickleball in Gym 6-8pm*	Tuesday 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- (WINI K): Coffee Hour 8am, Pool 10am, Puzzles 11am, Sewing 1pm, Beading 3pm, Potluck & Bingo 5pm- (CCC): Parisi Total Conditioning 5-6pm, Western Door Hockey 6-7pm- Alcoholic Anonymous Meeting @ American Legion Post 1587 8pm, call 532.8456 for info.	Tuesday 21
	Wednesday 22		Wednesday 22
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Tea Time 11am, Scrabble 1pm, Puzzles 3pm, Dart Challenge 5pm- (ACC): Pickleball Training in Gym 10am, Men's Bball League 6-9pm- (S-REC): Elders Coffee Hour 9-10:30am*- Recovery on the Rez (FMC Basement) 7:30-9pm	Thursday 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- (WINI K): Coffee Hour 8am, Cards 10am, Puzzles 11am, Seasonal Craft 1pm, Sewing/Beading 3pm, Snack & Games 4pm- (CCC): Parisi Total Conditioning 5-6pm, Zumba w/ Corbett 6:30pm, 3v3 Minor Mayhem Lax League (Tyke & Novice) @ Gil Lay 7pm, Big Bear Hockey Agility Training 8-9:30pm	Thursday 23
	Friday 24		Friday 24
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Puzzles 11am, Scrabble 1pm, Fish Fry 3pm, Coloring 5pm- (S-REC): Center open 7:30am-6pm*	Saturday 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- (WINI K): Coffee Hour 8am, Pool 10am, Puzzles 11am, Sewing 1pm, Painting 3pm, Fish Fry 4pm- (CCC): Cornhole League 7pm	Saturday 25
	Sunday 26		Saturday 25
*Will be CANCELED if during Mid-Winter Ceremonies		<ul style="list-style-type: none">- (WINI K): Coffee Hour 10am, Sewing 12pm, Movie & Snacks 1pm, Sewing 3pm, Beading 4pm, Puzzles 6pm- (CCC): Western Door Hockey 10-11am	

ACC = Allegany Community Center	CCC = Cattaraugus Community Center	A-LIB = Allegany Library	C-LIB = Catt. Library	A-ELDERS = Seneca Allegany Elders Center	S-REC = Steamburg Recreation Department	WINI K = Wini Kettle Elder Center	C-EDU = Catt. Education	NRAG = Native Roots Artists Guild	FMC = Free Methodist Church	WSB = William Seneca Building
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Ja:goh Marie Watt

Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art has announced the acquisitions of four new works – all by contemporary female artists – to be part of the museum's permanent collection.

The acquisitions include a work by Amy Sherald titled *Precious jewels by the sea* (2019), *Companion Species* (*Speech Bubble*) (2019) by Marie Watt, *Untitled* (*Mlle Bourgeoise Noire*) (1980-83/2009) by Lorraine O'Grady, and *She Gives* (*Quiet Strength V*) (2019) by Dyani White Hawk.

“These acquisitions demonstrate Crystal Bridges’ commitment to developing an inclusive American art collection—and exhibition program,”

