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A message from President Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.



Greetings!

The first of four scheduled Seneca Nation Constitutional Reform public comment listening sessions took place on November 14th, in the Allegany Council Chambers; and the second session took place on November 25th, in the Cattaraugus Council Chambers. The last revision(s) to our Constitution took place over twenty-six (26) years ago. Since then, there have been reform committees established, but they did not result in revisions to the Constitution. The listening sessions have been organized for the Constitutional Reform Panel to be available to accept oral public comments from all Seneca members whom would

like to comment. I would like to stress how important it is that our members take full advantage of the opportunity to include your voice in this process and make comments about revisions to our Seneca Nation Constitution. Each written and oral public comment collected will become archival material, which documents this important historical event, for future reference. I would also like to encourage any of our members whom live away from our territories, and can't be present for the listening sessions, to send in your written comments, as well. There are two more public comment listening sessions scheduled for Monday, December 9th, in the Allegany Council Chambers and on December 18th, in the Cattaraugus Council Chambers. Both sessions will be from 6pm to 8pm. The deadline to submit written comments is Friday, January 3rd, 2020, and they can be sent to Millicent Proud, or my staff, by email at: millicent.proud@ sni.org or mailed to her at: 90 Ohi:yo' Way; Salamanca, NY 14779.

I would like to recognize Tia Thompson, a Gowanda Central School senior, for her successful request that the Gowanda Central School Board allow Native American students to have a choice to wear traditional attire when they graduate. Dressed in her traditional attire, she described for the school board, the different basketball player and Junior, attending

pieces which are combined to create outfits for men and women. Tia talked about cultural diversity, the importance of cultural identity. She noted that 26% of Gowanda students are of Native descent and 34% of the graduating class of 2020 have Native American heritage. Tia shared the importance of wearing her traditional regalia for her mother, her grandmother and especially her great-grandmother, who was a Thomas Indian School survivor. She did a great job of doing her research, delivering facts and connecting her request directly to her family and her culture. Congratulations Tia – on a job well done!



I would also like to congratulate Rae White,

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



State University of New York at Fredonia. On Friday, November 22nd, Rae led her team, the Blue Devils, to victory over Medaille College. Final score was 65-49, with Rae scoring 19 points. She is the daughter of Bethany Lay and Keith White. Rae attended Lake Shore High School, where she played basketball, volleyball and lacrosse; then played one season of basketball at Buffalo State. She is majoring in Psychology at SUNY Fredonia. Keep up the excellent work Rae!

Respectfully, Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.



NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE



Bethany Johnson, Clerk ALLEGANY TERRITORY



CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

The Clerk's Office has new business hours. We will be 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

PLEASE REMEMBER TO STOP INTO OUR OFFICE TO COMPLETE YOUR ANNUAL REGISTRATION!

WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 2,200 MEMBERS NOT

Marta Kettle, Deputy Clerk CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY

REGISTERED!!

THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATIONS IS THE LAST BUSINESS DAY IN 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:

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NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE

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

CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE SETUP AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS TO IN-TAKE REGISTRATIONS:

December 7th	9am- 3pm	ECLC Christmas Bazaar @ CCC	A COMPANY AND A
December 14th	8am-12pm	Clerk's Office will be open (Both Territories)	
December 14th	12pm-4pm	Holiday Party @ Buffalo Resource Center	
December 18th	11am-3pm	Elders Holiday Luncheon@ Allegany Casino	
December 31st	_TBD_	Allegany & Cattaraugus Community Center New Center Event	Year's Eve Event. Buffalo Resource

DIRECT DEPOSIT OF ANNUITY AND/OR ELDERS PAYMENTS

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

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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.

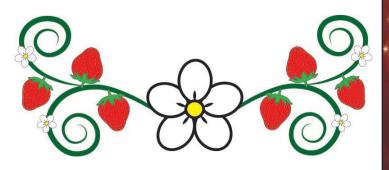
SEEKING ORGANIZATIONS TO SERVE COUNCIL

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 Adrianne Cook in the Allegany Clerk's Office 945-1790 ext. 3036

NEXT COUNCIL SESSION WILL BE HELD ON THE CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY-



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019 AT 9:30 A.M.



Donations will be given to Families in Need on each Territory Drop Off Bins will be located in each Clerk's Office

Any questions? Please call either Clerk's Office (716) 945-1790 or (716) 532-4900

Seneca Resorts & Casinos and Pegula Sports & Entertainment announce another partnership

Seneca Resorts & Casinos Becomes the "Exclusive Sportsbook Partner of the Buffalo Sabres®"

BUFFALO, N.Y. (November 25, 2019) ---Pegula Sports & Entertainment and Seneca **Resorts & Casinos have** announced an additional partnership this time involving the Buffalo Sabres franchise. Seneca Resorts & Casinos is now the Exclusive Sportsbook Partner of the Buffalo Sabres. Back in August, PSE and Seneca declared Seneca Resorts & Casinos as the Exclusive Casino Partner of the Buffalo Bills. Early in October, the two partners jointly held a press conference opening the Seneca Sports Lounge inside

KeyBank Center. The timing of the exclusive sportsbook partnership comes as Seneca Resorts & Casinos is nearing completion on their Sports Lounges inside their three gaming properties (Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino, Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino, and Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino).

"The Seneca Sports Lounge has become a popular destination for premium ticket holders at KeyBank Center this season," said Dan Misko, Pegula Sports & Entertainment's senior vice president of business development. "We look forward to the opening of the Sports Lounges at Seneca's three properties, which will create another attraction for Bills and Sabres fans. We're proud to continue to work together with Seneca Resorts and Casinos, the official sportsbook partner of the Buffalo Sabres."

"We are so excited to further expand our partnership with Pegula Sports & Entertainment by becoming the Exclusive Sportsbook Partner of the Buffalo Sabres," said Melissa Free, Seneca Gaming Corporation's senior vice president of marketing. "Sportsbook will bring so much more excitement to the fans and Seneca Resorts & Casinos is thrilled to be in the epicenter of all that energy."

Once the Sports Lounges are open, all sports fans will be able to bet on professional football, hockey, basketball, soccer and more with real time odds boards and betting kiosks available 24 hours, 7 days a week at any Seneca Resorts & Casinos location.

Boyz II Men to perform at Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino on February 15th!

Tickets on sale November 22nd At Noon!

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK: (November 19, 2019) Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino will welcome one of the most iconic R&B groups in history when Boyz II Men perform inside the Seneca Niagara Event Center on Saturday, February 15th at 8pm. Tickets go on sale this Friday, November 22nd at Noon!

Boyz II Men redefined popular R&B with a unique sound, impeccable harmony, and a string of smash hits. Since exploding onto the music scene in 1991, Boyz II Men



have created some of the most memorable songs of the past

quarter century, including "Motownphilly," "I'll Make Love to You," "One Sweet Day," "End of the Road," "It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday," and others. Along the way, they became the bestselling R&B group of all-time, selling more than 64 million albums worldwide. The group's numerous awards include four Granny Awards, nine American Music Awards, nine Soul Train Awards, three Billboard Awards, a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, and many more.

Tickets on sale November 22nd at Noon! Tickets start at \$55.

Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino to present Abba The Concert: A Tribute To Abba On February 8th!

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Tickets On Sale November 22nd at Noon!

SALAMANCA, NEW YORK: (November 19, 2019) Relive the glory days of disco at Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino, when Abba The Concert: A Tribute to Abba takes the stage inside the Seneca Allegany Event Center on Saturday, February 8th at 7pm. Tickets go on sale this Friday, November 22nd at Noon. Abba tribute group in the world. You'll be dancing the whole night through!

Abba The Concert has been mesmerizing audiences for over a decade. Having met with audience and critical acclaim, the show brings to life one of the greatest pop music groups of their era with dazzling authenticity. The evening will be brimming with hits including "Mamma Mia," "The Winner Takes It All," "Waterloo," "Dancing Queen," and many, many more. Revel in the music and showmanship that made Abba a true phenomenon, with the top

Tickets on sale November 22nd at Noon! Tickets start at \$25.



John Sebastian, Debby Boone to light up The Bear's Den Showroom in February!

Tickets On Sale November 22nd At Noon!

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK: (November 19, 2019) – A pair of iconic voices will soar inside The Bear's Den Showroom at Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino in February. John Sebastian will perform on Saturday, February 8th at 8pm, and Debby Boone takes the stage on Saturday, February 22nd at 8pm. Tickets go on sale this Friday, November 22nd at Noon!

John Sebastian has made an indelible contribution to the fabric of American music. In the mid-1960s, Sebastian was the leader of The Lovin' Spoonful, and helped the group place its first seven singles into the Top 10. The songs include the alltime classics "Do You Believe In Magic?" "Daydream," "Did You Ever Have To Make Up Your Mind?" and "Summer In The City." After leaving The Lovin' Spoonful, Sebastian has enjoyed a long, successful solo career, which includes the hit "Welcome Back," known to millions as the theme song to the popular '70s television show Welcome Back Kotter. Sebastian continues to tour and perform, and has been an incredible influence on generations of singers, songwriters, and guitar and harmonica players. He was inducted into the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame in 2000. Tickets on sale November 22nd at Noon! Tickets start at \$45.

Debby Boone earned instant fame in 1977, when her smash hit "You Light Up My Life" became one of the biggest songs in history, topping the charts for ten straight weeks and selling more than 4 million albums. The song earned Boone the Grammy Award for Best New Artist. Since her skyrocketing breakthrough, Boone has earned two additional Grammy Awards and seven nominations. She has recorded 13 albums and continues to tour and perform for loving audiences across the country. Tickets on sale November 22nd at Noon! Tickets start at \$65.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Seneca Nation receives \$4.3 million USDA grant for broadband network on Cattaraugus territory

Network will serve more than 1,000 homes and businesses Press release by Phil Pantano, Pantano & Associates, L.L.C.

Cattaraugus Territory (Irving, NY) – The Seneca Nation is taking an important step toward closing the digital divide on the Cattaraugus Territory with a major investment from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Nation leaders were joined by USDA officials today to announce a \$4.3 million grant through the USDA's ReConnect Pilot Program. The Nation will use the award, along with its own \$1.5 million investment, to establish a fiber-to-home 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.

"Access to reliable, quality internet service is critical in today's age," said Seneca Nation President Rickey Armstrong, Sr. "There is a severe and unfortunate digital million to USDA to expand broadband infrastructure and services in rural America. USDA received 146 applications for the ReConnect program between May 31, 2019, and July 12, 2019, requesting \$1.4 billion in funding across all three **ReConnect Program funding products:** 100 percent loan, 100 percent grant, and loan-grant combinations. These grants, loans and combination funds enable the federal government to partner with the private sector and rural communities to build modern broadband infrastructure in areas with insufficient internet service. Insufficient service is defined as connection speeds of less than 10 Mbps download and 1 Mbps upload.

Under the grant program, the Seneca Nation, through Seneca Telecommunications, will install 43 miles of aerial fiber across the Cattaraugus Territory. The network will be capable of simultaneous transmission rates of 100 megabits per second (Mbps) or greater. said. "Under the leadership of President Trump and Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue, USDA is committed to being a strong partner to rural communities in deploying this critical infrastructure, because we know when rural America thrives, all of America thrives."

