

The Official Newsletter of the SENECA NATION



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A message from President Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.



Nya:wëh Sgë:nö',

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as President for our great Seneca Nation and Members these last two years. During my previous term as President (2002-2004) we opened up the Seneca Niagara Casino which was a very exciting time and gave us the ability to be able to provide services and opportunities for our Nation and its Members. This Presidential term has been met with challenges that we have never faced before – COVID 19. These last eight months have been a time where decisions had to be made based on science and data for the health and safety of our

Seneca Members and Territories. Facing the possibility of financial collapse when all of our Gaming facilities needed to shut down, we as a Seneca Nation Government pulled together to ensure that services would not stop.

I need to acknowledge and thank Treasurer Pagels, Clerk Bethany Johnson, Seneca Nation Council and all the members of the Seneca Nation COVID19 Response Team who have all worked long hours from the very beginning to address the national pandemic and how it has impacted our communities. I also want to thank our Seneca Nation front line essential workers who continued their employment to ensure that services would not be disrupted. Unfortunately, we have sadly lost Seneca members due to COVID19 and while we continue to be mindful that the virus is still active, we also realize that we need to proceed with daily activities carefully.

Throughout these last two years we have made progress in many areas of our Government and our Economy. Opening up a new Buffalo One Stop next to our Buffalo Creek Casino is sure to be a success as a

revenue generating entity. Our plans for the recently purchased Hanover Site at Irving also promises to be an exciting project. We have established a Seneca Nation Drug Task Force to address problems that exist on our Territories which include Exclusion Orders of 3 known drug dealers. We established a Hemp Department and are taking applications from growers. The Seneca Nation has also issued an RFP for a technical partner to develop a medical cannabis program on Territories. We were also able to reach an agreement with the NYS Thruway Authority regarding long-needed repairs on the thruway portion that crosses Cattaraugus Territory. Regarding COVID19, we've held numerous drive-thrus for our Seneca Territories distributing



SENECA NATION COVID-19 HOTLINE: 945-8153 EMAIL: SNIINFO@SNI.ORG
(24/7 for non-medical questions or information)

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community masks, sanitizer, produce, senior picnic and other items, Beginning in March we were still able to address Seneca Government business via virtual Seneca Nation Council meetings and have now reopened for Seneca Public attendance. Many Seneca Nation departments and activities had to close early on, however, we have since been able to reopen with safety guidelines. Gladly, we have also been able

to reopen all of our Gaming facilities with safety protocols and many of our customers have returned.

COVID19 has presented us with some tough times, but we realize that united, we will get through this together and stay Seneca Nation Strong. We, as a community, will continue to help take care of one another, our families, Elders, community members,

co-workers and neighbors. We will not succumb to complacency rather we will be optimistic in our plans and work for the future.

Nya:wëh,
Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.,
President
Seneca Nation of Indians



Substance abuse impacts Native Communities

A message from President Armstrong:

We have long known that substance abuse disproportionately impacts Native communities. Though we make up just a fraction of this country's population, we experience much higher addiction rates and our people die in greater numbers than non-Natives, as a result of overdoses.

In fact, Native people are more than 50 percent more likely to die of an overdose than non-Natives. Even more striking, Native overdose deaths from abuse of prescription and illicit opioids have increased nearly sixfold in recent years.

The COVID-19 pandemic, which has had made an enormous impact on Native communities, has served to make the drug epidemic in our communities even worse – raising stress levels and forcing us to isolation from one another. Due to these additional factors, there has been a marked increase in the use and abuse of opioids, as well as other drugs and alcohol.

The drug epidemic has impacted each of our lives, families and loved ones. Too many lives have been lost to this scourge. A single life lost is one too many.

Members of our Nation are understandably angry and demanding action. I, too, am angry, as are members of the Council and the entire Seneca Nation government. We have heard your call, and we are responding.

We are deeply committed to helping our people navigate this crisis and will not stand for non-Native drug dealers operating on our territories. With the Council's support, in 2016, we banished seven known or suspected drug dealers from our territories. Recently, we issued three Exclusion Orders, due to illegal drug activity. **In the coming days, we will be launching an anti-drug ad**

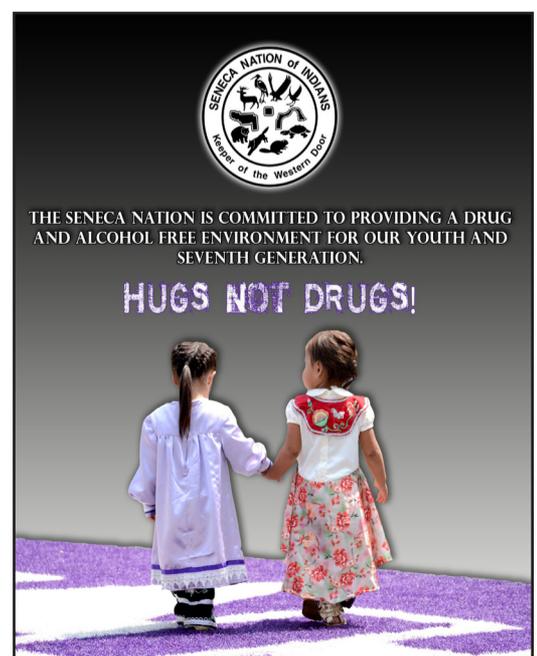
campaign, within our communities. The campaign will include new billboards and several other initiatives.

I am calling on the entire Seneca community to join us in standing against these dealers by reporting any and all suspicious drug-related activity to the Marshals. Harboring or helping a non-Seneca dealer will have significant consequences; not only will you endanger yourself, your neighbors and well-being of the entire Nation, but you also put your annuity at risk.

To those struggling with addiction, please know that the Nation has resources available, focused on drug prevention and treatment; including recovery services, peer support and empowerment programs. We have Senecas in our communities who have fought this same battle and are working on their recovery, one day at a time. They have reached out and are willing to help in any way then can. The best prevention is to stop using these substances altogether.

The story of the Seneca people is that of fortitude, strength and resilience. We have survived poverty, pestilence and prejudice, and we have persevered. This is yet another challenge for us to overcome, and I believe we will do so – together.

Nya:wëh



Re: Horseshoe Solar Energy LLC Project- 19PR07523

Dear Mr. Vandrei and Ms. Millar

It has come to the Seneca Nation's attention that there is a possible discrepancy in the identification of a bone found during a Phase 1B cultural resources survey conducted by Panamerica Consultants, Inc. ("Panamerica") for Invenergy's Horseshoe Solar Project off Golah Road, Avon, NY (NYSPHO# 18PR07941). It has been reported that the consultant who arrived on scene determined the bone to be human, only to reclassify it as heron. We are unsure if the bone of interest is human or heron. At this time, we ask that you cease and desist from all activities until all parties can better understand and investigate this situation. We also believe that if the bone is indeed human there is a possibility more remains could be exposed on the surface. We ask Invenergy to return to the location where the bone was documented and try to locate and properly identify the bone in cooperation with the Seneca Nation. If it is determined to be human, we require Invenergy to properly secure the location, ensure the integrity of the location, and facilitate reinternment of all exposed remains with the participation of the descendant communities.

Seneca Nation is also aware of "artifact collectors" on site waiting to walk over the survey area after the company leaves the area. We ask Invenergy to develop a "No Trespassing" policy on the surveyed areas. We believe the presence of Panamerica doing their survey is drawing the attention of looters. We know there are numerous burials and cemeteries in the area and we do not want their resting places compromised and desecrated. After this matter is resolved, we encourage Invenergy to invest in a tribal monitor for the duration of the surveying for this project in order to protect the historical resources located on this site.

Seneca Nation is committed to clean energy and working with our neighbors. We find it important that our partners do their part to respect all Seneca and Haudenosaunee people living or deceased. Thank you for your attention in this manner.

Sincerely,
Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr., President,
 SENECA NATION



FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER



**Nya:wëh sgë:nö'
 gagwe:göh,**

I have to start by giving each and all of you a HUGE Nya:wëh! These last two years have been a true delight. I've been able to work with so many Seneca's and for that I will be forever indebted. Covid-19 is a sad reminder of diseases past, and now together we must grow stronger. We are resilient and will get through this pandemic and see our way through the economic recovery because that what Seneca's do!

I'd like to highlight a few things we've done together as a nation to acknowledge your support and confidence. We created SENECA EMS to provide enhanced emergency services on the Nation and to allow the Nation to bill recipients of services through Medicaid, Medicare, or insurance, with no cost to Nation members.

We developed a COVID Response Task Force to proactively and effectively carry out the Nation's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, successfully maintaining the Nation's supportive services and safely reopening the Nation's economy in phases. We paid off early, and in full, a \$51.125 million Wells Fargo line of credit.

We also continued to place additional lands into sovereign

restricted-fee status, including the 180 Perry Street Buffalo One Stop project which should be done in early 2021.

Proceeded with planning and strategy development for forthcoming Gaming Compact Renewal negotiations between the Nation and NYS.

We established the Seneca Nation Cannabis Department to regulate hemp production.

We completed and dedicated many project ie, Seneca Fire-Allegany, Steamburg Community Center. Significant progress was made on the Cattaraugus broadband construction project, procuring approximately \$5.4 million in grant funding with project completion expected by late 2021.

The Nation Agriculture Department's Gakwi:yo:h Farms expanded to include farm operations on both the Cattaraugus and Allegany territories.

A Drug Task Force was developed to combat drug dealing activity on both territories, while establishing new relationships with surround law enforcement.

Please remember to remain vigilant, cautious, safe and strong! We are still in an economic recovery and health pandemic.

**Nya:wëh,
 Matt**





Bethany Johnson, Clerk
ALLEGANY TERRITORY



Marta Kettle, Deputy Clerk
CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY

CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS

Although our doors are open, entry into our office continues to be temporarily closed. Staff can assist at the doorway of both offices, Monday through Friday; 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, as well as the second Saturday of every month from 8am-12pm on both territories.

Allegany Territory – (716) 945-1790 ext. 3000

Allegany Clerk's Office Staff
Bethany Johnson, Clerk (Notary Public)
Geraldine Huff, Executive Assistant (Notary Public)
Sue Case, Enrollment Officer
Alana McClune, Enrollment Assistant (Notary Public)
Adrienne Cook – Executive Secretary
Kathleen "Yomie" Hill, Administrative Assistant
Ryan Mohr, Receptionist

Cattaraugus Territory – (716) 532-4900 ext. 5000

Cattaraugus Clerk's Office Staff
Marta Kettle – Deputy Clerk
Kelly Mohawk – Deeds Recorder
Ashley Warrior – Executive Secretary
Leslie Cooke – Administrative Assistant (Notary Public)
Tammi Stafford – Administrative

Assistant (Notary Public)
Lori Waterman – Administrative Assistant
Dana Maybee, Business Permit Officer

The Buffalo Clerk's Office is located at:
533 Amherst Street
Buffalo, NY 14207
(716)-845-6304 or (716)951-7555
Monday-Friday: 8am-4:30pm

ANNUAL REGISTRATION

PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE YOUR ANNUAL REGISTRATION! THE DECEMBER DEADLINE IS AROUND CORNER!