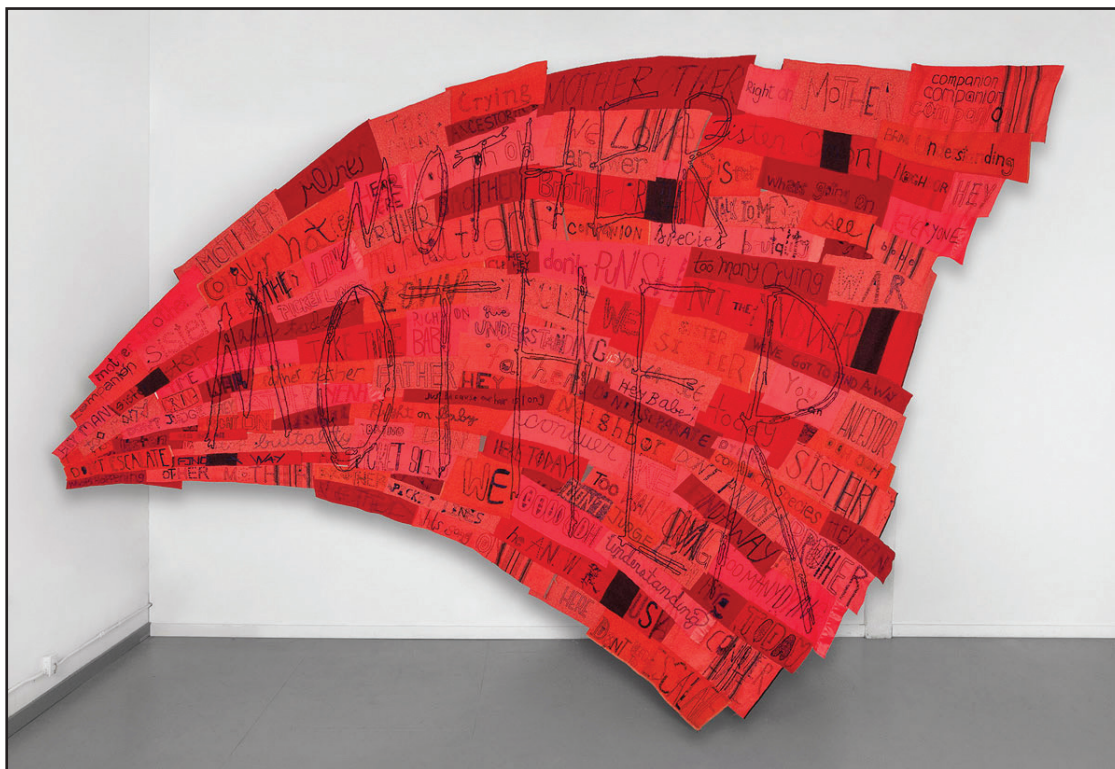


Photo: Marie Watt, Companion Species (Speech Bubble), 2019. Reclaimed wool blankets, embroidery floss, and thread. 136 5/8 in. × 198 1/2 in.

history, many of whom are introduced to Crystal Bridges audiences through our exhibitions.”

Artist Marie Watt, a member of the Seneca Nation, is best known for her *Blanket Stories*, works that “interweave Indigenous knowledge, intercultural exchange, and personal biographies.” Her works are part of the permanent collections of the Denver Art Museum, National Museum of the American Indian, Seattle Art Museum, and the Albright-Knox Art Gallery.

said Austen Barron Bailly, chief curator, Crystal Bridges. “We made great strides in 2019 by organizing and presenting exhibitions that featured artists from a wide

range of backgrounds, including female artists of color such as Amy Sherald; *Men of Steel*, *Women of Wonder*; and *Art for a New Understanding: Native Voices 1950s to Now*.

Looking ahead to a new decade, we are excited to continue to highlight the contributions of underrepresented artists to American art

Companion Species (Speech Bubble) (2019) was made of embroidered reclaimed blankets and thread by participants at various Crystal Bridges events, the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Art Center of the Ozarks in Springdale, and the Cherokee Arts Center in Tahlequah, Oklahoma in the fall of 2018. The work is more than 11 feet high, and 16 feet long, and is scheduled to be on view in the fall of 2020.

Source: https://www.fayettevilleflyer.com/2020/01/03/crystal-bridges-announces-four-additions-to-permanent-collection/?fbclid=IwAR3fAS7PsrfVYk4GyTeZMVKiOLrXkEUpj_uki2p-8Nl7K-C4UcGDNV6Veos

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The family of JUNE CROUSE JONES would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, food and kind expressions of sympathy shown following her passing.



Your support at this time
was very much appreciated and a great comfort to all the family.