The Seneca network will not only provide internet and voice service to residents of the Cattaraugus Territory, but important community facilities as well, such as the Nation's administration building, the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Volunteer Fire Department, the Early Childhood Learning Center, library, public works and utility departments, community center, and other facilities where the Nation provides important services to the Seneca people. "This service simply doesn't exist in Cattaraugus today," said Seneca Nation Treasurer Matt Pagels. "Geographically, we are only a short drive away from the second-largest city in New York, but digitally, we are generations behind. We are changing that."

divide that exists here, just as it does in rural communities across the country. Our people should not be placed at this severe disadvantage. Bringing this service to Cattaraugus will greatly impact areas like education, healthcare and the overall quality of life for the Seneca people."

In March 2018, Congress provided \$600

"Our core mission at USDA is to increase rural prosperity, and this mission cannot be achieved without addressing the digital divide our rural communities face due to a lack of high-speed broadband internet connection," USDA Deputy Under Secretary for Rural Development Donald "DJ" LaVoy

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Work on the network is expected to take approximately 2-3 years, from engineering and design through construction.



Seneca Nation Official Newsletter goes digital! SNINEWS.ORG is live! Tami Watt, Editor

Sick of waiting for your newsletter in the mail? The Seneca Nation Official Newsletter will now be available online! The site will

Official Newsletter will now be available online! The site will be updated every two weeks to mirror the current edition of the newsletter. Everything that is published in the paper will be online including the president's message, information from the Clerk's Office, AOA menus and calendars, personals and announcements.

By taking the newsletter digital, Seneca members will get their news faster, more efficient and can access on the go. Articles and photos can be shared via social media and email, simply copy and paste the link from the site. Photos can be saved to any digital device with a quick right click and save. All articles submitted to the newsletter by the deadline will available to read, print, share or download from sninews.org.

The Seneca Nation Official Newsletter works cohesively and combines resources with the Seneca Media and Communications Center. Staff for both departments do their best to attend, document and photograph every event sponsored or centered on Seneca Nation activities. Activities covered by Seneca Nation staff will be posted to the Seneca Media's facebook page and published in the Seneca Nation Official Newsletter.

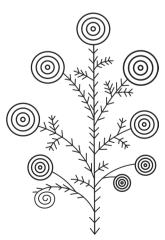
Effective January 17th, if you are 25 years old or younger, you will no longer receive a copy of the printed newsletter in the mail. All content will be available to the public at sninews.org. The site will be updated every two weeks to the most recent edition.

The newsletter will charge for business ads to be placed in print and online. Ads will appear on both and will charge per issue. A half page ad in color will be \$175, for gray scale \$125. A quarter page ad in color will be \$100, for gray scale \$75. Personal ads will accepted for free, however, donations of any amount are greatly appreciated.

If you would like an in depth article for your department or event for publication or want to share your news with us, please call the Seneca Nation Official Newsletter on either territory to make arrangements for an interview and/or coverage. On Ohi:yo' territory, you can reach out to Stephanie Crowley at 716-945-1790 ext. 3029 or Tami Watt at 716-945-1790 ext. 3030. In Ga'degësgëö', please contact Megan Torres at 716-532-4900 ext. 5495.

Nya:wëh!

Submitted by Leanna Leroy



On behalf of the SNI Cattaraugus Tribal Advocate Program, we would like to give a heartfelt "Nya:wëh" to the diabetes foundation, Holly John & Native Pride for their donations of turkey dinners and gift certificates along with the supportive services building staff for their help serving our communities. The Tribal Advocate Program provides help and services low income families as needed. All donations and help are greatly appreciated once again, nya:wëh!

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Services and Programs

Monthly Supplemental Payment Program*Enrolled Seneca*Full-time On-Territory Resident*Age 18-59*Long-term Disability Award

Information and Referral Internal and External Agencies and Programs

Supportive Services- (<u>Per calendar year only</u>) Limited <u>emergency minor home repairs</u> (with a Valid Deed or Bill of sale required), mobility equipment to promote independence, transportation to SSI appointments. (All transports require 1-week notice)

On-site Social Security Representative every last Tuesday each month (Cattaraugus) -claims assistance, benefit advisement, disability advocacy, retirement -OPEN TO THE PUBLIC -Appointment highly recommended, 9am-3pm Disabilities Committee Meet Every 3rd

Wednesday of the month

- Waiver hearings
- Program discussions & needs

Informational Sessions

-Luncheon and Informational Sessions from SN departments as well as outside agency's that can assist in your area. Watch for Flyers for upcoming sessions.

SNOW PLOW WAIVERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE 2020 SEASON. You must sign a new one every year, please stop in to do so. HONEY WAGON IS CLOSING FOR THE SEASON ON 11/18/19

Program Mission

Seneca Nation Disability Services will focus on our members under 60 years of age with disabilities. Our goal is to make our territories disability-friendly and to ensure members receive a quality life.

OFFICE LOCATIONS:

Cattaraugus Territory 210 TIS Dr. Ext. Irving, NY 14081 716-532-4900 Extension 5151 Allegany Territory 83 Wildwood Ave. Salamanca, NY 14779 716-945-8163 Extension 8309 Office Hours: FRIDAYS ONLY from 10:00am- 2:00pm

Mailing Address as follows

Cattaraugus SN Disability Services 12837 Rte. 438 Irving, NY 14081 Allegany SN Disability Services 90 Ohi:yo' Way Salamanca, NY 14779 Director Leanna LeRoy Administrative Assistant Ashley Kettle <u>leanna.leroy@sni.org</u> ashley.kennedy@sni.org

Beaded Bulb Ornament

Class (actual design may very)

December 18th 5:30-7:30pm Education Wing @ ECLC Bldg. room 1222

Use direct exterior door to Rm 1222 Closest to "Department of Education Sign" (corner room closest to Hënödeyësta' Dr. and main parking lot)



Class is limited to 15 participants, call to reserve your spot 532-3341.

New in the museum gift shop!



Ohi:yo' Education Dept. releases 1st marking period honor rolls

Congratulations to All Students on making the High Honor, Honor and Merit Rolls! Ja:goh!

Southern Tier Catholic School 1st Marking Period Honor Rolls <u>HIGH HONOR ROLL</u>



6rd grade – Emerson Ortego

HONOR ROLL

3rd grade – Matthew Isch **4th grade** – Kurryn Glowacki, Hayden John **11th grade** – Alenzi Meyer

MERIT ROLL

3rd grade – Taliah Snyder **4th grade** – Ashton Ortego **5th grade** – Lovella Kalyan, Max Kalyan <u>6th grade</u> – Talise Knoxsah <u>7th grade</u> – Chloe Stanczykowski

Salamanca City Central School District 1st Marking Period Honor Rolls <u>HIGH HONOR ROLL</u>



4th grade – Arianna Acosta, Keira Bova, Kyle Dibble, Axel Drugg, Audrianna Finch, Remy Follman, Maliyah Foster, Aiden George, Jaadih(Connor)Hoag, Kylan Jacobson, Lily John, Warrick John, Russ McComber, Kiona Pierce, Avery Rivas, Wyatt Stevens, Payton Sunderlin, Merle Watt, Eric Zimmerman **5th grade** – Marlee Cook, Ashlyn Crouse,

Jaxon Crouse, Myla Galante, Aaliyah Gates, Dylaina Gates, Joella Jimerson, Jayleen Maybee, Ayla Newark, Lailee Pierce, Connor Seely, Nolan Seely, Avianna Stahlman, Macy Tallchief, Tavares Taylor, **6th grade** – Dane Armstrong, Makenzie Crouse, Kamyrn DeBoy, Thomas George, Jorja Miller, Charli Ross, Evan Spruce Jr **7th grade** – Maddox Isaac, Mikaela Tennity **8th grade** – Camden Farmer, Karina Mireles-Crouse, Bella Wolfe **9th grade** – Sharee Armstrong,

Gahseni'de' Hubbell, Alanis Jones, Alyssa Perkins

<u>10th grade</u> – Hayden Hoag, Jillian Rea <u>12th grade</u> – Dennis Cogley Jr, Nizhoni Kennedy

HONOR ROLL

<u>4th grade</u> – Austin Johnny-John, Galen Ledsome, Sophia Pierce, Jayden Romero **<u>5th grade</u>** – Everett Atwood, Quinten Brown, Kylynne Day, Addison Follman, Natalya Larkin, Daisy Lichy, Sky McComber, Lyra Pierce, Kaden Scott, Lily Vogle

<u>6th grade</u> – Carter Bucktooth, Elise George, Anne Marie Rozler, Ivory Stafford, Parker Stahlman

<u>**7th grade**</u> – Adam Clark, Aliah Cook, Lauren John, Shayanna Johnny-John, Maylina Massagli, Izabella Milks, Alayna Rivas, Abagayle Skeels

<u>8th grade</u> – Rickey Armstrong, Lucus Brown, Kortney DeBoy, Thomas DeBoy, Tayoni Galante, Tia Helgager, Delia Jimerson, Kobe Kennedy, Waymon Jimerson, Marlee Maybee, Karolina Mireles-Crouse, Marijah Skye <u>**9th grade**</u> – Quinton Jones <u>10th grade</u> – Emma Brown, Eva Dowdy, Harley Hoag <u>11th grade</u> – Eric Murphy, Reece Redeye-Desposito, Amos Whitcomb <u>12th grade</u> – Nenise Heath, Carmen Mason, Jordan Ray

MERIT ROLL

<u>8th grade</u> – Alleyana Abrams, Melanee Abrams, Setha Brown, Madison Hoag, Mattea Jimerson, Tatiana John, Lezly McComber, Aubrie McKenzie, Carmine Pierce, Wyatt Pierce, Jaxson Ross, Cody Stevens, Estella VanAernam
<u>9th grade</u> – Kayleen Block, Maysen Jimerson, Jayla Stafford, Zaron Tucker
<u>10th grade</u> – Elijah George, Aliyah Lee, Robert McLarney, Tre Turner, Laila Zolner
<u>11th grade</u> – Isaac Brown, Crystal Clark, Jayden Harris, Brooke Kettle, Carson Redeye, Ivan Solat, Hayli Wilson
<u>12 grade</u> – Alex Bennett, Aaron George, Jacob Rozler

Randolph Jr/Sr High School 1st Marking Period Honor Rolls <u>Honor Roll</u>



<u>7th grade</u> – Peyton McClune <u>8th grade</u> – Elial Bryan <u>9th grade</u> – Aubrey Hogan <u>12th grade</u> – Emma George

<u>Merit Roll</u>

10th grade – Mya Abrams, Sessa George

Jamestown Business College's President's And Dean's lists for fall

Submitted by Chrissy Conklin

Jamestown Business College has announced the President's and

Want to keep track of your child's grades?

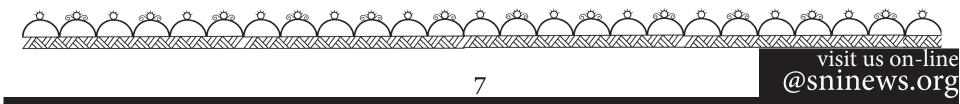
Join the Native American Services team from the Salamanca City Central School District for quick lesson on how to use the Parent Portal.

Dean's Lists for the fall 2019 term. To qualify for the President's List a student must earn a 3.90 - 4.00 grade point average for a term. To qualify for the Dean's List a student must earn a 3.60 - 3.89 grade point average for a term. Students from the area:

PRESIDENT'S LIST

Carrie J. Abrams (Salamanca, NY) Joshua Jimerson (Kill Buck, NY) Natalie N. Stahlman (Salamanca, NY) The Parent Portal is a tool within https://www.salamancany.org/ that tracks your child's grades, attendance and assignments. Parents can also interact with teachers and download assignments.

The Family School Liaisons will host "Learn and Try" sessions on: December 10th. Seneca Allegany Admin Building. 11:30-1:30pm. December 12th. Allegany Community Center. 11:30-1:30pm.



