



# The Official Newsletter of the SENECA NATION



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## A message from President Matthew Pagels



### Nya:wëh sgë:no',

There are many momentous events happening in 2020. Our Nation is amidst a global pandemic of which we are not immune. We have witnessed and some have participated in a heated, crucial United States election surmounting in the first women Vice President. There have also been gains in the racial divide surrounding our Territories.

The year 2020 is extremely momentous

to me as I've been successfully elected as the President of our great Seneca Nation. I am incredibly grateful for the support I received during our recent election, and grateful for the opportunity to lead the Seneca Nation as our next President. Knowing that you have placed your trust in me is truly humbling. I will work every day to honor and repay that trust.

From defending our sovereignty, expanding our economy and making our communities safer, healthier and stronger, the challenges ahead of us can only be overcome with leadership, unity and strength.

We are strong, sovereign people who have persevered through generations of challenges. We are stronger than ever, and stronger together. My vision is for a Seneca Nation that remains economically resilient, socially diverse and culturally protected.

Sovereignty is central to who we are and everything we do as a Nation. As your President, I will work with our Council to vigorously exercise our sovereignty and our Nation's interests in our dealings with all outside governments.

Gaming matters are certainly paramount, especially as the expiration of the gaming

Compact looms. By 2023 we are going to aggressively pursue a Compact renewal that sufficiently protects the long-term strength of our gaming enterprises. We cannot leave this to chance.

Along with fostering economic growth in gaming and beyond, we will preserve our annuity payments, maintain our Elders benefits and programs, and sustain a strong and healthy Minors Trust Fund. Transparency and a full and thorough understanding of these benefits are my priority. These are important investments on behalf of our people, and I will always keep them – and you – at the forefront of everything I do as your President.

At home, our territories provide the bedrock of our Seneca community. We want to see them continue to flourish. From quality housing and healthcare services, education and employment opportunities to broadband access and public safety, we want our territories to be a place where all generations of Senecas can thrive.

Having a strong community and safe neighborhoods requires an undistracted focus on quality of life. Crime cannot jeopardize our livelihood. The presence and proliferation of drug activity on our

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

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territories demands a strong and clear response. We are going to work harder than ever to strengthen our partnerships with law enforcement and rid our territories of the people and behavior that only make us weaker and more vulnerable.

We are all stewards of our culture and

language. By being our best as individuals, learners and participants we can allow our culture and heritage to shine forth as a guiding light for all who come after us.

It's a long, often treacherous road, but I am going to spend the next two years working tirelessly to forge my path to a stronger

Seneca Nation for our people, our families and our future generations.

Nya:weh,  
**Matt Pagels**  
**SNI President**

Attention Elders!

Holiday Gift Card Distribution Schedules for Allegany, Cattaraugus & Buffalo



ALLEGANY ON-TERRITORY  
SENECA ELDERS

**HOLIDAY GIFT CARD  
DISTRIBUTION**

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 16**  
**10 AM - 2 PM**  
**DPW PARKING LOT**

FAST AND EASY DRIVE-THRU  
1 PER HOUSEHOLD

MUST REGISTER BY 11/06/20  
CALL 716.945.5441  
VALUE OF GIFT CARD IS \$20



CATTARAUGUS ON-TERRITORY  
SENECA ENROLLED ELDERS

**HOLIDAY GIFT CARD  
DISTRIBUTION**

**MON 11/16 - WED 11/18**  
**10 AM - 3 PM**  
**AOA BACK PARKING LOT**

FAST AND EASY DRIVE-THRU  
1 PER HOUSEHOLD

VALUE OF GIFT CARD IS \$20

Buffalo Office  
Seneca Enrolled  
Elders

**Holiday Gift Card  
Distribution**

Value of Card is \$20  
One Card per Household

**Monday 11/16 - Thursday 11/19**  
**PLEASE WEAR MASKS**

533 Amherst Street 716-951-7555 or  
Buffalo NY 14207 716-845-6304

As cases of COVID-19 increase in our area, remember that you or someone you encounter may have the virus and not know it or display symptoms. There are many ways to prevent infection and stop the spread. Whether you feel healthy or not- stay home, wash your hands often, and avoid close contact with people outside of your household (stay 6 feet apart). If you experience symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, dry cough, or shortness of breath, or have any concerns about your health, call your primary care provider to be assessed. Patients of the Lionel R. John Health Center can call (716) 945-5894 and patients of the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Health Center can call (716) 532-5582.

FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER

Greetings,

I hope everyone is adjusting well to our fall weather, as our days get shorter and our nights get longer. I don't have much to report, as I have only recently assumed my new post, as Treasurer of the Seneca Nation. I enjoyed my time serving as President, in spite of having to deal with an unpredictable and merciless virus, COVID-19. I appreciate everyone's support and encouragement, while navigating through unprecedented times.

As Treasurer, I am looking forward to continue working hard for the Seneca people and to practice the same open door policy I had, while President. If there are ever any questions about our financial status or economic development projects, please feel free to contact my office for an appointment, 1 (716) 945-1790, X3119.

In the meantime, my staff and I will be getting adjusted to our new projects, responsibilities and deadlines, to make sure we continue to do the work of the Seneca People.

Respectfully,  
**Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.**







Bethany Johnson, out-going Clerk swears in Marta Kettle, newly elected in-coming Clerk.

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.

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

- Cattaraugus Clerk’s Office Staff
- Marta Kettle – Clerk
- Geraldine Huff, Executive Assistant (Notary Public)
- 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

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

- Allegany Clerk’s Office Staff
- Bethany Johnson, Deputy Clerk (Notary Public)
- Sue Case, Enrollment Officer
- Alana McClune, Enrollment Assistant (Notary Public)
- Adrienne Cook – Executive Secretary
- Kathleen “Yomie” Hill, Administrative Assistant
- Ryan Mohr, Receptionist

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)

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](http://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](http://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.