REMINDER: ALL NON-TERRITORY MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO MAIL-IN YOUR REGISTRATION THIS YEAR DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. (PER COUNCIL RESOLUTION S-06-29-20-02)

Congratulations, to the newly enrolled members of the Seneca Nation!

ADDITIONS (7) TO THE NATION'S ROLL – OCTOBER 10, 2020 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

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| Leilena Mae Conant Hawk Clan | Andee Eleanor Kennedy Turtle Clan |
| Nina Kalyn James Turtle Clan | Lucy Kaia Ksiazek Hawk Clan |
| Greisyn Howard Johns Turtle Clan | John James Amelian Ramos II Wolf Clan |
| Aziel Osiris Johnson Hawk Clan | |

NATION I.D. CARDS

All offices (Cattaraugus, Allegany, & Buffalo) are now scheduling appointments for members who need to update their picture for their Nation ID cards.

CLERK FORMS

You can mail completed forms along with a copy of your photo identification as proof of identify if you are unable to obtain a notary to: Seneca Nation of Indians, 90 Ohi:yo' Way, Salamanca NY 14779.

All forms are available online at www.sni.org under Clerk's Office documents.

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.

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 attached a voided check or deposit slip (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

If you receive direct deposit, it is your responsibility to keep your address updated with the Clerk's Office.

BURIAL FUND

A Burial fund has been designated to pay for funeral expenses up to \$7000 for enrolled members. For additional details, please contact the Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

If after hours or on weekends, please contact Bethany Johnson, Clerk (716)-474-6361 or Marta Kettle, Deputy Clerk (716)-474-5403.

ADDRESSES

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).

Please stay healthy & safe. Nya:wëh for your patience and understanding during this time and please watch for updates as this may change unexpectedly. Any changes will be posted online.

On behalf of the Seneca Nation, we send our heartfelt condolences.

DELETIONS (5) TO THE SENECA NATION'S ROLL – OCTOBER 10, 2020 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

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| William Charles Berkmeier Snipe Clan | Vernon Jimerson Wolf Clan |
| Cynthia Bova Jemison Wolf Clan | Arletta Sue Stevens Turtle Clan |
| Richard Craig Jemison Wolf Clan | |



Remarks by Councillor Linda “Soupy” Doxtator:

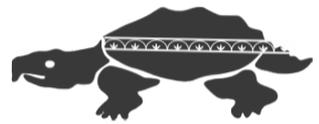
As my term on Council comes to an end, please allow me to briefly express the extreme sense of honor and joy that I have experienced serving as a Nation Councillor for twenty-six years. My time as a Councillor began in 1992 when I was appointed to serve the remaining two years of Barry Snyder’s Council term when he was elected President. Re-election to six more Council terms followed, from 1994 to 2020 (although I took a break between 2010 and 2012). The trust and support that I received from the Seneca people over the years is something for which I will always be humbled and grateful!



time on Council, I also had the opportunity to represent the Nation as a delegate or alternate to USET, NCAI, NIGA, and other national native organizations.

I have treasured and enjoyed my time on Council because I had the tremendous opportunity of working with, and on behalf of, so many fine and wonderful people from our Seneca communities. I would like to thank my family for the sacrifices they made, such as my missing family events sometimes due to meetings or travel. Additionally, I want to thank my esteemed colleagues over the years—the Councillors and Executives—for all that

they taught me about public service, about planning for future generations, and about protecting our language, culture, and sovereignty. Finally, I wish to thank the Seneca people for the opportunity you graciously granted me to serve the Nation.



Nya:wëh!

Serving on Council permitted me to observe firsthand how the Nation’s government operates. Service on several different Nation committees also increased my knowledge of how the government functions. It was a great privilege to serve on several different committees including Planning & Community Development, Land Acquisition, Route 219 Negotiation, Class II Gaming, Capital Improvements, AOA, and Elderly & Disabled Housing. During my

GAMING

Kevin Nephew named President & CEO at Seneca Gaming Corporation First Seneca Nation member to lead Nation’s gaming enterprise *Pantano & Associates, L.L.C.*



NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK—
BUFFALO, NEW YORK—SALAMANCA,
NEW YORK: (October 15, 2020)

The Seneca Gaming Corporation Board of Directors announced that Kevin Nephew, an executive with decades of financial leadership experience, has been named the corporation’s President & CEO. His appointment, which followed an extensive search, was officially approved by the Board earlier today.

As President & CEO, Nephew will oversee the operation and performance of Seneca

Gaming Corporation’s three casino properties – Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino in Niagara Falls, NY; Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino in Salamanca, NY; and Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino in downtown Buffalo. The facilities collectively employ more than 2,700 workers and attract millions of visitors each year.

Nephew joined Seneca Gaming Corporation in 2014, most recently serving as Vice President of Organization Improvement & Development. In that role, he successfully developed and launched a company-wide Continuous Improvement program, focusing on process improvement and delivering improved customer service and profitability across the organization. To date, more than 1,000 Seneca Gaming Corporation employees have been trained on Continuous Improvement principles, which have provided savings and efficiencies to the corporation. He previously held the roles of Executive Director of Continuous Improvement and Director of Budget and Financial Analysis.

“We have seen Kevin’s leadership and commitment firsthand over the past six years and we have every confidence in his vision for leading Seneca Gaming Corporation and our three world-class properties,” said Dr. Lori V. Quigley, Chairwoman of the Seneca Gaming

Corporation Board of Directors. “As an executive and a colleague, Kevin has demonstrated an ability to inspire positive operational and philosophical change throughout the corporation for the benefit of our stakeholders, including our guests, our more than 2,700 team members, and the Seneca Nation. The Board looks forward to working collaboratively with Kevin to fulfill our shared goals for Seneca Gaming Corporation.”

Prior to joining Seneca Gaming Corporation, Nephew spent 22 years working in a series of Finance positions with New York State, including 15 years as Director of Financial Administration for the New York State Office of Technology, as well as roles with the New York State Department of Tax and Finance and the New York State Division of Budget.

An enrolled member of the Seneca Nation’s Wolf Clan, Nephew becomes the first Seneca Nation member to lead the corporation in its 18-year history.

“I am incredibly humbled by the Board’s confidence in my ability to lead Seneca Gaming Corporation forward,” Nephew said. “I know well the passion and dedication our team members bring to their jobs every day, and how that resonates in the service they provide to our guests. I also



know the important role our properties play for our team members, for our community, and for the Seneca Nation. Those perspectives will help guide my leadership in continuing to strengthen our operations and make Seneca Gaming Corporation and our three properties leaders in our industry.”

“The Seneca Nation is very proud to see one of our members earn this important opportunity,” added Seneca Nation President Rickey Armstrong, Sr. “When we opened the doors at Seneca Niagara nearly two decades ago, it was a milestone moment in our history and a monumental

turning point for the future of our people. Not only will Kevin have the opportunity to make a lasting, positive impact on our Seneca economy, he is also setting a positive example for our Nation’s younger generations.”

Nephew is a graduate of Bucknell University and earned a MBA from Columbia University. He holds Kaizen training certification in Continuous Improvement and is currently pursuing Lean Six Sigma Management Certification. In addition, Nephew is an adjunct professor at Medaille College and is a member of the Seneca Nation Investment Board of Directors.

David Sheridan, Seneca Gaming Corporation’s CFO, who has served as Interim CEO since the spring, will resume his CFO duties.

“David did a remarkable job leading the company through the unimaginable circumstances brought on by the global pandemic,” Dr. Quigley said. “The Board is grateful to him, and we look forward to David continuing to be a key member of our management team.”



THE INSIDE SCOOP



WITH DR. LORI QUIGLEY

OCT 2020

On a Personal Note...

Nya:wēh Sgē:nō! I'm excited to bring you The Inside Scoop, a monthly newsletter that will highlight important information from the Seneca Gaming Corporation. I will tell you about all the fun and excitement planned for our Seneca Resorts and Casinos' guests, our Team Member accomplishments and more.

I'd like to kick off this issue with a big congrats to Christina "Chrissy" Jimerson, our Executive Director of Compensation and Total Rewards. Chrissy was recently honored as a *Buffalo Business First* Woman of Influence 2020 in the "Behind the Scenes" category. Ja:goh, Chrissy!

Last month, I participated as a volunteer at the Remember the Removal drive-through event at the Steamburg Community Building parking lot, located on the Allegany Territory of the Seneca Nation. I grew up on the territory in Steamburg and loved seeing so many Seneca community members that beautiful fall morning!

Don't forget! Our next Quarterly Stakeholders Meeting is Saturday, October 24 at 10 AM. Until then, stay well.



Game Day at Allegany's Sports Lounge

INSIDE DEAL

We're ready to deck the halls for our 2020 Holiday Shopping Sprees. These annual events, held in October at both Niagara and Allegany, are favorites with our Social Club members who love to use their points to stock up on brand named gifts and designer labels.

Our Sports Lounges are quite popular with fans who miss the excitement of being in the stands. We're happy to offer them a socially distant, fun atmosphere to root for their favorite teams.

INSIDE 8

Our Clean Team received some much earned kudos in September during International Housekeeper's Week. Sweet treats and other surprises were on tap for these hard working Team Members who have exceeded all sanitizing, cleaning, and disinfecting standards since we reopened. Ja:goh!

Team Members are invited to wear their ribbons and beads to mark Indigenous Peoples' Day (October 12) at work. Our TDRs will also be serving traditional Native American dishes for everyone to enjoy.

Play it Safe Update:

They're bright. They're yellow. They make the message clear. Our Team Members are wearing Mask Up t-shirts to remind everyone to make sure their masks fit properly, and cover their noses and chins.

To double down on our call for safety, we also have fliers, posters, and a video on iNSIDE8 that stress why we need to wear masks, stay 6 feet apart, and keep washing our hands.

WE'RE ON A ROLL!