DEPARTMENT UPDATES



HOLIDAY LOAN SPECIAL!

Make your family's Holiday season extra special with a loan from the SNIFCU.

Available Nov 1st – Dec 20th Up to \$1,000 for 12 months



Rates starting at

5% APR*



Some Restrictions apply. Please see a SNIFCU representative for more information.

*APR = Annual Percentage Rate. Rate shown is the standard rate for SNIFCU members based on a preferred credit rating. Your savings federally insured to at least \$250,000 and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government.

Irving Office

12837 Route 438 Irving, NY 14081 (716) 532-8179

Hours Mon - Thurs 9am - 4pm Friday 9am - 5pm Tribal Council Saturdays 9am

(Only the SNIFCU office located where the

Salamanca Branch 90 Ohi:yo Way Salamanca, NY 14779 (716) 945-8510

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TUESDAY - DECEMBER 31, 2019

oln Annual NEW YEAR'S EVE SPECIAL

BINGO DOORS OPEN AT 1PM • ADMISSION STARTS AT 5PM WARM UPS AT 8PM • EARLY BIRDS AT 8:30PM • SESSION STARTS AT 9PM

\$100 PAPER ADMISSION \$175 Electronic Admission \$2,020 REGULAR GAME PAYOUTS \$1,000,000 JACKPOT WITH A PAY TABLE!

\$75 PRE-SALE PAPER ADMISSION • \$150 PRE-SALE ELECTRONIC ADMISSION PRE-SALES AVAILABLE NOV. 1 THRU DEC. 22 WITH DISCOUNTED ADMISSION AND RESERVED SEATING WITH PURCHASE!



Attention Elders/Disable 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 please to assist you.

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.

Seneca Nation Library hosts Coffee Club

Friday's from 10am-12pm with a sweet treat!

Seneca Nation Library- Cattaraugus 3 Thomas Indian School Drive Irving, NY 14081 716-532-9449

"Come for the coffee, stay for the conservation."



NOTICE- Cattaraugus Residents

Let this notice serve as confirmation that Tilson Tech has been granted permission to be on the Seneca Nation Cattaraugus Territory in order to perform surveys of National Grid utility poles

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Work will begin December 2019 and continue through mid-January 2020.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Seneca Energy's Project Managers Anthony Memmo at 716-532-9221 ext. 5022, a.memmo@sni.org or Wes Jackson at 716-532-9221 ext. 5307, wes.jackson@sni.org.

Nya:wëh for your cooperation on this very important and exciting project.

How to stay safe during the holiday season

Submitted by Evette Stevens

The holiday season commences festivities like decorating and spending time with family. In most homes, decorating the Christmas tree and the outside of the home is a yearly tradition. Unfortunately, decorations can bring safety hazards, like electrical issues and fires.

Electrical problems can occur at any time of the year, but they are especially dangerous during the winter. Prevent electrical problems by inspecting the outside (and inside) of your home prior to decorating. Keep an eye out for damaged or frayed wires, which can be vulnerable to harm from snow and ice. When decorating outside, make sure all outdoor connectors are away from rain gutters and off the ground.

If you intend to buy a real tree during the holiday season, be sure to:

Keep your tree at least three feet away from any heat source.

Water the tree every day, and remove it from your home after Christmas or once it becomes dry. It takes about six seconds for a dry tree to fully engulf in flames.

Ensuring safety inside of the home is also a crucial step towards keeping your family safe. Cleaning exhaust fans and filters in your bathrooms and kitchens is important during the winter. A lack of cleaning leads to more dust, airborne particles and more condensation, all of which can cause indoor air quality issues and can even become a fire hazard. Since we spend more time in the house during winter, you will also want to monitor other filters in your home, including the filter in your dryer and possibly replacing the furnace filter. Replace furnace filters once a month to keep the HVAC system operating properly. Routine maintenance of the home helps keep these issues at bay, but it is especially important to take care of these issues before winter

hits.

Another worry during the winter and holiday season is space heaters and other fuel-burning appliances. These appliances may be convenient, but they also pose a risk of exposure to Carbon Monoxide (also known as CO). Prolonged exposure to CO is fatal and a few hours of sustained exposure can result in irrevocable harm. Installing a CO detector can save lives, but it is also suggested to know the signs and symptoms of CO poisoning. These can include headaches, dizziness, tiredness, confusion, vomiting and fatigue. You can prevent exposure by making sure your heaters are properly installed and ventilated.

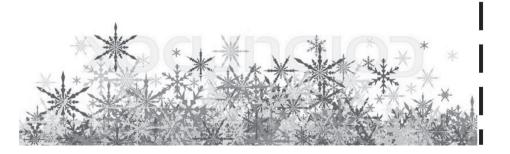


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For more information contact: Jen Smith

(716)-945-1790 ext. 3371





Event Date: December, 13 2019

Set up: 9AM-10AM

Clean up: 3PM-4PM

Return this application to:

jennifer.smith@sni.org

(716)-945-1790 ext. 3371

By: December, 9th 2019

ACC Annual Turkey Trot was a success!

Submitted by Chad Whitcomb

On Nov. 27, the Allegany Community Center hosted their annual 5k Turkey Trot in Jimersontown, NY. The weather was perfect for the 50+ participants that ran the loops in the newly designed 2019 t-shirt. Winners were Reece Redeye (1st), Alex Redeye (2nd), Amos Whitcomb (3rd). Prizes and lunch were served in the Jo Jo Redeve Room. Ja:goh to all runners/walkers. Nya:wëh to the H.E.R.O. Committee for organizing the event!







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Community Meeting Notice



ALL SNI enrolled members are invited to attend an executive and council meeting to hear the needs and concerns of our community.

January 23, 2020 2pm-5pm **Allegany Council Chambers**

January 30th, 2020 2pm-5pm William Seneca Building

Food Preservation Series

CANNING 🗣 Farms 🖡 **VENISON & BISON** December 11th and 12th December 18th and 19th 6:00pm - 9:00pm 6:00pm - 9:00pm Allegany Community Center Cattaraugus Community Center Multi Purpose Room Multi Purpose Room 3677 Administration Dr 12767 Route438 Salamanca, NY 14779 Irving, NY 14081

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Call the farm at 716-532-3194 to schedule your delivery or to pick up your bison meat .

THERE IS A \$75.00 MINIMUM FOR DELIVERS

For more information contact: Michael Snyder 716-801-0116 or Gerry Fisher 716-801-5169

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Public Comment Notice Seneca Nation Constitution

The Seneca Nation Council is offering a 60-day written public comment period for all members to review the SENECA NATION CONSTITUTION; and to consider: DOES OUR CONSTITUTION NEED TO BE AMENDED?

Printed copies of the Seneca Nation Constitution are available at the Allegany and Cattaraugus Clerk's Office; and may be accessed on-line, on the Seneca Nation website, under the Documents section of the Clerk's Office. Please drop your written comments off to Millicent Proud, in the President's Office, or email them directly to her at: millicent.proud@sni.org, by 4:00pm, Friday, January 3rd, 2020. In addition to the written public comment period, there are listening sessions* scheduled for all enrolled Senecas, as follows:

DATE. TIME. LOCATION.

December 9th, 2019. 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Allegany Council Chamber

December 18th, 2019. 6:00pm – 8:00pm. Cattaraugus Council Chamber

*Oral comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes.

Tribal Advocate seeks household items

Submitted by Andrea Perkins

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.

Attention! Request for Proposals

Submitted by Courtney John-Jemison

Seneca Nation Judicial Branch 1. Surrogates Court Legal Advisor 2. Court of Appeals Legal Advisor 3. Peacemakers Court Legal Advisor, Guardian Ad Litem (1 per territory), Custodial Evaluator (1 per territory)

Full RFP can be viewed on www.sni.org click on RFP/RFQ Deadline to submit is December 16th, 2019. Term is until September 30, 2020.

Social Security Assistance

Cattaraugus Territory OPEN TO THE PUBLIC! Representative Jessica Gansworth, SSA will be available on the following dates:

December 17, 2019 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

Seneca Nation 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:

• December 17th, 2019 10am-2pm

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.

Need help getting your High School Equivalency Diploma?

All submissions due to the Court Administrator @ courtney. john-jemison@sni.org. The Nation may reject any proposal that is received after the specified date and time. Interviews will commence thereafter in December and selections made by January 2, 2020.

If you have further questions please contact the Court Administrator at (716) 532-0024 ext. 5488. Nya:wëh! Come to the Training & Employment Resource Center at 3674 Administration Dr. Salamanca, NY. We can help!

- We can help you obtain your HSED

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- 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

Local artisans donate "Seneca Fall Festival Community Basket" to museum

We are both honored and elated that Holly John and Penelope "Penny" Minner have donated the "Seneca Fall Festival Community Basket" to the museum. The museum is always looking for unique and original objects to incorporate into our exhibits and collections. Holly's and Penny's recent basket project is one such item.



Holly says, "It is with great pleasure and appreciation as basket makers, we present this gift of community in the form of a basket. During this years' Annual Seneca Fall Festival, the Cultural Arts Tent provided an opportunity for the basket makers to change things up a bit. To get the most involvement from the visitors who pass by, we asked if they would help be a part of something special, to weave in order to complete something unique and hands on. Each participant signed the back of a splint and wove a row. In all, we had 41 participants. Over the course of the 2-day event, it gave us a chance to talk about the process, techniques and assembly start to finish and to answer questions. Some took a little more encouraging than others, stating "but I'm not from this community", we reminded them they were, that at that moment in time, they were, and we welcomed them."

Holly added that "Much appreciation goes out to Roberta "Berta"

Family Photograph Opportunity!

The 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

Jones for her foresight in initiating this vital endeavor. The Black Ash Basket Revitalization project has been an ongoing initiative for the past 9 years, with the guidance and knowledge shared from our teachers, mentors and friends, Michael and Tonia Loran Galban. Past demonstrations have included preparing the raw material: shaving the bark, pounding the growth layers loose in order to lift the splints. Onto shaving, gauging and assembly of the various basket projects. Basically, the entire process start to finish."

Some of the people involved in the revitalization project are Holly John, Penelope Minner, Andrea Jimerson, Rich Kettle, Daniel Beaver, Kailah Decker, Bonnie Thompson, Steve Gates, and Rene' Abrams.

"What makes this basket special is it's a critical time in the evolution of traditional Black Ash Basketry, as we work diligently to try to detect, protect and salvage the ever-beloved Ash tree from the ravages of the dreaded Emerald Ash Borer. This tiny beetle is believed to have originated from imported goods from China after making landfall in Michigan in the early 1990's. 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.

Please keep posted for updates on this exciting donation. We will also have a special place within our museum to exhibit for all to see when they visit. For questions or more information, please call the museum at 716-945-1760.

Nya:wëh,

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Seneca Iroquois National Museum seeking memorabilia involving "Seneca People in Protest"

Submitted by Jennifer Jimerson

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

Seneca Arts & Learning Center hosts family night

to inspire art.

Submitted by Concetta Arena

On Wednesday Nov. 20, SALC hosted a family Literacy and Paint Night with Ms. Tammy & Ms. Connie.

Several Parents & children attended. They were read the story "Mouse Paint" by author Ellen Stoll Walsh.







The families were given a print out of all the

colors in the Seneca Language, and on why

many beautiful canvased pictures without

The children and Parents then created

instruction to promote creativity.

Nya:weh to all who attended!

Seneca Arts & Learning Center hand out treats!