**Yours Truly,
The Crouse, Jones, Kettle and Leroy Families**

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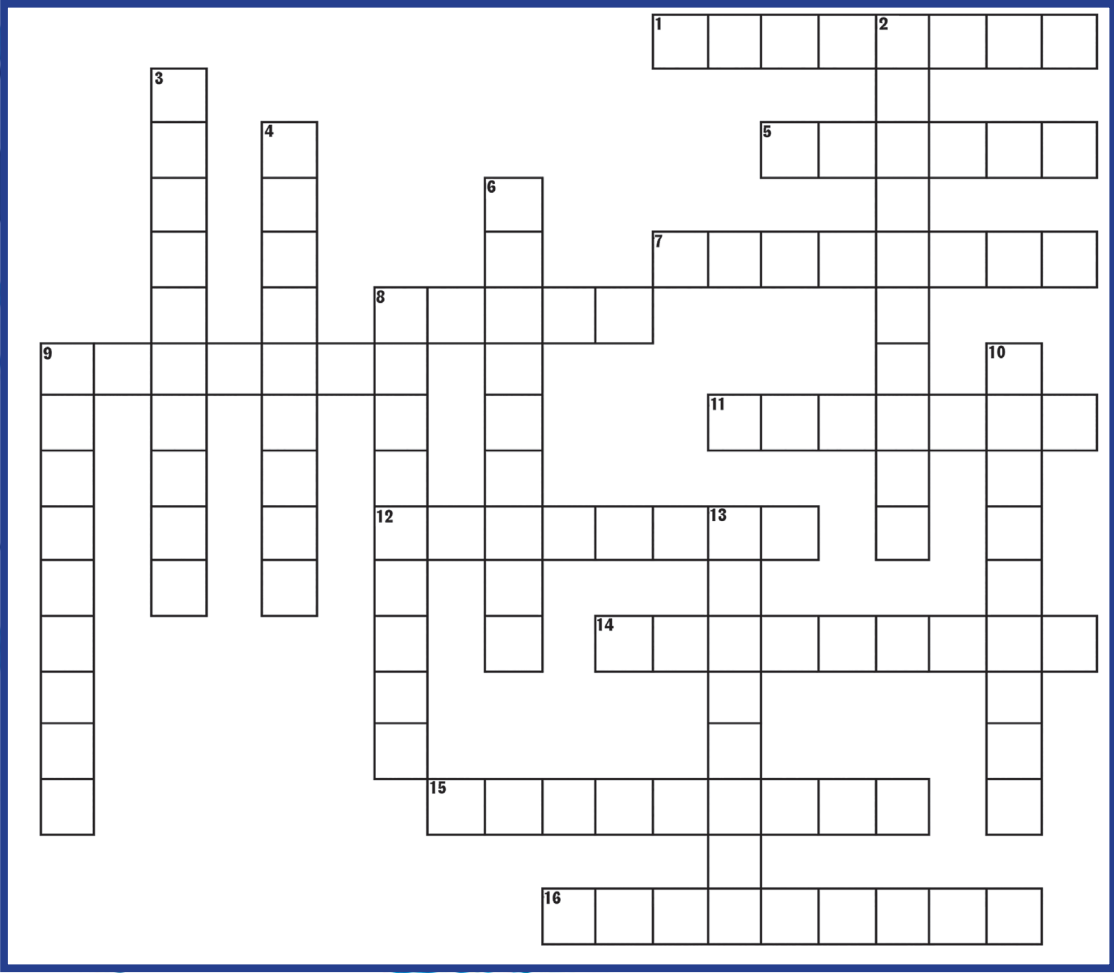
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Snow, Snow, Snow

CROSSWORD



ACROSS:

- 1. A piece of winter clothing that keeps children warm and dry as they play in the snow.
- 5. It _____ last night.
- 7. A rounded handful of snow that may be thrown.
- 8. The adjective form of snow (as in "Stopping by the Woods on a _____ Evening")
- 9. A person made of snow.
- 11. Look outside! It's _____.
- 12. The absence of snow. ("It's been a _____ winter."
- 14. A flat object that people use to travel in surf-like position down hills of snow.
- 15. A single piece of snow.
- 16. A type of winter storm.

DOWN:

- 2. A tool people use to remove snow from sidewalks.
- 3. A vehicle that may be driven across snow.
- 4. A machine that creates artificial snow.
- 6. Something people use to help them walk across snow.
- 8. A landscape covered with snow.
- 9. An avalanche of snow.
- 10. A large bank of snow.
- 13. A machine used to remove snow from roads.