The votes are in! Seneca Resorts & Casinos took 35 awards in 28 of *Casino Player* magazine's "Best of Gaming" (Best of New York) categories, including four 1st place wins: "Best Rooms" and "Best Slot Tournaments" (Allegany) and "Best Keno" and "Best Carnival Games" (Niagara). We also scored a 2nd place win for our Social Club by Seneca in *USA Today's* 10Best Readers' Choice category for "Best Player's Club."



Sincerely,
Lori

Chairwoman, Board of Directors
Seneca Gaming Corporation



MAKE TRICK-OR-TREATING SAFER

- AVOID DIRECT CONTACT WITH TRICK-OR-TREATERS.
- GIVE OUT TREATS OUTDOORS.
- SET UP A STATION WITH INDIVIDUALLY BAGGED TREATS FOR KIDS.
- WEAR MASK AND WASH HANDS BEFORE HANDLING TREATS.
- LIGHTS OUT IF NO TREATS



#SENECASSTAYSAFE




Community Service Announcement

Do you have Covid-19 questions or need information?

SENECA NATION COVID HOTLINE (716) 945-8153 EMAIL: SNINFO@SNI.ORG

Public Notice: SN Utilities

TO: The Residents of the Allegany Territory
FROM: Seneca Nation Utilities
RE: National Grid Right of Way



Please be advised that pursuant to the Right of Way Agreement between the Seneca Nation and Niagara Mohawk, dba as National Grid, National Grid will be performing required brush clearing and tree cutting on lines 153, 154 and 804 on the Allegany Territory. Tree cutting will target only tall species that pose a threat to the power line.

Culturally sensitive plants will be avoided and no-treat buffer zones around water sources will be adhered to. All work will be performed by mechanical means, there will be no herbicide application.

If anyone has any questions or concerns or would like to review maps connected with this project please contact: Anthony Memmo:

Project Manager
Seneca Nation Utilities
716 535-9221 or a.memmo@sni.org

Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) Public Service Announcement

It is the objective of the Tribal Employment Rights Office to create and maintain a database of skilled and semi-skilled Seneca and other Native American tradespeople, whether you are presently a skilled trade person or currently enrolled in an apprenticeship program, it's our goal to ensure your employment within the exterior boundaries of the Seneca Nation.

It is important for all skilled and semi-skilled Seneca and other Native American tradespeople to participate in the TERO program. Your participation guarantees that employers hire Seneca and other Native Americans, in accordance with TERO guidelines, which ensures all Natives are given preference and offered an equal opportunity to employment on Seneca and other tribal lands.

If you are a tradesperson, or currently enrolled in an apprenticeship program and wish to be considered for employment on future Seneca Nation construction projects, please fill out the TERO skill bank form and return it to the SNI TERO office. The TERO office maintains your application on file for one (1) year from the date it is submitted, therefore if you have not submitted an application in over a year, it is important for you to resubmit an application now.

Any questions regarding this announcement please direct all inquiries to the SNI TERO office. Please send all inquiries to snitero@sni.org

Nya:weh,
Elijah M. Vogle, TERO Director,
Allegany Office 716-945-1790



Social Security Announcement from Disabilities Services

Submitted by Leanna Leroy, SN Disabilities Services

Are you receiving Social Security and or Disability from the Social Security Administration?
Are you between 18-59 years Old?
Are you currently living ON Territory?

Then you are qualified for Seneca Nation Disability Services Program.

Please call our office to set up an appointment. We can also do a home visit to assist you in any way we can.

We also assist with transportation

Give us a call
716-532-4900 Ext. 5152

#SENECASSTAYS SAFE
 Please be safe & stay healthy!



Open Recruitment Apprenticeship Application

Submitted by Elijah Vogel, TERO

District Council #4 is looking for Seneca and other Native Americans to join their trade hall:



We are Painters District Council #4 of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades or IUPAT. We represent men and women in the 33 counties of Western & Central New York who work in what are called the Finishing Trades. Residential, commercial and industrial painting, drywall finishing, glassworker, glazing and bill board posting. In addition we also represent healthcare workers and pressworkers and service delivery groups.

****APPLICATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED ANYTIME!****

How applications can be obtained:
Printed on our website or picked up at our:

BUFFALO OFFICE
 585 AERO DR.
 CHEEKTOWAGA, NY 14225

ROCHESTER OFFICE
 244 PAUL RD.
 ROCHESTER, NY 14623

Then mailed to:
 Finishing Trades Institute of
 W&CNY
 585 Aero Sr.
 Cheektowaga, NY 14225

<http://www.dc4.org/get-started>

SYRACUSE OFFICE
 615 WEST GENESEE ST.
 SYRACUSE, NY 13204



visit us on-line
@sninews.org

Streaming Premiere — Denying Access: NoDAPL to NoNAPL

Seneca Media's feature length documentary about the Senecas who stood with Standing Rock against the Dakota Access Pipeline and came home to stand against the Northern Access Pipeline premiered on October 27th via the Seneca Media YouTube channel.



Filmmaker Q&A with Jason Corwin and Tami Watt followed the screening with the YouTube premiere live comments feature.

To view the full length feature please use this link:
<http://www.youtube.com/c/SenecaMediaCommunicationsCenter>

Public Notice- Seneca Energy

Pursuant to Council Resolution and Right of Way Agreement between the Seneca Nation and National Fuel Gas (NFG) please be advised that NFG will be replacing 2,920' of 2" steel pipeline along the west side of Van Vleck Rd within the Cattaraugus Territory. The steel pipeline would be replaced with approximately 2,700' of 2" High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) plastic pipe.

The plan is to replace this pipeline adjacent to the highway bounds of Van Vleck Rd, rather than keeping it in the same location as it presently resides, where it runs through the woods and serves houses from the back. This is atypical and can be dangerous as well as inefficient. Our goal is to run all pipeline along the road to ensure asset organization, safety and efficiencies.

This work will also include the installation of new services to 12089, 12045, 12041, 12037, 12107 and 12030 Van Vleck Rd.

If there are any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Seneca Energy (716) 532-9221

News From SN Utilities

ATTENTION ALL WATERLINE USERS ON BOTH TERRITORIES

Submitted by Theresa Lay, SN Utilities

Winter is creeping up on us once again, it's time to winterize your waterline pipes! All mobile home owners should have their skirting up and intact. It is in your best interest to protect your pipes against the elements; frozen pipes lead to breakage and leaks. Insulation around pipes along with heat tape is a deterrent against frozen water pipes. We have found that home made wooden boxes to cover the meter and pipes are a big help. PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO PLUG IN YOUR HEAT TAPE!!! Be sure your heat tape is in proper working order, heat tape must be checked each year to ensure it is operational. If your heat tape is not heating thoroughly, it must be replaced- it doesn't last forever! Also, please make sure you know the location of your curb stop, (flag it!) so it will not be disturbed during snow removal. This also deters damage to your plow as well.

This department's waterline was primarily funded through the Indian Health Service and we must adhere to strict guidelines. Therefore, if you've had water service for one year or longer, it is up to you, as the homeowner, to maintain your hook-up. All renters should advise their landlords of their responsibilities if they are not being met.

Due to harsh budget constraints we are incurring, there is only so much we can do to assist you, but we do offer some basic parts and materials at a discounted rate, manpower excluded.

Please contact our offices if you should have any questions/concerns:

Cattaraugus (716) 532-9221
Allegany (716) 945-0059

Should any community members notice any standing water on your lawn, under your trailer, (especially if it hasn't rained in a while); please notify us immediately so we may identify the problem. Please note if you hear any water running in a home that is unoccupied, there may be a leak. THE WATERLINE DEPARTMENT MUST BE INFORMED WHEN OCCUPANTS



ARE LEAVING THEIR HOME FOR ANY LONG PERIOD OF TIME SO WE MAY SHUT OFF THE WATER AND AVOID COSTLY REPAIRS TO THE OWNER. We appreciate any help our residents can give us!

Please be aware that having a potable water source is imperative to clean living and survival. Do the preventive maintenance NOW, we can't stress it enough. It will save you the trouble and expense of later repairs. Also, please note that if you have to dig near any utilities you must contact DIGSAFELY, which is an underground utility locating service (800-962-7962). This could prevent you from accidentally ripping out dangerous electrical lines, natural gas lines, and waterlines that could interrupt residential services.

Also, please take note of the process that occurs when applicants apply for services from our department for wastewater facilities... we are funded through the Indian Health Service, so we do have to follow protocol and their guidelines. This process is not the fastest, but working hand in hand with the agency, we will attempt to get all systems installed on a timely basis. At this time, there is a six month waiting period (at least) for new systems to be checked, site spec'd and designed and ready for construction. We do emphasize to our residents to be aware of when they decide to build or buy a home and to put their application in as early as possible. Sometimes people decide to build, or buy a home and think that this infrastructure can just be placed in at their timeline, but planning ahead is very important, unless you are able to wrap it into your own costs, we are not to be used as a resource as priority level residents could come in at any time. These guidelines are available to residents, with the recent events, we'd be happy to mail or email a copy, just call us with your address/email. We appreciate an informed resident!

Have a safe, healthy, enjoyable winter season! Again, nya:wëh for your cooperation!

SNI Utilities

How Can Vocational Rehabilitation Help You?

Submitted by Toonie Pierce, TERC

The Seneca Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Program provides culturally appropriate services that will empower individuals with disabilities to achieve maximum employability, economic independence and integration in the work place and community. If you are enrolled member of a federally or state recognized tribe, reside on Seneca territory or are within a 20-mile radius and have a documented disability you qualify for our program.

Are you currently employed (and have a documented disability) and find it hard to do your current job because of your disability? We can assist you in getting any assistive technology to make your job easier.

Do you have a job that requires you to be on your feet for most of your day and find it getting difficult to continue working? We can assist you in searching and provide paid training for a desk job that will alleviate standing most of the day.

We also provide transition services for youth age 14-24 who have a disability and need assistance to move from school to work. All services are directed toward assisting you to reach an employment goal based on your individual needs.

Contact the Seneca Nation Training & Employment Resource Center (TERC) Vocational Rehabilitation Program at:

(716) 532-1033 or (716) 945-8120

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| Colby Curry | VR Intake Technician | Ext. 5421 |
| Jackie John | Transition Services/VR Counselor | Ext. 5417 |
| Sharon Patterson | VR Program Manager | Ext. 5496 |
| Lori Stafford | Assistant Director/Budget Monitor | Ext. 5414 |
| Toonie Pierce | Acting Director | Ext. 5415 |

Training and Employment Resource Center – Ready, Set, Work

Date: November 16th-20th

Time: 10am-2:30pm

The Ready, Set, Work training is a designed training for people who are currently, or have been, Justice Involved and prepares them for the challenges they may face upon entering the workforce. Our trainer, Jackie John, is a certified Offender Workforce Development Specialist, certified through the New York State Department of Corrections.