Students and families enjoyed a special prize, a Turkey Treat for Thanksgiving! We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday! From left: Maliyah, Ella, Juliana,

& Rozilyn





Seneca Arts & Learning Center celebrates National Indigenous Appreciation Month

Submitted by Angelina Cogley, Seneca & Language Coordinator

On Thursday, November 13th, the Seneca Arts and Learning Center celebrated National Indigenous Appreciation Month. At 6:00 p.m., families of the SALC were treated to a dinner of Indian Tacos. After everyone finished eating, The Steamburg Men's Ceremonial Program sang Yöëdza'ge:kha:' Ha'degaëno:geh (Mother Earth Songs / Social Dances), and we "rocked or mocs". As a special treat, we included a "Cake Walk", and the winners received o:nyöhsowa:nëh dega:hgwa'se:' shö'öh (pumpkin pies). Nya:wëh to all the families for attending, Norma Kenyon & Grace Crow, and the SALC staff who assisted with this fun family event.





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Seneca Fire- Allegany unveils newly built fire hall

By Tami Watt, Editor



The Seneca community and surrounding areas will be better equipped in the event of an emergency as the Seneca Nation built a brand new up-to-date firehall, Seneca Fire- Allegany, in Jimersontown to house their first responders, including emergency medical services and firefighting team.

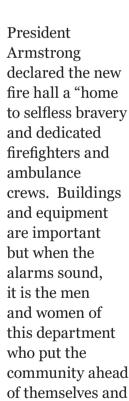
Built in 1974, the firehall became an essential part of the community as the hub of social and community gatherings. Cal Jimerson, Don Taylor and Fred Johnson established the Allegany Indian Reservation Volunteer Fire Department as they saw the need for emergency services for their community. Their first meetings were held in the Seneca Nation Department of Public Works building in the early 1970's



Councillor, led the push for the project two years ago as part the Seneca Nation's Capital Improvement Authority project to meet the current and future needs of the community and firefighters. Seneca Construction Management Corporation CEO, Mike Williams, along with Owner's the square footage of the former space. New amenities also include a 5,500 square feet apparatus bay, 2,000 square feet banquet room that seats 160 people, 5 bunk rooms, 5 offices, male and female locker rooms, break room, commercial kitchen with a walk in cooler, stoves, deep fryers, etc...



Seneca Fire- Allegany can now offer 24/7/365 dedicated dispatch services. Seneca Fire- Allegany and Seneca Fire-Cattaraugus will now have consolidated ambulance services. The new fire hall will be fully staffed with fire and EMS personnel for 24 hour services.



Representative, Kerry John, and AIRVFD President, Charlie Spruce, designed the space an effort streamline services, functionality and efficiency. of themselves and rush into action. The Allegany territory and the entire Seneca Nation is grateful for their service and we hope that our responders enjoy their new home and that they will always make a safe return when responding

to the communities call for help."



The new structure replaces the 45 year old one that had become deteriorated, out of code and in need of severe repairs. Realizing the repairs would not be fiscally sound, Seneca Nation leaders opted to build a new facility. Construction began June 11, 2019 to rebuild and expand a new fire hall and demolish the old one.

President Rickey L. Armstrong, then

The new fire hall is 17,490, nearly double

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Haudenosaunee Nationals are headed to Worlds

Reprinted from tworowtimes.com | November 20, 2019



FLORIDA — A new era in international lacrosse began last week when the Pan American Lacrosse Association (PALA) held its first championship event.

Through the championship, the Haudenosaunee Nationals became the "**best women's** field lacrosse team on this side of the world."

Familiar faces such as Dana Isaacs, Tristyn Thomas-Miller, Tsieboo Herne, Wadatawi Bomberry, Amber Hill, Jalyn Jimerson, Jaclyn Lazore, Mimi Lazore and more were brought together to create the team that shook Puerto Rico 16-6 during the championship game slated on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 11 a.m.

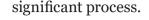
"We knew what we came for. We all did our jobs; we dug in, bought in, and supported our sisters on the field. This is the result. Today we made history. Next up, Towson 2021. We see you," wrote the Haudenosaunee Nationals Facebook Page along with a video of their team cheer. Qualifiers from Nov. 14-17 at Lake Myrtle Sports Park in Auburndale.

In addition to competing for a title, the participating nations were set to earn qualification status for the 2021 World Lacrosse Women's World Championship, which will be hosted by US Lacrosse at Towson (Md.) University in July 2021.

"This event is the culmination of a year of dreaming and planning by many lacrosse leaders throughout our region, and we fully expect that the competing athletes have a memorable experience and will represent their countries and our sport with great distinction." said Ann Kitt Carpenetti, VP, US Lacrosse and PALA Board member.

New World Lacrosse regulations allowed a maximum of 30 countries for world championships and continental federations are used to determine the qualifiers. The U.S. and Canada both earned automatic bids to the world championship based on Top 10 finishes at the previous world championship in 2017.

The remaining slots were awarded to the four continental federations — African Association of Lacrosse, Asia-Pacific Lacrosse Union, European Lacrosse Federation and the newly-formed PALA. The process for forming PALA started in early 2018 and the group has been making



The Haudenosaunee were the most experienced team in the championship. The Haudenosaunee won its pool at the 2017 world championship in England and ultimately finished in 12th place. The team were packed with experience as many with the team played in two previous world championships, finishing 11th in 2009 and seventh in 2013. Mexico and Colombia both participated in the 2017 world championship, finishing 20th and 24th, respectively.

In addition to the championship play, an all-star game was held on Saturday at 6 p.m. utilizing the 6-on-6 trial rules developed by World Lacrosse to help best position the sport for potential Olympic inclusion.

"What a fantastic weekend of lacrosse. These athletes left it all out on the field today," wrote the Pan-American Lacrosse Association Facebook Page.

"The Haudenosaunee Nationals took the championship game 16-6 over Puerto Rico Lacrosse. Congratulations to the Haudenosaunee Nationals for their first ever Pan-American Lacrosse Association's Women's World Cup Qualifiers 1st place win."

"We congratulate all the athletes

for their hard work and positive energy they brought to Auburndale, Florida this weekend. We wish them safe travels and can not wait to bring this region together again



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Argentina, Colombia, the Haudenosaunee, Jamaica, Mexico and Puerto Rico competed for the inaugural PALA Women's Lacrosse World

for more competitions."

Source:

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Can AM Hall of FAME Inductees

Submitted by The Inductees Families

On November 10, 2019 at the Onondaga Field House the CanAm Lacrosse League inducted five individuals from Newtown into the CanAm Hall of Fame, Edgar Lay and Nelson "Bally" Huff for their lifetime contributions to the Creator's Game. Glen Lay, Ken Lay Sr. and Darwin John, not pictured, for their participation and play with the 1994 Tuscarora Thunderhawks, President's Cup Champions, the first CanAm team to win this prestigious Cup.

Congratulations to these players for their contributions they've made to the game of Lacrosse.

Strike Force Sign DL Skye King Ja:goh Skye!

Ja:goh Skye! By Ryan Eucker | www.sdstrikeforce.com November 15, 2019



The Strike Force have signed defensive lineman Skye King

to their 2020 Indoor Football League roster.



King (6-3, 270, York University) joins San Diego for his first season as a member of the IFL. Prior to being signed, King participated in The Spring League.

"Skye is a relentless pass rusher with a motor that doesn't stop running until he gets to the quarterback or the ball," said Strike Force General Manager Ryan Eucker. "We're excited to see his outdoor skills translate to the indoor game and for him to compete in training camp."

King completed two seasons at York University located in Toronto, Ontario. Both years he started all eight games on the defensive line and recorded a career total of 25 tackles, one tackle for loss, and one pass break-up. In 2016, the Canadian native was named on the All-Rookie Team and went on to represent Canada at the 2016 U19 World Junior Championships, where he won a gold medal. He also represented Canada at the U19 International Bowl in Texas the same year. After York University, he went on to the Canadian Junior Football League with the Langley Rams where he played in 14 games and received CJFL All-Canadian honors, as well as being named the BCFC Top Defensive Lineman.

King attended Notre Dame High School located in his hometown, Alberta, Canada. He was part of the provincial championship team that won back-to-back years (2013, 2014).



Wishing you are your families a SAFE & HAPPY Holiday Season!

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Native American Heritage Month a Source of Pride for Scholarship Winners "Shayla Scanlan (Cattaraugus Territory, Wolf), is believed to

"Shayla Scanlan (Cattaraugus Territory, Wolf), is believed to be the first Seneca Nation female to sign to play lacrosse at the NCAA Division I level. She is in her junior year at the University of Louisville." By Paul Ohanian | November 8th | Reprinted from www.uslacrosse.org

November is Native American Heritage Month, and for Shayla Scanlan, that's a big deal.

Scanlan is a member of Seneca Nation, Wolf Clan, and is believed to be the first Seneca Nation female to sign to play lacrosse at the NCAA Division I level. She is in her junior year at the University of Louisville.

"It's huge because we only get celebrated for this one month," she said. "People think lacrosse is a rich white sport. You are able to play this game because of my people, my descendants, my ancestors."

Scanlan was the winner of the Tewaaraton Native American Scholarship, presented by US Lacrosse, in 2017 after concluding her senior season at Lake Shore Senior High School in Angola, New York. After some initial homesickness at Louisville, she has now comfortably adjusted to being away from home and from her large family which includes six sisters and four brothers.

Last season, Scanlan saw action in 18 games for Louisville, starting every game except the season opener. The attacker finished third on the team with 26 goals, collecting 41 shots on goal, eight ground balls, and three draw controls.

"I'm very happy to be in school and happy to be getting the chance to play lacrosse," said Scanlan, a political science major. "Winning the Tewaaraton scholarship is a big accomplishment and a great honor."



scholarship winner in 2014. A midfielder, he concluded his collegiate career at Cornell in 2019 after being granted a fifth-year of eligibility due to a season-ending injury in 2018.

His time at Cornell provided him with many opportunities to share his story with teammates.

"They asked a lot of questions about my personal journey and about the status of Native American life today," Tarbell said. "I wasn't expecting that everybody would be so open."

Tarbell was a first round selection by the Georgia Swarm in the 2019 NLL Draft and will be starting his first professional season later this month.

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"The Tewaaraton scholarship opened a lot of doors for me," said Tarbell, who graduated with a degree in development sociology and hopes to begin a Master's program soon in Public Administration.

"Obviously, the scholarship had a big financial impact for me, and coupled with other grants, allowed me to graduate with no debt," he said.

Established in 2006 and sponsored by US Lacrosse, the Tewaaraton's scholarship program annually recognizes two high school seniors, one Native American male and one Native American female, for academic achievement and lacrosse excellence. Male and



female recipients and their families are invited to attend the Tewaaraton Award Ceremony, where the award is presented by US Lacrosse.

One of the primary goals of the scholarship program is to honor the sport's Native American roots. Students must be of Haudenosaunee descent, enrolled in a secondary school, and represent the highest ideals of sportsmanship to be eligible for the scholarship.

"I know I've come a long way from the reservation, but I try not to act any differently just because I'm in a different place," said Scanlan, who enjoys taking some of her Cardinals teammates back to the reservation when she visits home.

"I love sharing my background with my teammates," she said. "Being Native American comes up in conversation almost every day."

Each scholarship recipient is awarded \$10,000 for education — \$5,000 for each of their first and second years in college.

"We're proud of our partnership with the Tewaaraton Foundation, as well as the opportunity to provide college scholarship support to Iroquois student-athletes," said Steve Stenersen, president and CEO of US Lacrosse. "We hope that more Haudenosaunee lacrosse players will aspire to this opportunity in the years to come."