The training is a full week in which you will learn; what type of work may be best suited for you through career assessments, hear from speakers who have been in your shoes and speakers whose job is to help you should you encounter prejudice, budgeting and spending, why you need to know what is on your RAP sheet, how to correct discrepancies and why it is important, how to apply for certificates through the department of corrections to show future employers, how to properly fill out a job application, take part in mock job interviews, job retention.

Safety measures are in place for those attending this training. Class size is reduced to a minimum of 6 for Cattaraugus TERC and 4 for Allegany TERC. The training in Allegany will be a virtual class in conjunction with the Cattaraugus training. If you are interested in this training please call 532-1033 and ask for Jackie John. Please leave your name and contact information and we will get back to you.

Faithkeeper Montessori Seneca Language Nest Position Description:

TEMP/PART TIME TEACHER AIDE; Two positions are available

GRADE: \$12.31/HR

SUPERVISOR TITLE: Seneca Language Culture Lead Montessori Teacher

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Ganohsesge:kha He:nodyes:stha (FKS) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

HUMAN RESOURCE: DATE: June 17, 2020

JOB SUMMARY: A Teacher Aide will provide care and guidance to students of the Faithkeeper School. The Teacher Aide will work afternoons, Monday thru Friday, supervising the activities of students.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Participate in all mandated training required by teaching staff at the Faithkeeper School.
2. Take instruction and direction as needed by the Faithkeeper School, Teaching staff.
3. Demonstrate flexibility in how to assist and handle the various needs of the children/classroom stations
4. Possess strong teamwork abilities
5. Adhere to Ganohsesge:kha He:nodyes:stha and Seneca Nation Employee Handbook policies.
6. General classroom cleaning

Position subject to preemployment and random drug screens according with the Drug, Alcohol and Controlled Substance Abuse Policy. Background Clearance required by ICP & FVP Act.

If interested, please call Flip White at 716-244-0431 or email inquiries to goh_hih_yoh@yahoo.com NLT 11/6/20.

**TERC PRESENTS
READY, SET, WORK 2020**

Please call to R.S.V.P
716-532-1033 Ext. 5417
Cattaraugus/Allegany

HAVE YOU BEEN JUSTICE INVOLVED?
DO YOU WANT TO WORK?
WE CAN HELP PREPARE YOU..

Nov. 16 Career Assessments
Barriers & Resources

Nov. 17 Legal & Financial Issues
Employer Expectations

Nov. 18 Job Search
Job Applications/Resumes

Nov. 19 Interviews/Mock
Budgeting & Spending

Nov. 20 Job Retention/
Using Local Resources

All sessions
Time: 10am-2:30pm
Light lunch available

Culture in Public Works: The Vrooman Bridge

Submitted by Ben Anderson, SN DOT



Over the past few years the Seneca Nation has been working alongside the Ohio State Department of Transportation to develop the Vrooman Bridge through Leroy and Perry Ohio. The Vrooman Bridge involved the construction of

representation by the SNDOT's Ben Anderson.

The Vrooman Bridge opened to the public on October 5, 2020. Due to the cultural components that were worked into the design, the bridge was recently selected as one of the top bridges in 2020 by "Roads and Bridges," placing 7th overall. Cleveland Museum of Natural History also highlighted the bridge as part of their Indigenous People's Day!

The Ohio State DOT has shown great cooperation and willingness to strive towards cultural preservation. We hope that this project will become a model for other Nationwide public projects.

a high-level bridge encompassing cultural designs over the Grand River (Raccoon River) on Vrooman Road. Due to the Erie/ Seneca cultural history of the "Raccoon River" members of the OHSDOT reached out to the Seneca Nation Department of Transportation and THPO Office to help research and design portions of the bridge which will serve as a landmark signifying the cultural relevance of the area and educating those who travel through the region.



Conceptual themes consisted of diagnostic artifacts (pottery, tools), native plant species, fishing/hunting techniques, animal species, and cultural pastimes which were all brought to visual



Fish & Wildlife raise & release pheasants

By Will Miller, Fish & Wildlife

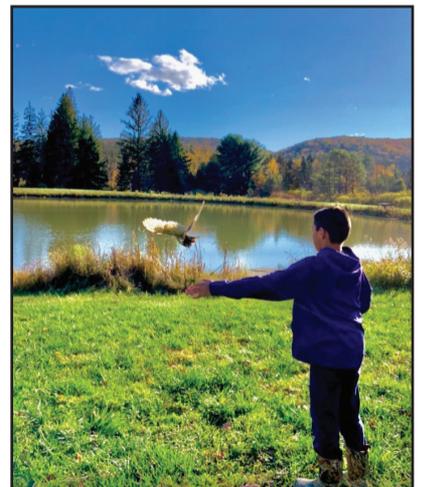
Another successful year !

This year was like no other year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the SNI Fish & Wildlife Department in Allegany had to adjust some wildlife programming, but one program that did not skip a beat was the pheasant program. This year the Department did not get summer youth workers or 20/20 workers, which this program usually falls under their care taking. This year the Fish & Wildlife Staff was responsible for the entire program.

The pheasants are received as "day old" hatchlings and are raised in the brood house until old enough to be placed outside in our flight pen. All spring and summer, the Fish & Wildlife staff cared for the birds, fed, watered, and cleaned the brood house.

They are then released during the fall. The bird is a game bird and we encourage sportsman to harvest them. We release the birds at various locations that provide great habitat for the birds to survive, most of these areas are part of our "Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program" (WHIP).

This year we released the birds with help from our Officer's children due to the pandemic. Next year we hope with can work with the Summer Youth Program and 20/20 to continue this program and provide outdoor activities for members of our community.



Canawaugus Territory- Horseshoe Solar Energy Project

By Jason Corwin. Edited by Joe Stahlman. Photos by Seneca Media



The Canawaugus Territory is one of several reservations along the Genesee River retained by the Seneca in the 1797 Big Tree Treaty. It was lost following a fraudulent treaty in 1826 that was never accepted by the Seneca and illegally ratified by Congress without the 2/3 majority that the US Constitution calls for. However, the pressure from settlers was so great at that time that those lands were left behind as the people moved to other territories. The area has been home to Native peoples since at least the ending of the ice age and the northerly retreat of the glaciers. There are countless generations who lived, loved, and raised their families on those fertile river plains.



Currently there is a project proposal by the Invenergy corporation to install a massive solar farm of over 1,000 acres in that area, including a section of the Canawaugus Territory. NY Governor Cuomo's green energy plans include provisions to fast-track projects and standard review procedures. The entire region is filled with the final resting places of our ancestors, as documented by many archeologists, and which this solar project now threatens.

On October 12, 2020, Indigenous Peoples' Day, community members from Allegany, Buffalo, Cattaraugus, Tonawanda,



Tuscarora, and Rochester came together for a "Protect Our Ancestors" walk and rally. Local residents opposed to the project and other non-Native allies also joined in. People walked a mile and a half from the Genesee River to the historic sign that marks the heart of Canawaugus and notes that Handsome Lake and Cornplanter were born there. Signs and speakers showed how committed people are to ensuring that proper respect is given to burial grounds and for the project to cease and desist.

Archeological consultants hired by Invenergy recently found bones at the Golah Road site in Rush, NY where they intend to connect the project to an existing electrical grid sub-station. One of the consultants claimed first that one of the bones that appeared human was a heron bone. They reidentified it as bear bone since there are anatomical similarities between human and bear feet. Seneca Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office director Dr. Joe Stahlman has been monitoring the situation closely while working with Nation officials and legal counsel to address it.

President Armstrong recently stated, "The integrity of our sacred sites must be protected at the eternal resting places of our ancestors, not simply plowed over in the pursuit of economic gain. First and foremost, it must be determined whether the bone that was discovered on site is a human bone. If so, and our experts believe that is the case, there is a possibility that other human remains may be exposed if work continues. We are asking Invenergy to properly secure and protect the integrity of the location, so that all human remains can be properly reinterred with our community's participation. We are further requesting that the company employ the use of a tribal monitor throughout the duration of all surveying activities, in order to protect the historical resources located on this site.

The Seneca Nation is committed to clean energy and working cooperatively with our neighbors. We find it important that the State and Invenergy do their part to respect all Seneca and Haudenosaunee people, living and deceased.

Nobody, regardless of heritage, wants to see their ancestors disturbed, desecrated and disregarded. That is not progress, but rather blatant disrespect. Canawaugus is part of Haudenosaunee history. The presence of our ancestors' remains forever links us to the land, even nearly two centuries after it was fraudulently taken from us. Our people may have been forced to leave Canawaugus, but those who have been at rest at the site must be allowed to rest in eternal peace."

Seneca Media and Communications Center will be releasing a video soon that documents this issue. Be sure to like and follow our Facebook page and subscribe to our YouTube channel. When you subscribe also click the bell icon to get alerts whenever a new video comes out.



UB's Hemphill eager for her long-awaited senior season

Below is a nice in-depth interview with Summer Hemphill where she shares the challenges and successes of being a student-athlete

By Jerry Sullivan | Posted: Oct 17, 2020 / Updated: Oct 19, 2020 | Shared from wivb.com



(WIVB) – Back in February of her senior year in high school, Summer Hemphill hadn't decided where she would play basketball in college. She was the Catholic league player of the year and had led Cardinal O'Hara to another Monsignor Martin league title.

Still, there were questions about her game translating to the next level. UB head coach Felisha Legette-Jack had heard the doubts from her assistant coaches. But sometimes, a head coach needs to see for herself.

"I went to see her when was playing in Rochester," Legette-Jack recalled on Friday. "I said, 'I'm going to take one more look at this kid.' She was something that day. Her ability matched my eyes. I said, 'This is exactly what we need.'"

Legette-Jack told Hemphill's coach she was interested. That night, she called to say she was accepting the Bulls' offer.

"We got a steal," Legette-Jack said. "An absolute steal."

History confirms that the Buffalo native was "grossly" under-recruited, to use her coach's word. Hemphill, a 6-1 forward, became a starter and made all-MAC freshman her first season at UB.

Hemphill was a vital part of

the UB women's historic run to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament in 2018. As a junior, she averaged 14.5 points and 10.3 rebounds, then made the all-tournament team as the Bulls won the MAC title (she had 16 points and 21 rebounds in the title game) and won a game in the NCAA tourney.

Last year, as a senior, Hemphill was poised to take her game to the next level. She was mentioned on some preseason national award lists and was the preseason Player of the Year in the Big 4. Then, in October, she suffered a knee injury that put her out for the season.