Kason Tarbell, a member of St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, was a Tewaaraton Discharge of Firearms

NO discharging firearms within 500 feet of the Faithkeeper's School or any near by residences. Make sure to exercise caution while you're out there hunting. Be safe.

Nya:wëh in advance!

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Source: https://www. uslacrosse.org/blog/ native-american-heritagemonth-a-source-ofpride-for-scholarshipwinners#disqus_thread



Gowanda Central School District unanimously approved senior Tia Thomson's proposal to give

graduates the option to wear traditional Native American attire at commencement Ja:goh Tia!

Tia Thompson, at a recent board meeting, did a presentation requesting that Native American students be allowed to wear traditional attire at graduation. She noted that it already happens in other area districts in Western New York. It is specifically important this year.

Thompson noted that 26% of Gowanda students are of native descent and 34% of the Class of 2020 have Native American heritage.



Her plea was filled with facts, significance and emotion. "I would do it for my mother, who never walked a graduation stage; my grandmother, an alumni, who did not have a choice; and my great-grandmother, who was a Thomas Indian survivor. All three of these women could see me walk across Hillis Field wearing my traditional regalia," Thompson said. "You can make this possible by approving the choice for Native American students to practice a timeless tradition, one that was taken from them but can be given back starting now."

The Gowanda school board unanimously agreed to her proposal. Thompson's wish has become reality.

BIKETOWN celebrates Native American Heritage Month with new bike designs!

By Tom Rousculp | November 06, 2019 | Reprinted from www.biketownpdx.com | Photos credit: Kari Rowe

The final BIKETOWN Culture Collection bikes are here and we're celebrating Native American Heritage Month, which takes place during November.

The Portland area is home to a large urban Native American population with 50,000 people representing 380 different tribes, so representing our local Native American community on a single bike was no easy task. That's why there are two Native American Heritage Month bike designs! Each design symbolism, and together they represent the diverse tapestry of tribes in our city.

Here's more about the designers:

Heather Ford (Seneca) is a senior administrative assistant at Nike and member of the Nike Native American Network & Friends. When creating the design, Heather looked to the history of her own tribe, and was inspired by the historic wampum belts of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy.

wampum beads. The Hiawatha Belt on the basket front symbolizes the unification of the original five nations (Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida and Mohawk) that make up the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. The bike design also includes elements inspired by the Canandaigua



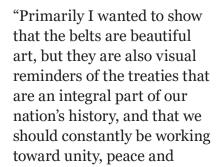
is distinctive and rich with



Used to commemorate significant moments in Iroquois history, the wampum belts convey messages of peace, unity and respect. The bike's vibrant purple and contrasting white are the natural colors of the whelk and quahog clam shell used to make

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Treaty belt, the Six Nations Belt and the Dust Fan Belt.



respect," said Heather.

To view information on Odo Ishkiin (Shoshone-Bannock/ San Carlos Apache/Blackfeet) design visit: https://www. biketownpdx.com/blog/horsesand-wampum-belts.

COMMUNITY NEWS

'Shape, contour, and respect' – 200 years of indigenous art on view at Yale

Ja:goh Seneca artist Marie Watt

By Mike Cummings | November 11, 2019 | Reprinted from https://news.yale.edu



"First Teachers Balance the Universe, Part I: Things That Fly (Predator)" and "Part II: Things That Fly (Prey)," textiles by Seneca artist Marie Watt, anchor the exhibition. Watt hosted sewing circles in Sante Fe and Ottawa in which she invited people to help her embroider the Pendleton wool blankets that compose the piece. The exhibition's curators took pains to display objects as the artists' intended. Garments and blankets are placed on forms to give them presence, as opposed to exhibiting them flattened and folded.

Two wool blankets of vivid purple, red, green, and blue stretch like enormous wings across a wall at the Yale University Art Gallery. They are dotted with brightly stitched flying objects: hawks, herons, fighter jets, hot-air balloons, UFOs, even the Millennium Falcon of "Star Wars" fame.

Seneca artist Marie Watt '96 M.F.A. made the textiles in homage to the Sky Woman the Seneca nation's first ancestor, who fell to Earth and was nurtured by the animals she encountered. The aircraft and sci-fi imagery recall Watt's home in the Pacific Northwest, where Boeing is a major employer, and sewing circles she hosted while creating the

textiles in Sante Fe, where hot-air balloons and UFO sightings are part of the local culture.

Watt's pieces anchor "Place,

attention to them."

McCleary, a member of the Little Shell Chippewa Cree, and Leah Tamar Shrestinian '18 B.A. curated the show with help from Joseph Zordan '19 B.A., who belongs to the Bad River and Red Cliff bands of the Ojibwe Nation. Its opening marked the last chapter of a multiyear journey for the three, who began working on the show as Yale undergraduates. In the course of their research, they engaged with indigenous communities and scholars across the country and

in Canada while considering how to present indigenous artwork respectfully and accurately. They performed scholarly detective work, investigating the origins and makers of objects of which little was known.

It is the first exhibition to display indigenous works from the Yale Art Gallery, the Peabody Museum of Natural History, and the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library. The show features basketry, beadwork, drawings, photographs, pottery, textiles, and wooden carvings from the early 19th century to the present

place, Nations.

day, representing more than 40 indigenous nations. It presents the objects as works of art, not historical artifacts.

Watt's textiles, "First Teachers Balance the Universe, Part I: Things That Fly (Predator)" and "Part II: Things That Fly (Prey)," which the art gallery acquired last year on the curators' recommendation, demonstrate that indigenous people continue producing compelling art that has the capacity to inspire, the curators explained.

As its title suggests, the show is divided into four themes: Place, Nations, Generations, and Beings. It opens with a wood-splint basket made circa 1860 by a Mohegan "artist once known," which is how the exhibit's object labels refer to makers whose identities are lost. The curators wanted to open with work by a local artist — the Mohegan Nation is one of Connecticut's two federally recognized indigenous nations.

The basket's pattern of red circles surrounded by blue dots signifies the Mohegan peoples' conception of the universe. The symbolism possesses a subversive quality, as the basket was likely sold to people ignorant of its meaning, explained McCleary, who earned a history degree and is a policy advisor on Indian affairs for U.S. Senator John Tester of Montana.

A river cane basket displayed in the "Place" section carries a complex history. It was made around 1810 by Peggy Scott Vann, a revered Cherokee figure and fierce advocate against the removal of her people to the Oklahoma territory. Vann and her husband, Charles, enslaved black people at Diamond

Hill, their Georgia plantation. The names of those whose unpaid labor enabled Vann to weave baskets are listed on the gallery's purple wall.

Nations, Generations, Beings: 200 Years of Indigenous North American Art," a new exhibition on view at the art gallery through June 21.

"Every part of the exhibition has a sight line to these textiles," said Katherine Nova McCleary '18 B.A., one of the exhibition's curators. "These are monumental works and we want visitors to pay



"Place, Nations, Generation, Beings" is the first exhibition on campus to highlight indigenous artwork from Yale's collections.

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"We wanted to draw attention to the complicated relationship between enslaved Africans and indigenous nations in the Southeast," said Shrestinian, who earned a degree in ethnicity, race, and migration and is a project manager at KaBOOM, a Washngton D.C.-based non-profit that builds playgrounds. (Continued on page 20)

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"Nations" explores art as an expression of indigenous cultural and national sovereignty. A Navajo chief's blanket on view was prized among the Plains nations and often exchanged as a prestige item. Rather than display the garment flat, the curators had it wrapped on a form, imbuing the blanket with a physical presence. This was part of an effort to treat the works on view respectfully and as the artists intended, said the curators.

"We searched for ways to give the objects more shape, contour, and respect," Zordan said.

In "Generations," the curators explore the passage of indigenous art and culture from one generation to the next. A Lakota infant's cradle and bonnet — covered in colorful glass beadwork — represents a labor of love from mother to child, McCleary said, noting that the artist likely make the objects while pregnant.

The cradle and bonnet were produced around 1890, the year that federal troops massacred several hundred Lakota people, mostly women and children, at Wounded Knee.

"Works like these show that even under duress, there are certain things that last and remain essential to the community, culture, and dignity within these nations," said Zordan, who has a degree in anthropology.

"Beings," the closing section, probes indigenous artists' relationships with the natural and spiritual worlds. The winding stems and sparkling blossoms on a glassbeaded bandolier bag reference spiritual beings important to the Anishinaabe, culturally related nations from Canada and the northern United States.

"The bag is a status symbol that represents high achievement but also a lot of responsibility," Zordan said. "It is reminder that with knowledge and well being comes a responsibility to the ecosystem and community in which they live."

The exhibit ends, as it began, with a Mohegan object: a bowl carved from a felled maple tree by artist Justin Scott. Embedded with a wampum circle made of quahog shell, the bowl was presented to Yale President Peter Salovey in November 2017 at a ceremony marking the transfer of hundreds of objects of tribal origin from the Peabody Museum to the Mohegan people.

Native Roots Artists Guild Quilt "Honoring Our Women as We Piece Together Our Stories"

By Marissa Manitowabi

Last month, a quilt project initiated and sponsored by the Native Roots Artists Guild had an opening at the Iroquois Indian Museum. The quilt, titled "Honoring Our Women as We Piece Together Our Stories", has the work of 47 women from six Native nations (Seneca, Onondaga, Oneida, Mohawk, Tuscarora, and Metis) and seven territories. Each quilt block was designed, sewn, and beaded in honor of Native women of influence in the lives of the contributors. The quilt squares were done in the style of a legging corner, with designs and colors inspired by a collection of flat beadwork at the Peabody Essex Museum created by Dorothy Blacksnake Jimerson

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resiliency in the community.
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began with a lecture by Mohawk

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the Seneca Nation Fall Festival Art Show, where it was awarded Best in Show. At the opening, many of those who contributed to the quilt spoke about their blocks and the women who inspired them. Shortly after that, it traveled to the Mohawk Nation Akwesasne reservation, to the International Iroquois Beadwork Conference where it was displayed for two days. Again, many of the contributors to the quilt were present to speak to its significance. It then traveled on to be shown at a gala in Ohsweken, Ontario, that was raising funds for Ganohkwásrâ, an organization that addresses domestic violence issues on the Six Nations territory. In January of 2019, the quilt was exhibited at The Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts in Cedarburg, Wisconsin as part of an exhibit titled Native Fiber.

The weekly beading sessions where these quilt pieces were

> created became spaces where the women would talk about their honorees while sharing sewing techniques and assisting one another to make progress on their squares. The story sharing was often emotional, especially for those who have honorees who have passed on, but in the end there was more laughter than tears as we worked. If you didn't get a chance to see the quilt while it was at the Iroquois Indian Museum, it will be exhibited at the Seneca Iroquois National Museum in the Fall of 2020.



culmination of several months of work to gather the stories and photos about the honorees, which we were able to share with the public through an interactive kiosk made possible by a Humanities of New York grant.

and Lena Snow. The

opening represented the

The quilting project

Iroquois Genealogy Society Update December Meeting - Dec. 12, 2019

Submitted by Leatha Jimerson

IROQUOIS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

Our December meeting (a holiday luncheon) will be held at the Seneca Allegany Casino Buffet at 4pm. A donation of \$10 per person will be collected at the buffet. We will have a sign-in sheet there

from 4-4:30pm. Please attend and plan on having a fun time connecting with family and friends! We have had a great year and it could not have happened without all of our dedicated members who are so interested in their family genealogy and stories.

We will be holding the election of our 2020 officers at this meeting. A review of this year's meetings and events will be done. Please bring any suggestions for next year's meetings. **Merry Christmas and we hope to see you there!**

Paddling 300 miles to protect the waters of Ohi:yo', the 'good river'

One man's journey to highlight the importance of protecting the waterway By Ryan Loew | Reprinted from www.ehn.org

For degawëno:da's, paddling the length of the Allegheny River over the course of four months this year was to be a "witness to the raw element of the natural world."

The roughly 300-mile trip began on May 18 at the river's headwaters near Coudersport, Pa., and ended on Sept. 21 by the Point State Park fountain in downtown Pittsburgh.

The 49-year-old New York resident is a member of Defend Ohi:yo', a grassroots organization committed to protecting the Allegheny River and all waterways. "Ohi:yo'" translates to "good river" in the Seneca language.

The Allegheny and Monongahela rivers form the beginning of the Ohio River in Pittsburgh, and much of the Allegheny River flows within the Ohio River watershed. accompanied by fellow paddlers, degawëno:da's said the 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."

Along the river, degawëno:da's saw not only beauty but also industrialization and, on many portions of the trip, he said he felt his ancestors traveling along as well. "I had a few instances where they revealed themselves in different ways."

He hopes to follow up with many of the people he met along the journey, continuing to impress upon them the importance of protecting the waterway and advocating that it have the same rights to safety and well-being that humans have.

To view highlight video, visit: https://www.ehn.org/

WKU in Elizabethtown Hosted a Viewing and Discussion of the Lake of Betrayal Documentary

By Susan Esters | November 18th, 2019 | wku.edu

ELIZABETHTOWN, Kentucky, WKU in Elizabethtown hosted a free public viewing of "Lake of Betrayal," a documentary about the plight of the Seneca Nation to protect their land, defend their sovereignty and preserve their way of life. The public was invited to view the

public was invited to vi documentary on November 25 at the Elizabethtown Community and

Technical College.

Lake of Betrayal looks at the Seneca Nation's fight to protect its sovereignty against a backdrop of a federal Indian Termination policy, porkbarrel politics, and undisclosed plans for private hydro-power

generation.

In 1965, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed the Kinzua Dam on the Allegheny River in Pennsylvania. The Dam was initially proposed to reduce flooding in Pittsburg, but the project instead created a 27mile reservoir behind the dam, resulting in massive flooding of the Seneca Indians' ancestral land and irreparable damage to the Seneca culture. Heron-Lovell lead a discussion following the documentary. Dr. Heron-Lovell is the granddaughter of former Seneca Nation President George Heron who was president during the Kinzua Era. She recalled a conversation she had with her grandfather about 25 years ago

as he prepared for an interview with the media about the Kinzua project.

"I'll never forget that conversation," she stated. Her grandfather said that they didn't really want to hear what he had to say, so would just tell

them what they wanted to hear. "This documentary gives us the opportunity to finally tell our story the way we want to tell it."

The event was offered through a partnership between WKU in Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown Community and Technical College Office of Cultural Diversity, WKU Libraries and the WKU Department of Sociology and Criminology.



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WKU faculty member and Director of Regional Programming Dr. Donielle

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For more information about the documentary, visit visionmakermedia.org/films/ lake-betrayal. For information about the event, email donielle. lovell@wku.edu.

Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP's Lee M. Redeye **Receives Community Leader Award from Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project**

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BUFFALO, NY - Lee M. Redeve, an associate at Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP, was selected to receive the **Community Leader** Award through the Erie **County Bar Association** (ECBA) Volunteer Lawyers Project, for his work in starting the Native American Legal Assistance Clinic. Mr. Redeye accepted the award at the 2019 Champions for Justice **Bash Awards Reception** on November 21st.

The Native American Legal Assistance Clinic, established in conjunction with Lippes Mathias and the ECBA Volunteer Lawyers project, is



held on the second Tuesday of each month at Native American Community Services. Lippes Mathias attorneys have donated more than 30 hours at the clinic since it was established in early 2019.

The ECBA Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation which provides free civil legal services to low income individuals and small not-forprofit groups in Western New York

At Lippes Mathias, Mr. Redeve focuses his practice on Indian law and general litigation matters.

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A Distinguished Alumni Award recipient, Dean S. Seneca has had a distinguished career planning for healthier communities working both close to home and abroad

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A 1990 graduate of the environmental design program who went on to earn graduate degrees in public health and urban planning, Seneca is currently CEO of Seneca Scientific Solutions+ LLC, a capacity building assistance firm that embraces the concepts of "healthy places for healthy people." Some of the services provided include strategic planning, economic development, public health policy, health research, epidemiology, emergency preparedness, grant writing,



his high school who encouraged him to enroll. A talented athlete, Seneca played basketball for UB. He explored architecture and art history before finding inspiration in the environmental design program and the teachings of Robert Shibley, Himi Jammal, Scott Danford and Al Price. He took away lifelong skills in critical thinking, strategic planning and applied research. "Being able to solve complex problems, to take a step back before confronting a situation and think strategically. Those are the skills that

and program evaluation.

Previously Seneca was a senior health scientist for the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CCD), a role that sent him around the world to organize disease response teams, environmental controls and vaccination plans.

Seneca grew up in Buffalo's Old First Ward, traditionally the Irish section of the city, amongst the shadows of grain silos, iron

factories and Buffalo Creek. Although his family origins are with the Seneca Nation of Indians in WNY, Seneca says many of his family members moved to Buffalo in search of economic opportunity.

Seneca found his opportunity at UB, thanks to a fellow Native American mentor at

are the key to success.

Reconnecting with his roots

Always proud of his indigenous roots, Seneca admits growing up in the Old First Ward left him detached from his culture. So, when the opportunity knocked to work in the tribal planning and economic development office of the Seneca Nation after he graduated from UB, the young planner jumped at (Continued on page 23)

Attention High school, college and health professional students: If cancer research or a PhD degree is your career goal, begin your journey this summer at one of the world's first cancer centers

Shared on behalf of Dr. Rodney Haring. The deadline is coming up soon so he is encouraging people who are potentially interested to apply now.



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the chance to make a difference. He says the impoverished environment and disenfranchisement he witnessed – and the positive experience of helping the community overcome obstacles and develop its first health center – made a lifelong lasting impression on him. "That experience really strengthened my passion for Indian people," he says.

Indeed, the health challenges faced by American Indians are many – and often invisible to the greater population. "You can name any illness, chronic disease or social behavior. Native people suffer at a disproportionate higher rate of illness."

It was also during this time that Seneca made the connection between the living environment and improving health. "If you're addressing only health—and not education, economic development and the environment— you're really just putting a Band-Aid on the larger problem."

"I decided to combine my planning skills and technical training in community development with public health to create the concept of healthy places for healthy peoples," he states. Seneca went on to earn

master's degrees in public health and urban planning from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. At the same time, he built on his experience running an entomology and epidemiology unit for the U.S. Local and Territorial Support. In that role, Seneca has served in Ethiopia on the WHO Stop Transmission of Polio assignment, helping to train close to 500 health workers in disease surveillance and vaccination planning. During the Ebola epidemic in Sierra Leone, Seneca organized teams of workers from the international government and health agencies to train hundreds of local "contact tracers" to manage the spread of the disease. He oversaw a similar efforts in Afghanistan to combat its ongoing polio endemic.

Friend and colleague Wayne Domnitz describes Seneca as a man who "has often volunteered to journey to some of the world's most dangerous places to save human lives regardless of their political, economic, or religious beliefs."

Ever committed to serving the country's indigenous people, Seneca is a tireless advocate for Native health, sovereignty, land and education. At the CDC he developed a conference on increasing the number of American Indian/Alaska Native/ Native Hawaiians in the public health professions. In his spare time, he consults with the Seneca Nation on planning and



environmental health issues and, whenever possible, visits Native communities to talk with kids about the value and importance of education.

"We have found out that money does not solve all problems," says Seneca, referring to the growth of gaming on Native lands. "The solution for our communities is academic and cultural education, grabbing kids at early age and getting them more involved in learning and experiencing an array of new things."

More recently, Seneca served as Director of the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center which supports Tribal communities in their efforts to improve health through partnership development, communitybased research, education and technical assistance.

In addition to his UB alumni award, Seneca is the recipient of the 2010 Phil Smith Award from the Native Research Network in honor in recognition of his efforts to improve health for Native communities. In 2007, he was presented with the Distinguished Service Award from the CDC for his leadership of the organization's

Tribal Consultation Policy Work Group. He has also been honored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Environmental Protection Agency for his service to the nation's indigenous populations.

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Improving health here and around the world

Since then, he has taken this approach to communities in need around the world, first as tribal planning director for the Seneca Nation and then as senior health scientist for the CDC's Office for State, Tribal,

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Sport Management Program Helped Jimerson Advance his Career at WCU

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How Rory Jimerson got to Western Carolina University is interesting enough.

How he's managed to stay in Cullowhee thanks to the university's Master of Sport Management Program and his love of athletics, which led to him becoming the school's director of athletic facilities, is even more interesting.

Jimerson was close to completing his undergraduate degree in sport management at The College at Brockport, a part of the State University of New York System, but he needed to complete a semesterlong internship in order to graduate. With the help of some connections, he eventually was referred to Chad Gerrety, WCU's associate athletic director for external affairs. Gerrety offered Jimerson an internship working with athletics marketing during the 2016 fall semester.

At the time, Jimerson thought he had found his career path. "I said, 'Marketing is what I want to do,' " he recalled. "I love marketing, the engagement with the community, working with the athletes, putting stuff on social media, being at all the games. I said, 'I don't want to do anything else other than marketing.' " Jimerson was approached by Todd Lawing, who at the time was WCU's director of internal operations for athletics. Lawing's assistant had just handed in his two-week resignation, and with basketball season kicking into gear, Lawing needed help immediately. He approached Jimerson.

"Todd came to me and said, 'I like your personality and I like your work ethic, and I can teach you everything else from there,' "Jimerson said. "He said, 'Would you like the position?' It kind of just fell into my lap at that point. I was only 23 at the time."

After discussing it with his mom, Jimerson started his new job in January of 2017. That semester, he also decided to

enroll in WCU's Master of Sport Management Program, which is an online program. He knew the degree would help him perform better in his new position, but also provide credentials and training important for future career advancement. It was a balancing act for Jimerson. "It was tough," he said. "Being in facilities and

operations, and working in athletics in general, it's not your average 9-to-5, 8-to-5 job. You put in a lot of hours. You're kind of the first one in, last one to leave. We have to work a lot of events. The first semester wasn't bad, but when Todd left that summer (to become director of Ramsey Regional Activity Center), it was mainly me running all the events, along with Mark Conlin, who works on the grounds crew.

"It was a lot, and also trying to keep up with the homework. I was getting home at 10 o'clock at night. Instead of going home, eating dinner and going to bed, I'm sitting down on my laptop doing a quiz, writing a paper, catching up on reading. A lot of times my lunch would be reading a book. I'd close my door and start reading a book, or catch up on some question."

One of the things Jimerson enjoyed about the program is that a lot of what he was learning in class was being applied in his daily job, which gave him a hands-on feel. And although the program was online, there were other WCU employees taking the same courses, which often allowed them to work on group projects together. Now back to Jimerson not wanting to do anything other than marketing. He took over as director of athletic facilities when Lawing moved to the Ramsey Center. His job entails managing all of WCU's athletic facilities and running the game-day operations for each event. It's a lot to juggle, but a lot easier with skills learned in the graduate program. Students can earn a certificate in project management as part of the curriculum.

"The big thing I love about the program is you also get that certificate in project management, as well," Jimerson said. "That was really important and it definitely helped out."