"I was torn apart when I first got hurt," Hemphill said Friday. "Especially knowing how far I'd come in the past few years. The summer going into my senior season, I really upped my game. For a freak accident to happen, it put a stop in my road and made me slow down and focus on myself and get myself together."

It was tough, particularly when she had to watch from the bench during some of the most difficult stretches of Legette-Jack's eight seasons in Buffalo. The Bulls lost six in a row late in the year, the longest losing spell since 2012, before turning it around late.

Watching UB struggle at

times, with dynamic freshman Dyaisha Fair trying to carry them on offense, you had to wonder how far that team might have gone with their best player, Hemphill, on the floor.

"Yeah, it was hard," Hemphill said, "but I was able to use my voice with them. That helped. We were extremely young last year. They needed to get that experience under their belts.

"Of course, everybody wants to win," she said, "but sometimes you have to take some losses in order to understand how to win. And hopefully those lessons they learned last year added to their game this year, and we can become something better."

The Bulls' season ended in a MAC tourney loss in March, two days before the pandemic shut down sports in America. Suddenly, colleges were going remote. Players were isolated. For Hemphill, it made the rehabilitation process a bit more bearable. Since she hadn't played at all, she qualified for an extra year without a medical redshirt.

"It was kind of a blessing in disguise," she said. "A lot of people didn't have access to a gym. I wasn't able to do anything on the court, anyway. There were a lot of body weight things I had to focus on. So that was a big help."

During the COVID-19 crisis, Americans have grown accustomed to waiting, to doing without the normal routines of life. That's what rehabbing an injury requires for an elite athlete, an acceptance of new limitations and the virtues of patience on a slow, grueling climb back to normal.

"I was already four months ahead in not playing," Hemphill said. "I was kind of used to it. Not being in the gym and around basketball was kind of

weird, though. I was always in the gym or at a court or something. It was weird not to have that access."

You can imagine how it felt this week when the UB women returned to practice — albeit, while adhering to the Covid protocols — to begin preparations for the 2020-21 season. The players were thrilled to get back to the place Legette-Jack calls their "sanctuary".

"Everybody was extremely happy," said Hemphill, who turned 22 in August. "It was a big deal for us, just to have everybody out there and enjoying the moment, noticing that we've been taking something dear to us for granted. Everybody is grateful. The energy is up there."

Legette-Jack will never be accused of taking anything for granted. She said she has the same passion in her 32nd year of coaching as she had in her first. The woman could get emotional about a layup line.

She can't say how close Hemphill is to being back at 100 percent. Hemphill said she's working toward that. But it's hard with knee injuries.

"I don't have a prediction," Legette-Jack said. "She's running. Our goal is to have her ready for our season opener (Nov. 29). Right now, she's jogging a little bit, backpedaling, things like that. They say she's ahead of schedule. Her mental is so strong right now. She really gets ... it."

Hemphill says she grew up a lot over the last year. She had the support of her teammates, who lifted her during the difficult times.

"They kept my spirits really high," she said. "When you're

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going through something that detrimental, it's hard. I understand people who have had gruesome injuries in their careers now. I understand their perspective on the game and their own personal lives.

"The team and the coaching staff and the UB community had my back throughout the whole time. They're all there for me. Any little progress I make, they're cheerleaders for me. I'm thankful for the family I've gained while being here at UB."

Her real family is there for her, too. Hemphill, the daughter of Willie Hemphill and Tina Kettle, is one of eight children. She has four sisters (Justina, Tacara, Tahawna and Teawna) and three brothers (Willie, Justin and Taylon). Justin, who starred at Cardinal O'Hara, is a freshman on the Daemen squad under Mike MacDonald.

Hemphill's family are fixtures at UB games. Summer and her mother are members of the Seneca Nation. She is the first enrolled Seneca to play women's hoops for UB on a full scholarship. The Seneca Nation has honored her at a special Tribal council session and with a proclamation day in her honor.

"I'm Seneca through my

mother," Hemphill said. "Being a Seneca woman means a lot to me, being a Native American and knowing the history of Native Americans in America and being part of a group.

"I try to use my platform to become something. Knowing I have so much support from the Seneca Nation means the world to me. They support me in everything I do, and I don't know where I would be without their support."

As Native American and African-American, Hemphill is sensitive to racial discrimination and was moved by the social unrest that raged through the country this past summer.

"It's an uncomfortable topic in the country right now," she said. "But it's something we have to get comfortable discussing. Nobody should be treated differently because of their skin color or income or where they live. I just don't think that's fair.

"As humans, we've come a long way, but we have a lot more ways to go. I feel we can't do anything about it unless we have these conversations that people are uncomfortable with. That's the only way that we can surpass this and become better

as a country."

Hemphill wants to play basketball professionally after college. She speaks often with former UB star Cierra Dillard, who is now playing pro ball in Finland.

"My main goal now is to get 100 percent healthy, and of course I would like to pursue a professional basketball career. After that, I would definitely consider becoming a police officer. I've always wanted to be one. Knowing what's going on today with police officers, I would like to think that if I became one, I could help promote change."

Her coach has no trouble envisioning her star forward as a good cop.

"Oh gosh, yes," Legette-Jack said. "She's so serious. Nothing fazes this kid. She's not afraid of anything. Very focused, very conscientious of her surroundings. That's a police officer. That's what she wants to do."

In the meantime, Hemphill will patrol the lane for the Bulls, helping them try to reach the NCAAs for the fourth time in six years — three in a row with her in the lineup. Legette-Jack

said Hemphill has been working on her three-point shot. If she becomes proficient from three, she could be player of the year in the MAC.

"She can jump almost 30 inches off the ground, and she's quick as a deer," Legette-Jack said. "The one thing she didn't have is confidence in herself. That's why she was still out there. I feel it was all fate, her and me connecting. How could she have been out there that late?"

Hemphill said her academics and test scores might have scared some schools off when she was in high school. As a UB junior, she sat out games in the fall semester for academic reasons. But she straightened things out and is now finishing up her degree in sociology.

"That was hard," she said, "but I was able to get back out there for the second semester and we ended up winning the MAC championship, so everything that starts out bad usually comes out a rainbow in the end."

Source: https://www.wivb.com/news/jerry-sullivan/ubs-hemphill-eager-for-her-long-awaited-senior-season/?fbclid=IwAR1Fcr2SrPyGJAFpnG_TrhRHaekXQg5HfE7Qq_GvI6ovpRhmFEpEIpVO-LU

Ja:goh Claudia! *Reposted from Iroquois Nationals Facebook Page | October 6, 2020*

On #NationalCoachesDay, we were excited to announce Claudia Jimerson as head women's instructor for the Iroquois Nationals Girls Lacrosse Camp. Captain of the 2013 Haudenosaunee Nationals World Cup team, Claudia brought a wealth of lacrosse knowledge to the clinic.



CLAUDIA JIMERSON

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‘Impressive’ display for youth

Youngsters take part in meeting the area firefighters and listening to information regarding fire safety

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A little rain didn’t dampen Black Knights’ spirits at the annual Fire Prevention Week observance at Silver Creek Elementary School, which was held earlier this month.

Fire trucks, emergency vehicles and first-responders from Silver Creek, Irving, Sunset

Bay, Sheridan, and the Seneca Nation descended on campus Wednesday to impart valuable safety lessons to the youngsters.

“The display of fire apparatus, firemen and firewomen teaching our elementary students in classrooms, providing tours of the fire apparatus, and driving

student coloring contest winners to school with lights and sirens was nothing short of impressive,” said district Superintendent Todd A. Crandall. **“We thank the men and women who volunteer their time and serve our school and communities.”**



LES Galleries Band Together During an Especially Slow Summer

Artist Marie Watt's first solo exhibition in New York City happened recently as part of an effort to showcase the importance of art galleries, many of which have struggled during the pandemic.

By Maria Abre | October 22, 2020 | Reprinted from bedfordandbowery.com

Foot traffic to Lower East Side art galleries is usually stagnant during the summer months, and it has been even more so during the pandemic. Marc Straus, owner of the Marc Straus gallery on Grand Street, decided to do something about that. He partnered with other galleries in the neighborhood and last Thursday, more than 45 of them opened in the evening to showcase their exhibitions.

According to Straus, “The art business is far more impacted than people know.” In March, the New Dealers Alliance, a downtown-based nonprofit supporting small and mid-size galleries, released a petition calling for government relief programs for struggling galleries. “If no action is taken,” the petition warned, “these

businesses will not survive and many artists and art workers will be left without a support system.” NADA also set up grants for small galleries across the country, and is now accepting a second round of applications for grants up to \$5,000.

These efforts have not been enough for Lower East Side galleries like Lesley Heller or Larrie, which permanently closed in April and July after being in the neighborhood for many years. “We always had trouble paying rent,” Larrie’s owner told Forbes. “It escalated really quickly with COVID.” Although there are no official reports on how many galleries have permanently closed, a Google Map search indicates that there are at least five other

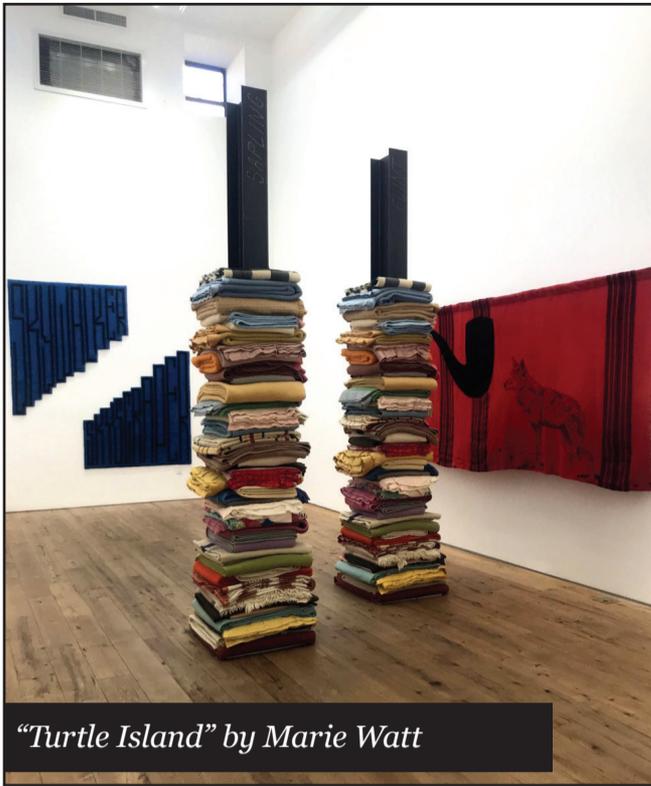


galleries “temporarily closed” in the area, like Scaramouche and IFAC Arts, among others.

“We want to bring a lot of people into our galleries, and have people visit as many galleries as possible,” Straus said of his L.E.S. Third Thursdays

initiative. “Online events are not the same experience. I’m also a collector and it’s hard for me to buy something I can’t see in person.”

Straus compared the current slowdown in the industry with the art market collapse in the



"Turtle Island" by Marie Watt

gallery in the area, to open late on the third Thursday of the month. They started approaching other owners directly; by September, 30 other galleries eagerly joined in.

As a Lower East Side native, Straus believes the area has a strong community of galleries that foster a sense

of welcome, compared to other neighborhoods with post-industrial galleries. "Chelsea has great galleries, but it's sterile compared to everything down here. To me, this remains an area where [artists] come in and take risks."

The opening reception on

Thursday celebrated the solo gallery show of Marie Watt, a Native American artist from Seattle. Although her work has been on view at The Whitney Museum, the Yale University Art Gallery and in the Smithsonian American Art Museum, it was the first time she had a solo exhibition in the Northeast.

Watt's themes include mythologies and history from her heritage, interwoven with references to international politics and pop culture. She also includes perceptions of close family members to represent the interconnectedness of her tribe, the Seneca Nation of Indians. "In the Native community, we acknowledge our relatedness, which includes extended family, nature and animals," she said.

"This is her first [solo] show in New York and it almost sold out, which wouldn't happen without having events like the one we

set up," Straus said, referring to Third Thursdays.

Israel Meza Moreno, known as Moris, is also having his first solo exhibition with the gallery. Moris lives and works in a cartel-run area on the outskirts of Mexico City. His work represents urban issues and marginalized communities.

"Artists are struggling now and making work no one has asked them to make," Straus said. "If they can find a gallery to hear their voice and give them a platform, then they have a shot."

Straus' plan is to continue "L.E.S Third Thursdays" until November and resume in January.

Source: <https://bedfordandbowery.com/2020/10/les-galleries-band-together-during-an-especially-slow-summer/?fbclid=IwARonSn2jzQnZvoZM6ZRoO6wvwJm2yHfyDlCdqTJCeyEff3HjVbUpYnSnjY>

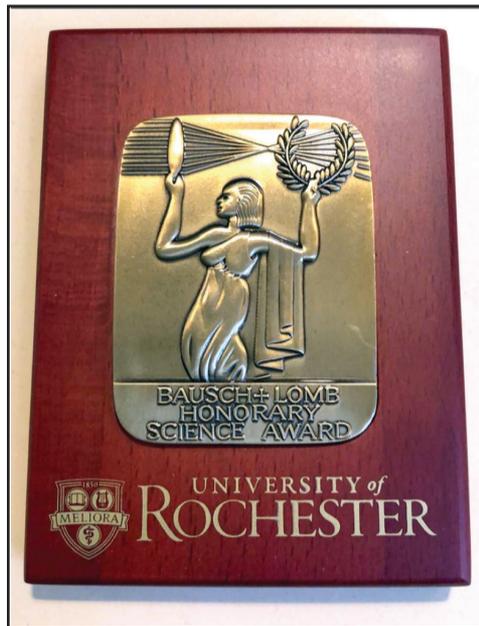
Steamburg Field Day - October 3, 2020

Enjoy the photos from the event!

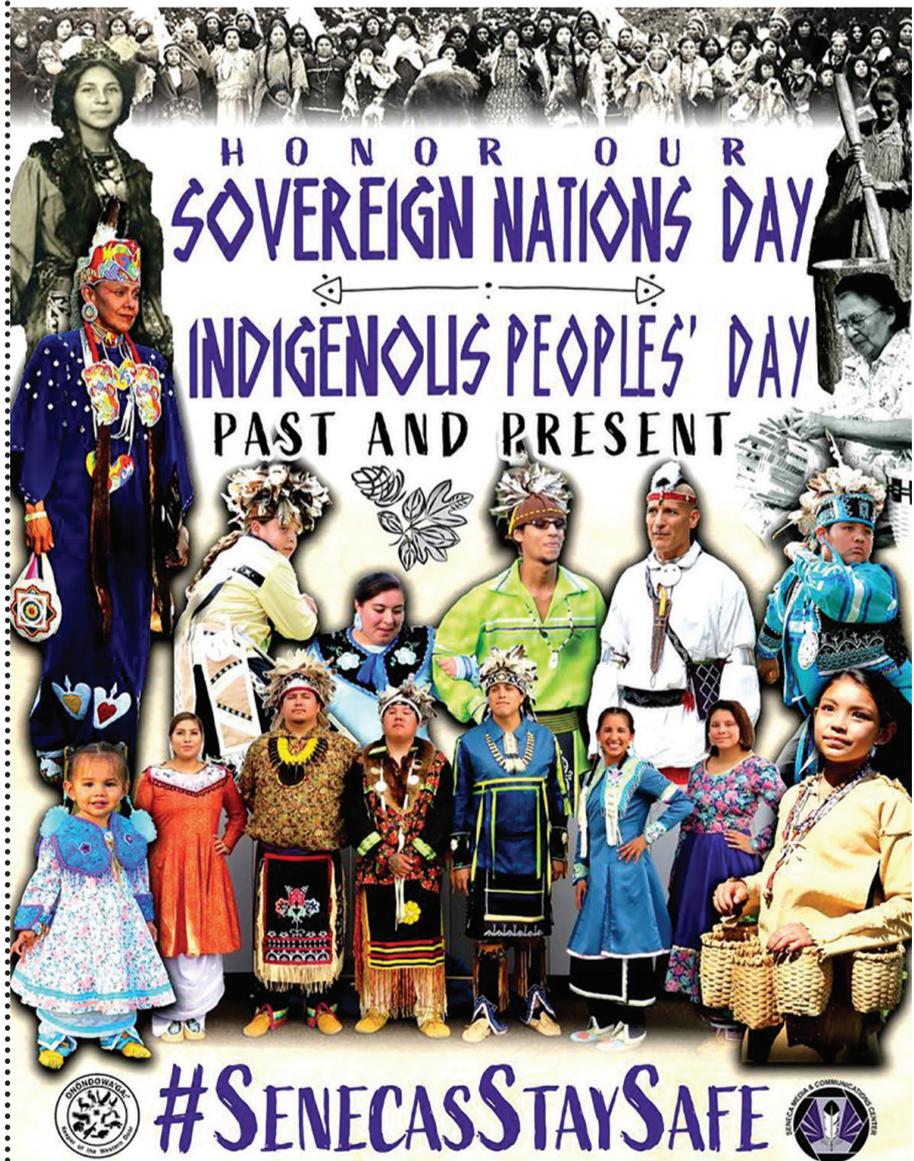


Carson Redeye awarded the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award!

Carson Redeye, Senior at SCCSD, has been awarded the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award by the University of Rochester. The elite science scholarship is worth at least \$10,000 per year! Carson is currently in National Honor Society as well as the Seneca Studies Honor Society. He has applied to the University of Rochester and will take full use of the scholarship if accepted. **Ja:goh Carson!**



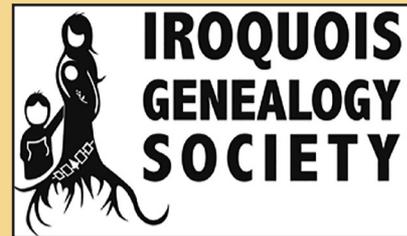
Happy Sovereign Nations Day/Indigenous People's Day! ~ October 12, 2020



IGS News

Submitted by Leatha Jimerson

We hope everyone is safe and well. We canceled our meeting for October and hope to have a monthly meeting in November. COVID-19 has had an effect on our presentations and attendance which is understandable. Staying safe is very important to us.



We would like to give you an opportunity to purchase a book by Randy John about Remember the Removal. The book is titled: 'Proceedings of Remember the Removal: September 28, 2019'. A summary of the book is as follows:

In the 1960s, the Seneca Nation lost control of 10,000 acres of treaty protected land. The 1794 Pickering Treaty protects Iroquois land, yet, the United States allowed the violation of this treaty for flood control. At the time hydro energy was never mentioned but became a multimillion profitable enterprise for federal contractors, without profit sharing with the land owners, the Senecas. Since the 1980s, the Seneca people and friends have commemorated this sovereign infringement. This book provided historical newspaper articles and a large collection of pictures of the 2019 "Remember The Removal." It also provides speeches and comments about the travesty the Kinzua Dam caused for Indian and Pennsylvania non-Indians after their homelands were flooded permanently.

Note: there are over 50 pictures of the walk, ceremony, and procession at the Steamburg community building.

If anyone is interested in a copy, please send a check in the amount of \$21.00 with your name and address to:

Mr. Randy John
73 Fawn Ave., Salamanca NY 14779

Randy currently has 20 books for sale. If the supply runs out he will reorder more books or return your check to the address you supply.

We will keep you posted on our upcoming meeting next month. In the meantime, check out our website, www.iroquoisgenealogysociety.org. We are also on Facebook: Iroquois Genealogy Society. **Please stay safe and healthy!**

Proceedings of Remember the Removal: September 28, 2019
Allegany Territory Seneca Nation

Randy A. John



Ganondagan’s Juried Hodinöhsö:ni’ Art Show Opens Virtually, November 6 Through Year’s End

Fourth annual show reflects diversity of work by artists representing all six Haudenosaunee Nations

By Amy Blum

Victor, NY—Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) artists residing throughout the United States and Canada have come out in record numbers to participate in Ganondagan’s fourth annual juried Hodinöhsö:ni’ Art Show to take place virtually on Friday, November 6 through December 31, 2020.

This year, works by 43 artists were accepted in the competitive show, representing all six Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Nations: Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca, and Tuscarora.

“The juried Hodinosoh:ni Art Show this year has the most diverse work to date,” remarked



artist and Ganondagan State Historic Site Manager Peter Jemison (Seneca). “We had 111 separate pieces submitted from Six Nations’ artists from across the United States and Canada. The quality of the art has improved steadily, and we have the opportunity to showcase the very best examples of basketry, painting, sculpture,

beadwork and photography.”

The art show viewing is free and will be open to the public through Ganondagan’s website, accompanied by an online catalogue of the accepted works. All exhibited works will be available for purchase, although Ganondagan has right of first refusal.

More than \$14,000 in cash prizes will be awarded; winners will be revealed upon virtual gallery launch on November 6.