Jimerson also works with visiting teams and the officials to ensure their needs are met. "We're one of the first ones to meet them," Jimerson said. "One of our goals is to make sure they're fully taken care of from when they first step on campus to when they leave. I want them leaving knowing they enjoyed Western Carolina."

Much like he enjoys his job. "I was here (in facilities) for a week and I said, `I don't ever want to do marketing again. Operations is what I want to do.' This job, I completely love it."

Empire Animal Rescue Society (E.A.R.S) is Seeking Donations!

The Seneca Nation is pleased to sponsor a donation site for E.A.R.S at the SAAB lobby

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On the last day of his internship, in

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Family Engagement Program

Submitted by Native Connections—BHU Prevention

The holidays are right around the corner, which means it's the perfect time to get together with family and friends! There are so many different and unique ways that families celebrate the holidays. If you're looking for even more fun activities to do, then be on the lookout for our flyers for the Family Engagement Program! Our events are a perfect opportunity to be together and really enjoy the Holidays. Whether it's a movie or craft night, our team is always looking for ways to bring families together.

The focus of the Family Engagement Program is to encourage families to spend time with one another, which serves as a protective factor against substance use and suicidal risk for our Native youth. In order to qualify for the program you must have a youth under the age of 24, who has the ability to utilize services within the Seneca Nation Health System. We hold events monthly and for each event you attend with your family it will earn you an entry into family prize raffles we have quarterly.

If you would like more information about the Family Engagement Program, have event suggestions, or would like to learn more about other Prevention services, contact a Prevention Specialist.

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Men's Talking Circle—Catt.

When: **Every Tuesday** Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Where: CHWC

A place to come share, heal and support in a safe confidential circle. For more information call the Seneca Strong office at 532-8456.

Seneca Language Immersion Program

When: **Wednesdays** Time: 9-10 a.m. Where: CHWC, Recreation Room

Presented by Seneca Strong. Beginner Language for all interested in learning! Register for classes at 532-8456.



Women's Talking Circle

When: **Every Tuesday** Time: 10-11 a.m. Where: CHWC, Room 126

All women are welcome! For more information call the Seneca Strong office at 532-8456.

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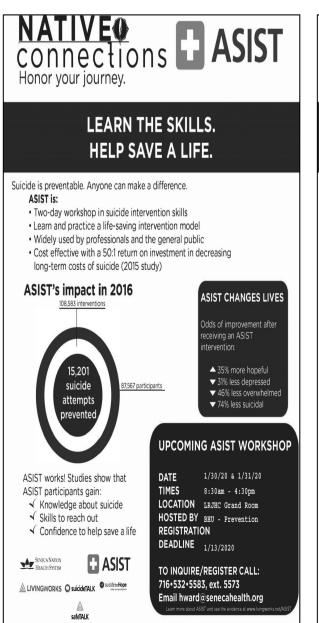
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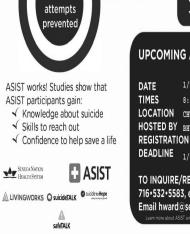
Where: LRJHC Diabetes Wellness Room

This support group focuses on diabetes education. This month's topic: "Stress Relief" with Will Maybee, BS, CSCS, Roswell Park. A healthy low carb meal and dessert will be provided. Please RSVP with

Coming soon...mark your calendars



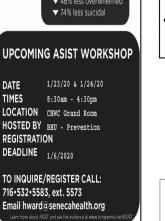
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SNHS Provider Spotlight



Rianna Leigh, better known as "Ri", is a dentist at the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Health Center. She has been with the health system for three years.

We asked her what she likes best about her job and she said "meeting my patients and their families."

Ri grew up in Sodus, NY (a small farm town near Rochester) and attended SUNY Geneseo and the University at Buffalo. She earned a bachelor of science in biology at Geneseo and a doctor of dental surgery at Buffalo.

We asked what she likes to do in her spare time. She says "I like skiing, hiking, and walking my husky, Luna."

Is there something interesting or extraordinary about herself that she would like people to know? She says "I'm a little bit of a handywoman. I can paint/ plaster a house and do simple electrical work."

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

Simply HR ~ October

New Hires

Michele Keyes Outreach Coordinator, Seneca Strong, CHWC October 1, 2019

Madison Tighe

Patient Registration Representative, CIRHC October 7, 2019

Julianne Hughes

Health Information Assistant, CIRHC October 21, 2019

Danielle Alimonti Clinical Nurse, LPN, CIRHC October 21, 2019

Congratulations on your new positions!



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<u>CHWC</u> 532-5582 ext. 5280

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NOTICE:

Seneca Nation Health System will be closed:

Tuesday, December 24 at noon ~ Christmas Eve Wednesday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day Thursday, December 26 ~ Administrative Day

Tuesday, December 31 at noon ~ New Year's Eve January 1 ~ New Year's Day January 2 ~ Administrative Day

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We also have an Outreach Social Worker who can help you get linked with services. The social worker can also meet you in a controlled environment in cases of incarceration or during in-patient care.



8 AM – 4:30 PM Tuesday LRJHC 945-5894 ext. 3272

8 AM – 4:30 PM Monday-Friday You can reach us here:

Lionel R. John Health Center 716-945-5894

Community Health and Wellness Center 716-532-8223

Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Health Center 716-532-5582

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CLARENCE KENNEDY

Administrator: Margaret Repicci, 1919 Richardson Rd., Gowanda, NY 14070 ~ Cattaraugus Territory - Final Notice ~

ESTATE OF GLADYS WAKOLEE-VALEZ Administrator: Judith Kennedy, 7295 Pepperdine Hill Rd., Cattaraugus, NY 14719 ~ Cattaraugus Territory - Final Notice ~

> **ESTATE OF PHYLLIS LAY** Executor: Marty A. Lay, 14396 Route 438, Gowanda, NY 14070 ~ Cattaraugus Territory - 2nd Notice ~

ESTATE OF NINA RENALDO Administrator: Keith Renaldo, Sr., P.O. Box 139, Irving, NY 14081 ~ Cattaraugus Territory - 2nd Notice ~

ESTATE OF BRENDA ALLEN Executor: William Allen, 11287 Old Lakeshore Rd., Irving, NY 14081 ~ Cattaraugus Territory - 2nd Notice ~

ESTATE OF BARRY E. SNYDER, SR. Executor: Julie L. Brant, 397 Herr Rd., Angola, NY 14006 ~ Cattaraugus Territory - 1st Notice ~

ESTATE OF GARY W. NEPHEW, SR. Executor: Marie Nephew, P.O. Box 168, Versailles, NY 14168 ~ 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.

Off Territory Addiction Recovery Group

The Next Import Export Commission Meeting

Cattaraugus Territory

<u>When</u>: **Friday, December 20, 2019** <u>Time</u>: 11am <u>Where</u>: William Seneca Building Council Chambers Conference Room





Native Roots Artists Guild Presents Christmas Ornament Class

<u>When</u>: **December 9, 2019** | <u>Time</u>: 6-8pm <u>Where</u>: Stanley "Sully" Huff Heritage Center 12857 Route 438, Irving, NY.

<u>Make a beaded Bulb</u>. \$20 class fee. Limited class size. **Taught by Deb Hoag**. To register, call 716.474.5395.

Seneca Nation of Indians 90 OHI:YO' WAY 12837 ROUTE 438 ALLEGANY TERRITORY **CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY** SENECA NATION SENECA NATION SALAMANCA, NY 14779 IRVING, NY 14081 Tel. (716) 945-1790 Tel. (716) 532-4900 FAX (716) 945-0150 FAX (716) 532-9132 NOTICE OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL TO: ALL ENROLLED SENECA MEMBERS SENECA NATION EXECUTIVES & COUNCILLORS ALL SENECA NATION DEPARTMENTS DATE: **NOVEMBER 14, 2019**

Pursuant of Section 12 of the Constitution of the Seneca Nation of Indians, notice

Sparks of Hope at 107 Main St., Hamburg, NY

2nd & 4th Wednesdays - 7pm: Sparks of Hope for Families. For other meetings and info call: 548.2284 or

email: sparksofhope2017@gmail.com

is hereby given to you that the Council of said Nation will convene in Regular Session on:

- DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019.
- TIME: 9:30 A.M.

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PLACE: WILLIAM SENECA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY

RICKEY L. ARMSTRONG SR., PRESIDENT SENECA NATION OF INDIANS

Beaded Bulb Ornament Class *Cattaraugus Education Department*

When: December 18th, 2019Time: 5:30-7:30pmWhere: Education Wing @ Catt. ECLC Bldg., Room 1222Use direct exterior door to Rm 1222 closest to"Department of Education Sign"

Class is limited to 15 participants, call to reserve your spot at 716.532.3341. Hosted by SNI Education Department.





S.C.C. Christmas Party Steamburg Community Center

<u>When</u>: **December 19th, 2019** <u>Time</u>: Dinner starts at 5:30pm <u>Where</u>: Steamburg Community Center

Please come join us for a holiday party and dinner with the Steamburg Community Center. **Gifts for children registered before December 6, 2019**. Crafts, kids activities and holiday fun! If you have any questions please feel free to contact S.C.C. at 716.354.4665.

Wright Memorial Presbyterian Church Annual Christmas Bazaar

When: Saturday, December 14, 2019

<u>Time</u>: 9am - 5pm <u>Where</u>: Wright Memorial Presbyterian Church 12672 Route 438, Irving, NY 14081

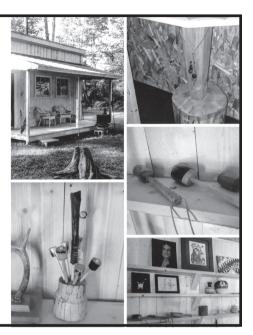
Attention Vendors: Tables are \$10, \$15 with electric. Please request for electric when reserving your table. Contact Bethany at the 716.382.1391.

NDN Crafts Owner: Mike Crouse

Located at **582 South Loop Rd**., Steamburg, NY Open Monday - Saturday from 10am - 9pm.

For more information call Mike at **716.640.4379** or **716.354.5455**

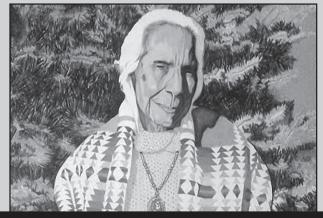
Stop in & check us out!



Seneca Nation Offices & Buildings will be CLOSED December 25th & 26th for Christmas. *Happy holidays!*

Turtle Island Fine Art 12764 Route 438

Izyo4 Koule 438 Irving, NY 14081 Seneca Territory | Phone: (716) 998-3509



Artist Ben Buffalo. Dimensions 15x22. FOR SALE.

Duplex FOR SALE

Get a 100% return on your investment in just 3 years with passive income! Both upper and lower apartments have 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, hardwood floors, and separate utilities. Street parking. Roof is only 7 years old. Brick exterior. Conveniently located. Empty, clean & ready for your new tenants. An amazing investment opportunity! **8-10 Summit St. Salamanca** | **MAKE AN OFFER!** Call 716-257-0722 for more information.

CCA's 13th Annual Santa's Carnival *Cattaraugus Community Action*

<u>When</u>: **December 12, 2019** | <u>Time</u>: 3-5pm <u>Where</u>: Cattaraugus Community Action (25 Jeffe3rson St., Salamanca)

FREE for kids 11 years & younger. Featuring: Santa & Mrs. Claus,

Seneca Nation Offices & Buildings will be CLOSED January 1st & 2nd, 2020 for New Year's. Have a safe and Happy holiday. Wishing you a wonderful year ahead!