This show is made possible by the generous support of Thaw Charitable Trust.



New Travel Reimbursement System Available To Veterans and Beneficiaries

Buffalo, NY - The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced recently that VA Western New York healthcare System will now use the new Beneficiary Travel Self-Service System (BTSSS) to reimburse eligible Veterans and beneficiaries for travel to and from VA medical appointments.

The new system will allow Veterans to submit and track transportation reimbursement claims using a secure web-based portal on the Access VA, available 24/7, 365 days a year.

“Thanks to the important innovations and dedication to information technology, we are proud to say we have streamlined this process, making it easier for Veterans who use computers,” said Michael J. Swartz, Executive Director. “The BTSSS replaces the need for older, manual tracking methods, bringing this process in line with many of our



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other web applications.”

BTSSS has many advantages, for example, it:

- Reduces the need for completing hard copy claim submissions at the facility by replacing and eliminating the previous

kiosk method.

- Provides an easy to use web-based application that allows you to enter your claim over the internet via AccessVA.
- Ensures timely processing and more accurate payment of travel reimbursements features
- Authenticates the Veteran or Beneficiary by one of two methods to include 1) a VA Personal Identification Verification Card (PIV card) or 2) a DS Logon Level 2 account (Department of Defense Self-Service Logon or DSL).



BTSSS will be available at VA Western New York Healthcare System beginning on October 5, 2020. As BTSSS goes live, kiosks will be discontinued, but in person and hard copy claims submission will still be available. For information on eligibility, visit VA’s Travel Pay Reimbursement site.

Reminder - Seneca Nation Offices & Buildings will BE CLOSED:

Tuesday, November 3rd for Election Day and Wednesday, November 11th for Veterans Day.

Nya:wëh Sgë:nö' To All Seneca Community Members

Submitted by Lafayette Williams

We at New York Connects would like to let you know that we are still operating during this pandemic of the COVID-19. We can help you with your long-term services and supports and needs for people of all ages, any disability, and caregivers. New York Connects can help you apply for Medicaid, find care and support, get answers about Medicare, learn about supports in caregiving, and much more.



NY Connects
Your Link to Long Term Services and Supports

There are two ways to contact us:

By phone. Call 1-800-342-9871. Interpretation and translation services are free. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing can use the Relay System 7-1-1. Western New York Independent Living Inc. 1-888-564-5171

Online. Please visit our website: www.nyconnects.ny.gov Please be safe and healthy, Nya:wëh.

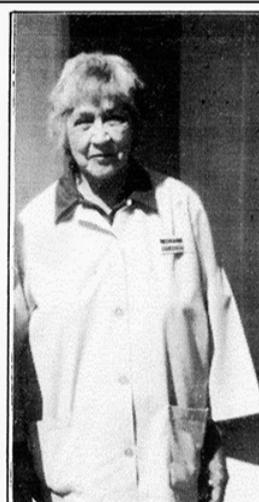
Remember When?

Below are some pages from the Seneca Nation Head Start Yearbook (1980-1981)

Nya:wëh to Daryl Post for sharing this with the readership.



RHODA LAY
Foster Grandmother



CORA WHITE
Foster Grandmother

Our program is made up of many intricate parts. Every part is very vital in order for us to reach our goals. The specific goals for the children are to enrich and expand, their outlook, experience and knowledge.

One part of the program is our foster grandmothers; Rhoda Lay, Doris Harris, Mae Lay and Cora White. They assist the teachers by; reading to the children, helping with class projects and providing discipline when necessary. They also provide the children with extra time and loving. They have proven to be a very important aspect in helping us fulfill our goals.

A MESSAGE TO "OUR GRANNIES"

We appreciate how you have helped us deal with the many situations that arise during a day. We have come to rely on your presence in the classroom, because we know you will share with us. You share your opinions, ideas, cultural knowledge, patience and nurturing ability. All of this is priceless and we know it can only be shared with people you care about. And we also care about you, because you give us confidence, pride and companionship.

You have become much more than words can describe. You have become a valued part of the program. But most important you have become a valued part of us. We would all like to Thank-you, for sharing yourself with all of us.

Head Start Staff



JUANITA MAE LAY
Foster Grandmother



DORIS HARRIS
Foster Grandmother

HOME BASE



Jacquelyn Wheeler



Rae Lynn George



Scott Raner



Tanya Warrior

SNHS Provider Spotlight



Amanda Kozerovskis, also known as Mandy, is a dental hygienist located at the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Health Center. She has been in this position for 13 years.

We asked what she likes best about her job and she said “The patients! I enjoy giving my patients a nice clean smile!”

She grew up in Lancaster, NY. She attended Bryant & Stratton College and Erie Community College. She is a certified dental assistant earned while attending the dental assistant program at Bryant & Stratton. She also obtained an applied science degree in dental hygiene at ECC.

We asked what she likes to do in her spare time. She said “Have fun! Hiking, biking, kayaking, camping and various crafts.”

We asked her to tell us something interesting or extraordinary about herself that she’d like people to know. She says “I love horses and enjoy working with special need adults and children ride horses. I also enjoy doing things with my 3 adult children and 4 grandchildren.”

Thank you Mandy for sharing some of your background with us and for being a part of the health system team!

What's the Difference Between Cleaning, Sanitizing, and Disinfecting?

Did you know that disinfecting is not the same as cleaning or sanitizing?

- Cleaning removes dirt, dust, crumbs, and germs from surfaces or objects.
- Disinfecting uses chemicals (disinfectants) to kill germs on surfaces and objects.
- Sanitizing can be done by either cleaning, disinfecting, or both.

Learn how to safely clean and disinfect surfaces and objects to lower the risk of spreading infection at the following website:

https://medlineplus.gov/cleaningdisinfectingandsanitizing.html#utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=oct7

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FLU CLINIC INFORMATION
Every Wednesday

If you need to schedule on a different day, we can accommodate.

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| <p>LRJHC patients call 716-945-5894. Ask for Cindy at ext. 3280, Teri at ext. 3317 or Theresa at ext. 3327 to schedule an appointment.</p> | <p>CIRHC patients call 716-532-5582. Ask for Marlene at ext. 5219 or Sharon at ext. 5221 to schedule an appointment.</p> |
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Your flu vaccine protects me. My flu vaccine protects you.
When you get your flu vaccine, you can keep yourself healthy and keep from spreading the flu. Protect the circle of life.

For more information, visit <http://www.flu.gov>





TELE-MEDICINE

If you have an appointment to speak to an outside provider by phone or video-chat, you still need a referral. Tele-medicine is a billable visit. As with any outside provider, you will get a bill if you don't have a referral in place.



If you have any questions, please contact the CIRHC Referral Department at 532-5582 or the LRJHC Referral Department at 945-5894.

NOTICE:

Seneca Nation Health System
will be closed:

Tuesday, November 3 ~ Election Day
Wednesday, November 11 ~ Veteran's Day

Please make sure to schedule your appointments and order prescriptions ahead of time.



Independent Health Wellness Tip – October 2020

Is it a cold, flu or COVID-19?

Whether you're sneezing, coughing, or feeling achy, sometimes it's difficult to know what's causing your symptoms. Is it just a pesky cold? Or could it be something more serious?

Now that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is in our communities, sorting through symptoms can be even more confusing—and stressful. If you experience any of the symptoms listed or are not feeling well, contact and consult your primary care provider to be assessed.

Catching a cold

Compared with the flu and COVID-19, the common cold often doesn't cause a fever and has milder symptoms:

- **Onset:** Symptoms tend to develop slowly.
- **Duration:** About seven to 10 days.
- **Symptoms:** Runny or stuffy nose, sneezing, sore throat, coughing, slight body aches, headaches.
- **Care tips:** Stay hydrated and get plenty of rest. Taking over-the-counter (OTC) medicine can help manage your symptoms, too.

Fighting the flu

With similar symptoms ranging from mild to severe, it's easy to mistake the flu for COVID-19. And while both are caused by viruses, one of the tell-tale signs of the flu is that it tends to come on suddenly:

- **Onset:** Symptoms develop abruptly.
- **Duration:** Less than two weeks.
- **Symptoms:** Coughing, sore throat, headaches, muscle or body aches, fatigue, fever or chills, vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children).
- **Care tips:** Stay at home, rest, drink a lot of fluids, and avoid interacting with other people. Your doctor may prescribe an antiviral medication to help reduce your symptoms.

Coping with coronavirus

Suspecting you have COVID-19 can be scary. And while there is cause for concern, remember that most cases are mild and don't require any special treatment:

- **Onset:** Symptoms may appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus.
- **Duration:** One to two weeks (for most people).
- **Symptoms:** Coughing, fever, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headaches, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell.
- **Care tips:** Contact your doctor right away if you think you have or were exposed to the coronavirus. For those with symptoms, stay home in a room or area away from other people. Rest and drink a lot of fluids. OTC medicines like acetaminophen may help you feel better, too.

IMPORTANT REMINDER! The best way to protect you and your family from the flu is by getting an annual flu shot. Not only does the flu vaccine lessen the severity of symptoms if you do get the virus, it can help prevent the flu as well. Talk with your doctor to make sure a flu shot is right for you.



Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Health Center
36 Thomas Indian School Drive
Irving, NY 14081
(716) 532-5582

Lionel R. John Health Center
987 R.C. Hoag Drive
Salamanca, NY 14779
(716) 947-5894

**FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES
when the health centers and associated
facilities are closed:**

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

CIRHC (716) 532-5582

LRJHC (716) 945-5894

CHILD AND FAMILY

Cattaraugus Marshal's Office: 532-3040

Allegany Marshal's Office: 945-2779

SENECA STRONG

Cattaraugus: 532-8456

Allegany: 945-8413

Toll Free#: 1-844-9SENECA

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Erie County residents:

Crisis Services 834-3131

DV Hotline 862-4357

Cattaraugus County residents:

Crisis Services 945-3970

OGH Crisis Hotline 1-800-339-5209

Chautauqua County residents:

Crisis Services 1-800-724-0461

DV/Rape Hotline 1-800-252-8748

Catt. Community Action Hotline

1-888-945-3970

Haven House

884-6000

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK

Steps to Take for Other Halloween Activities

Enjoy Halloween activities and take steps to protect yourself from getting or spreading COVID-19

Remember to always

- Wear a cloth mask
- Indoors and outdoors, stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently



Decorate and carve pumpkins

- Decorate your home for Halloween.
- Carve pumpkins with members of your household or outside with neighbors or friends.
- Walk from house to house, admiring Halloween decorations at a distance.