Frosty the Snowman, Buddy the Elf, Tinsel the Tree, Caricatures by Eric Jones, LeeAnne Sadler Photography, Gifts, Crafts, Christmas Cookies & Cocoa, Games & Prizes. Call 716.945.1041 for more info.

REMINDER: The SNI Official Newsletter is now available via WEB! Check us out at https://www.sninews.org



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

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 	- (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Coloring 11am, Puzzles 1pm, Card Games 3pm, Scrabble 5pm - (ACC & SCC): Deadline for Christmas Party		- (WINI K): Coffee Hour 8am, Pool 10am, Puzzles 1pm, Sewing 3pm, Beading & Snack 5pm Saturday Saturday		
1	Gift Sign-ups! - (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Coloring 11am, Puzzles 1pm, Card Games 3pm, Scrabble 5pm - (S-REC&CC): Center Open 10am-6pm	lay	- (WINTK): Conee Hour Ioam, Puzzles Ham, Sewing 1pm, Snack & Movie 3pm, Beading 4pm - (CCC): Western Door Hockey Learn to Play 10am		
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 	 - (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Coloring 11am, Puzzles 1pm, Christmas House Project 3pm, Scrabble 5pm - (ACC): Zumba w/Corbett 6pm, Volleyball League 6pm, Water Aerobics 6:30pm - (S-REC&CC): Table Tennis Night 6-7pm 	ay	 3:30pm-Close (Call Kingsley Nephew at 532.8450 for info) - (WINI K): Coffee Hour 8am, Pool 10am, Puzzles 11am, Sewing/Beading 1pm, Potluck & Bingo 5pm - (CCC): Parisi Total Conditioning Ages 13U 5pm, Western Door Hockey Learn to Play 6pm 		
 	 - (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Seneca Lang. 11am, Puzzles 1pm, Coloring 3pm, Scrabble 5pm - (ACC): Pickleball 9:30am-12:30pm, EZ Fitness 11am, Matball 6pm - (S-REC&CC): Pickleball Clinic & Game 6-8pm 	ay	 - Alcoholic Anonymous Meeting @ American Legion Post 1587 8pm, call 532.8456 for info. - (WINI K): Coffee Hour 8am, Pool 10am, Puzzles 1pm, Beading 3pm, Games & Snack 4pm - (CCC): Parisi Total Performance Ages 7-11 5pm & 		
	 - (ACC): Pickleball 9:30am-12:30pm, Zumba w/ Corbett 6pm, Youth Basketball Drills 6pm, Water Aerobics 6:30pm - Recovery on the Rez (FMC Basement) 7:30-9pm - (S-REC&CC): Elders Coffee Hour 9-10:30am, Making Gingerbread Houses 6-7:30pm 	sday	Ages 12-15 6pm - (WINI K): Coffee Hour 8am, Pool 10am, Puzzles 1pm, Seasonal Craft 3pm, Sewing 5pm - (CCC): Parisi Total Conditioning Ages 13U 5pm, Hockey Agility Training 8pm		
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- (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Puzzles 11am, Movies 1pm, Coloring 3pm, Scrabble 5pm
- (ACC): Christmas Bazaar @ ACC Arena - Vendor space available - \$40 tables 10am-6pm
- (S-REC&CC): Center Open 10am-6pm, Rental 11am-4pm



Regular Session of Council (WSB) 9:30am
(WINI K): Coffee Hour 10am, Puzzles 11am, Sewing 1pm, Snack & Movie 3pm, Beading 4pm
(CCC): Western Door Hockey Learn to Play 10am





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Allegany Territory	Cattarangns Territory		
- (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Puzzles 11am, Bills Tailgate Party 1pm - (S-REC&CC): Center Open 10am-6pmSunday 15- (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Coloring 11am, Puzzles 1pm, Card Games 3pm, Scrabble 5pmMonday 16	 - (WINI K): Coffee Hour 10am, Puzzles 12pm, Football & Snacks 1pm, Sewing/Beading 3pm, Movies 6pm - (CCC): Hockey Agility Training 11am, Breakfast with Santa 12-3pm, Youth 4 Square League 12pm, Ski & Snowboard Club at Holiday Valley 3:30pm-Close 		
 - (ACC): Gift Wrapping - anyone who would like to volunteer is welcome - call 716.945.8119 for more info, Zumba w/Corbett 6pm, Volleyball League 6pm, Water Aerobics 6:30pm - (S-REC&CC): Christmas Sugar Cookies Baking Night 6-7:30pm - (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Seneca Language 11am, Puzzles 1pm, Christmas Potluck Party (Bring a digh to page) and 	 (WINI K): Coffee Hour 8am, Pool 10am, Puzzles 11am, Sewing/Beading 1pm, Potluck & Bingo 5pm (CCC): Parisi Total Conditioning Ages 13U 5pm, Western Door Hockey Learn to Play 6pm Alcoholic Anonymous Meeting @ American Legion Post 1587 8pm, call 532.8456 for info. 		
 (Bring a dish to pass) 3pm - (ACC): Pickleball 9:30am-12:30pm, EZ Fitness 11am, Matball 6pm - (S-REC&CC): SNI Employee Christmas Party - Center Closed from 11am-2:30pm, Afterschool Open 3-5:30pm, Center Closing for the day at 5:30pm 	 - (WINI K): Coffee Hour 8am, Pool 10am, Puzzles 1pm, Beading 3pm, Games & Snack 4pm - (CCC): Parisi Total Performance Ages 7-11 5pm & Ages 12-15 6pm 		
 - (A-ELDERS): CLOSED for Elder Luncheon @ 18 Allegany Casino - (ACC): Pickleball 9:30am-12:30pm, Zumba w/Corbett 6pm, Youth Basketball Drills 6pm, Water Aerobics 6:30pm 	 - (WINI K): CLOSED for Elder Luncheon @ Allegany Casino - (CCC): Parisi Total Conditioning Ages 13U 5pm, Hockey Agility Training 8pm 		
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- (S-REC&CC): Steamburg Community Center Christmas Party 5:30-7:30pm	- (WINI K): Coffee Hour 10am, Puzzles 11am, Sewing 1pm, Snack & Movie 3pm, Beading 4pm 21		
 - (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Seneca Language 11am, Puzzles 1pm, Coloring 3pm, Scrabble 5pm - (ACC): Pickleball 9:30am-12:30pm, EZ Fitness 11am - (S-REC&CC): Attn: Randolph Half Day 	- (CCC): Open Co-Ed Happy Volley-Days Volleyball Tournament 9am - Ages 15+, \$150 Entry Fee, 8 Player Roster Max, Roster Due by December 18, Western Door Hockey Learn to Play 10am		
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Water Aerobics 6:30pm

- (**S-REC&CC**): Ice Skating at CCC 1-3:30pm, Randolph & Salamanca Schools Winter Break thru 1/03/20

Visit www.sni.org for daily event postings and updates!

1587 8pm, call 532.8456 for info.

- Seneca Nation Offices & Buildings CLOSING at Noon for Christmas Eve!
- (WINI K): Coffee Hour 8am, Pool 10am



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Allegany Territory	Cattarangns Territory
- Seneca Nation Offices & Buildings CLOSING at Noon for Christmas Eve! 24	- Seneca Nation Offices & Buildings CLOSED for Christmas Day! Merry Christmas!
- (ACC): Pickleball 9:30am-12:30pm, EZ Fitness 11am - (S-REC&CC): Center Closing at 1:30pm	- Seneca Nation Offices & Buildings CLOSED! Thursday 26
- Seneca Nation Offices & Buildings CLOSED for Christmas Day! Merry Christmas!	- (WINI K): Coffee Hour 8am, Pool 10am, Puzzles 1pm, Sewing 3pm, Beading & Snack 5pm - (CCC): Cornhole League 7pm - Register at the
- Seneca Nation Offices & Buildings CLOSED! Thursday 26	Front Desk, Call for more info.
 - (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Seneca Language 11am, Puzzles 1pm, Coloring 3pm, Scrabble 5pm - (ACC): Pickleball 9:30am-12:30pm, EZ Fitness 11am - (S-REC&CC): Center Hours 7:30am-6pm, Outside Snow Fun Day at Rec. 	 (WINI K): Coffee Hour 10am, Puzzles 11am, Sewing 1pm, Snack & Movie 3pm, Beading 4pm (CCC): Western Door Hockey Learn to Play 10am, Family Fun Nights 6-9pm (Games, Crafts, Music, Ice Skating, Bounce House & Open Swim)
- (A-ELDERS): Coffee Hour 9am, Puzzles 11am, Movies 1pm, Coloring 3pm, Scrabble 5pm - (S-REC&CC): Center Open 10am-6pm	 - (WINI K): Coffee Hour 10am, Puzzles 12pm, Football & Snacks 1pm, Sewing/Beading 3pm, Movies 6pm - (CCC): Hockey Agility Training 11am, Ski & Snowboard Club at Holiday Valley 3:30pm-Close
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PERSONALS



Alice Mae Schindler Nephew

Congratulations to Karolyn F. Karsten! In recognition of superior scholarship!

Karolyn was recognized by Syracuse University' College of Visual and Performing Arts for making the Dean's List for the Spring 2019 semester!

5/14/40-11/13/2019

The Family of Alice M. Nephew would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, brought food, and offered prayers and condolences to our family at this difficult time. Special thanks to Seneca Fire, Mercy Flight and the Vestry of the Church of the Good Shepherd for the use of the hall. We deeply appreciate your expressions of sympathy.

Nya:wëh, Frank, Richard, Cathy, Joyce, Luana, Marcy and Karla



Submitted by Kevin Gates & Grandma



December 6, 2019

LEARN SENECA



"Make Game Night Ögwé'öwe:ka:'! (native way)

Go to www.senecalanguage.com to listen to the audio for this game sheet!"



Ohsóhgwa'shö'öh (Colors)

Ganéhdaikö' (Green) Ojítgwä:'ë:' (Yellow) Gëöya'ë:' (Blue) Ji:nyóae' (Blue) Gwéhdá:'ë:' (Red)

Useful Words

Nö'gátgwe:ni'! (I won!) Ho'knígöhö:t (I cheated.) Ho'snígöhö:t (You cheated.) Nyoh! (Okay!, Alright!) Ja:göh! (Good job!, Keep it up!) Go'geh! (Hurry!) Ne'hoh shö:h (That is all.)

Óíha: ₁₁



I:', ne:wa' (Me, this time.) I:s, ne:wa' (You, this time.) Sö:h, ne:wa'? (Who, this time?) Ae' (Again)

Bubble

Ëgáhjaë' (I'll push.) Ësáhjaë' (You'll push.) Deyeyë:dahgwa' (Dice, lit. something used for betting.) Wahdadö:gwas (It pops.)



Movement

Ëgáhsawë' (I will begin.) Ësáhsawë' (You will begin.)

Dëgek (I'll pick it up.) Dësek (You'll pick it up.)

Ëgatgë:is (I'll move.) Ësatgë:is (You'll move.)

Ö:ëdö:gwa:h (Forward) Heyodogë:döh (Warp, lit. The fastest way.)

Ëkë' nekohgwah (I'll put it down here.) Ëhšë' nekohgwah (You'll put it down here.)



6 - Ye:i'



Gi:'jö' (I'm home.) Si:'jö' (You're home.) Hosa:gyö' (I'm home again.) Sa:šö' (You're home again.) Ëkeyajá'dödak (I'll take her/their place.) Eyajá'dödak (I'll take his place.)

Ëgadënye:d (I will send it.) Hë:öweh ësáhsawë' (Where you will start.)

Da'öh (It's not possible.) Ësgásawë' (I will start again.)

We:so' óíha:' (Double Trouble, lit. A lot of consequence.)