Visit an orchard, forest, or corn maze. Attend a scavenger hunt.

- Go on an outdoor Halloween-themed scavenger hunt.
- Visit a pumpkin patch or orchard. Remember to wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently, especially after touching frequently touched surfaces, pumpkins, or apples.
- Go to a one-way, walk-through haunted forest or corn maze.

Other Ideas

- Hide Halloween treats in and around your house. Hold a Halloween treat hunt with household members.
- Hold an outdoor costume parade or contest so everyone can show off their costumes.
- Host an outdoor Halloween movie night with friends or neighbors or an indoor movie night with your household members.



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

Visit our website:
www.senecahealth.org



NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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OR 2008 Stafford Ln., Perrysburg, NY 14129
~ Cattaraugus Territory - Final 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.

Allegany Territory Indian Bowling Associations

*14th Annual Thanksgiving Eve
No-Tap Tournament*



When: November 25th
Time: 6:30pm & 9:30pm Shifts
Where: The New Central Lanes
191 Central Avenue, Salamanca.
Phone: (716) 945-9819

\$125.00 Per 5-Man Team
\$800 1st Place (Based on 16 Teams)

No Spectators & MUST WEAR A MASK



**Reminder: Daylight Saving Time
ENDS Sunday, November 1st!**

(Fall Back - don't forget to set your clocks back an hour)

BRINGING HIGH SPEED INTERNET TO CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY

CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN IN LATE 2020/EARLY 2021

Are you a Cattaraugus resident interested in purchasing high-speed Internet or digital phone service?

SIGN UP HERE:
sni.dftcommunications.com
 or call
716-532-3131
 Toll Free
833-989-2876

The entire Cattaraugus Territory will be provided with high-speed internet and digital phone access.

Packages starting at
\$49.95 a month






Contact: Seneca Energy @
 email: senecabroadband@sni.org

Looking to PURCHASE Land On the Cattaraugus Territory

Preferably 1 1/5 - 2 acres.
 ~ Ready to build on.

Please contact 716-359-2592.





JOB POSTINGS

ÖGWATÄHDÖ:NYO'!

(We have opportunities!)

Visit us at the following locations:

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| Cattaraugus Territory | Allegany Territory | Buffalo Area |
| 1ST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH | 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH | 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH |
| 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM | 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM | 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM |
| SNI Human Resources Dept. 12837 Route 438 Irving, NY 14081 | SNI Human Resources Dept. 90 Ohiyo Way Salamanca, NY 14779 | SNI Tribal Advocate Office Buffalo Resource Center 533 Amherst Street Buffalo, NY 14207 |

Apply online at SenecaPath.SenecaCasinos.com

Seneca Gaming Corporation's Native Recruitment Specialist is here to assist enrolled Senecas with the hiring process. Our Team offers:

- One-on-one assistance with your online application
- Assistance with creating and uploading resume
- Assistance with creating your job profile

**Start the process today, email our Recruitment Team: MWang@SenecaCasinos.com
or call 716.501.2215**

Gawë:nö' lesson: Ègo:yeyö' gi: gwisdë'

Reprinted from Gai:wanöhge' V12I10, Gahsa'kneh Wis 2020

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| <p>In Onöndowa'ga:'</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ègo:yeyö' gi: gwisdë' èsgo:' 2. Awënetgä:dek 3. Da'awënetgä:dek 4. Tawagahjö'ö:k 5. Agahjö:önö' 6. O'ge:gë:' 7. O'gatöda:s 8. O'tgyeönyö:' | <p>In Ganyo'ö:ka'</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trick or Treat! 2. It was fun 3. It wasn't fun 4. I will not be scared 5. I was scared 6. I saw it 7. I heard it 8. I touched it |
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November 2020

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| AOA Nutritional Menu | AOA Daily Trips Allegany Territory | AOA Daily Trips Cattaraugus Territory | USDA Schedule |
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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Toasted Tuna Melt Sandwich Vegetable Soup Chocolate Pudding | 3 Sites CLOSED For Election Day | 4 Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Steamed California Blend Pear Crisp | 5 Chicken Broccoli Rice Casserole Green Beans Peanut Butter Cookie | 6 Meatloaf w/Gravy ½ Baked Potato Seasoned Peas Oatmeal Raisin Cookie |
| NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic | | | | |
| | NO TRIPS at this time | | | |
| Cattaraugus - call to place your order for timely delivery | | Delivery to Oaktree & Newtown | Delivery to Ozarks, Gowanda & Dayton | Delivery to Irving, Indian Hill & Pinewoods |
| Grilled Ham and Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Warm cinnamon pears | 10 Split Pea and Ham Soup Wheat Roll Chocolate Brownie | 11 Sites CLOSED For Veterans Day | 12 Traditional Open Faced Turkey Sandwich On Wheat Bread w/Gravy Mixed Vegetables Pumpkin Muffin | 13 Crispy Breaded White Fish Fillet Roasted Brussels Sprouts Wheat Roll Apple Crisp |
| NO TRIPS at this time | | NO TRIPS at this time | | |
| NO TRIPS at this time | | NO TRIPS at this time | | |
| Allegany - call to place your order for timely delivery | Delivery to Sr. Complex & Salamanca | | Delivery to Steamburg & Kill Buck | Delivery to Olean & Jimtown |
| Spaghetti and Meat Sauce Side Green Salad Dinner Roll Vanilla Pudding | 17 Roasted Chicken Dinner Mashed Acorn Squash Seasoned Peas Yogurt w/berries & graham crackers | 18 12 Bean Soup Garden Salad Dinner Roll Chocolate Brownie | 19 Birthday and Thanksgiving Meal Slow Roasted Turkey with dressing, Mashed potatoes Green Beans Birthday Pumpkin Pie | 20 Garden Vegetable Pizza Side Salad Fruited Jello w/whipped cream |
| NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic | | | | |
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| Call In Orders until further notice | Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm | Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm | Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm | Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm |
| Garden Burger Baked Beans Warm Cinnamon Applesauce | 24 Vegetable Beef Soup Garden Salad Apple slices w/peanut butter Yogurt | 25 Brunch - @10am Autumn Harvest Oatmeal w/apples, pumpkin topping Banana & Peanut Butter | 26 Sites CLOSED For Thanksgiving | 27 Frozen Meal |
| NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic | | | | |
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| Chicken Caesar Salad Dinner Roll Fruit Cocktail | AOA Menu: For Allegany please call 716-945-8414 For Cattaraugus call 716-532-5777 to make a reservation or cancel a meal by 9:30am the day prior to the meal | USDA PROGRAM: Call 716-532-1028 , Ext 5446 | Seneca Nation Area Office for the Aging Menu: SUBJECT TO CHANGE Note: Please enjoy a ½ pint milk served with each meal! | |
| NO TRIPS | | | | |
| NO TRIPS | | | | |
| No Distribution Inventory Day | | | | |



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| Degönönyöh! I:s nä:h a:hö'öh! | I thank you! You are the best! |
| Nyoh. O:nëh ëjadekö:ni'! | Term of acknowledgement, Now The two of us will eat! |

| Onödowa'ga:' Gawë:nö' | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Pronunciation Key | | | | | |
| a.....f <u>a</u> ther | ä.....c <u>a</u> t | e.....th <u>e</u> y | ë.....m <u>e</u> n | i.....pol <u>i</u> ce | o.....n <u>o</u> te |
| ö..... <u>o</u> wn | u.....t <u>u</u> ne | w..... <u>w</u> ash | n.....n <u>o</u> t | y.....y <u>e</u> s | d..... <u>d</u> og |
| t.....t <u>a</u> il | g.....g <u>i</u> rl | k.....k <u>i</u> te | s.....s <u>i</u> t | j.....j <u>o</u> b | h..... <u>h</u> at |
| š.....sh <u>o</u> w | tš.....ch <u>a</u> lk | dz.....ad <u>z</u> e | :long vowel | 'glottal stop | |



The purpose of the Allegany Language Department, *Ögwaiwanösde' Ögwawenö'*, is to promote conversational Seneca language use at the Seneca Nation.

Getting To Know Us: Helen Beaver

By Awëö:nyë' | Reprinted from *Gai:wanöhge' V12I10, Gahsa'kneh Wis 2020*

We have lost another precious asset to our community, Helen Beaver, better known to all as *Akso:d*. A very wise “Ole” turtle tells us learners all the time “we aren’t going to be here forever” but when you can work with them every day all year long it sure does seem like they will be or when you have had as many years as we did with *Akso:d* it sure feels like it! *Akso:d* started working with the language program in 2011, she had worked with ECLC for many years prior. Where

I also had the opportunity to work with her, all three of my girls were brought up with her. *Akso:d* was very quiet and meek, however she truly enjoyed working with children all ages especially babies. She used to always swaddle them and rock them to sleep for nap time. If you didn’t learn how to swaddle your baby by her then you don’t know how. We will continue to be inspired by her lifelong lessons not only in learning language, but also in raising our children and in how we are

intended to treat one another. She might not be here with us on earth but she will always be in our minds and hearts. We will cherish the countless memories we have made with *Akso:d* over the years, from the notes she shared, to the fieldtrips she went on with us, the language she spoke to us and the recordings we have of her.

Dëyetinö:nyöh heh Nigagwegöh
Wa'ökiya'dage:ha'! Nya:wëh
Akso:d.

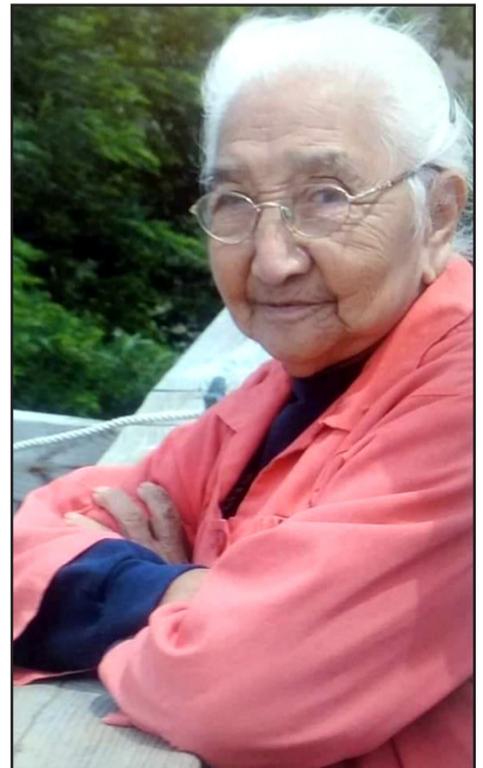


Photo courtesy of Aedzaniyo Seneca