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.

COVID-19 POTENTIAL EXPOSURE ALERT!!!

Please be advised that a young community member, who was asymptomatic but positive for COVID-19, apparently attended a large gathering on Brant Reservation Road this past Halloween weekend. If you or a family member may have been exposed, please call the clinic to arrange for testing. Affected individuals should self-quarantine, contact their doctor, and follow all medical directives.

The Seneca Nation is working on obtaining additional testing opportunities as quickly as possible. Details will be announced as soon as they are available.



2020 Seneca Nation General Election

Official Results



**Standing L-R:** Councillor Al E. George, Councillor Elliot Jimerson, Treasurer Rickey L. Armstrong Sr., President Matthew Pagels, Councillor Presley Redeye, Councillor Tim Waterman, Councillor Keith White Sr., Councillor Joshua Becker, **Sitting L-R:** Councillor Lisa Maybee, Councillor Arlene Bova, Clerk Marta Kettle

Executive Positions

Votes

**President:** Matthew "Matt" Pagels  
**Treasurer:** Rickey L. Armstrong Sr.  
**Clerk:** Marta Kettle  
**Allegany**

1279  
1309  
1431  
**Cattaraugus**



Councillors	Votes		Votes
Joshua Becker	1273	Eliot "Chub" Jimerson	1233
Arlene Bova	1291	Lisa Maybee	1296
Al George	1286	Presley "Prez" Redeye	1281
Timothy Waterman	1248	Keith White Sr.	1197

Chief Marshal

Brandon Crouse	1316	Travis Jimerson	1294
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Marshals

Timothy Jimerson	1226	Cheyne Jimerson	1297
Nicole Kettle	1226	Brandon Keyes	1164
Randy "Hobs" White	1222	Thomas "Tom" Thompson Jr.	1300

Assessors

Scott Abrams	1239	Joni Jackson	1277
Mark Halftown	1249	Matthew "Matt" John	1178
April Jimerson-Pierce	1237	Rory Wheeler	1309

Highway Commissioner

Christian Reiller	1266	Charles "Chuck" Stevens	1267
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Poormaster

Pauline "Snap" John	1259	Kerry Kennedy	1351
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of what we have accomplished over the past two years, and I look forward to working with President-elect Pagels and the Council to build on that success over the next two years," he said.

Voters also chose eight members to serve on the 16-member Seneca Nation Council for a four-year term. Elected from the Allegany Territory were Josh Becker (1,273 votes), Arlene Bova (1,291 votes), Al George (1,286 votes) and Tim Waterman (1,248 votes).

The four members of the Nation Council elected from the Cattaraugus Territory are Eliot “Chub” Jimerson (1,233 votes), Lisa Maybee (1,296 votes), Presley Redeye (1,281 votes) and Keith White (1,197 votes).

“The Seneca Party is built on a foundation of unity, prosperity and sovereignty for all Senecas,” said Scott Snyder, the nine-time Seneca Party chairman. “This year’s results underline, yet again, the Seneca people’s belief in our continued ability to lead the Seneca Nation, to bring meaningful progress to our community, and to improve the lives of our people. That is our track record as a party and that remains our guiding principle.”

Cattaraugus territories.

Pagels, the current Seneca Nation treasurer, received a total 1,279 votes, to lead a Seneca Party sweep of all races on the ballot.

Page1's challenger, Sally J. Snow of Senecas For Change 2020, received 559 votes.

“I am incredibly grateful for the support I have received and for the opportunity to lead the Seneca Nation as our next president,” said Pagels, who lives on the Cattaraugus Territory. “Throughout this past year, we have seen how our community can respond to unimaginable challenges. We’ve proven that we are stronger together.”

Pagels, serving as treasurer after the Nation's 2018 election, will be officially sworn in as president next week.

“From defending our sovereignty, expanding our economy and making our communities safer, healthier and stronger, the challenges ahead of us can only be overcome with leadership, unity and strength,” he said. “The Seneca people have given me, together with the Seneca Nation Council, the responsibility to meet those needs.”

The Seneca Party scored large margins of victory in all races. In addition to Pagels, current Seneca President Rickey Armstrong Sr., of the Allegany Territory, was elected treasurer, and Marta Kettle, of the Cattaraugus Territory, was elected clerk. Armstrong received 1,309 votes in a three-way race, and Kettle received 1,431 votes.

“Serving the Seneca people is a tremendous calling, and I look forward to continuing to lead and advocate on our Nation’s behalf as our Treasurer,” said Armstrong, who, as president, has overseen the Nation’s widespread response to the coronavirus pandemic over the last eight months of his term.

“Despite the challenges brought on by the pandemic, I am proud

*The Inside Scoop with Dr. Lori Quigley:*



# THE INSIDE SCOOP

WITH DR. LORI QUIGLEY



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*On a Personal Note...*

Nya:weh Sgë:nó! I am so proud to announce that for the first time in Seneca Gaming Corporation's 18-year history, a Nation member will be leading our gaming enterprise. Our Board of Directors recently named Kevin Nephew, a member of the Wolf clan, as our new President and CEO. Kevin joined SGC in 2014 and most recently served as our Vice President of Organization Improvement & Development. I am confident that with Kevin's positive energy and forward-thinking leadership, our future is in good hands.

I would also like to congratulate Dale Snyder, our Vice President of Facilities and Engineering, who will be honored this month by Western New York Heroes as their "2020 Distinguished Veteran of the Year." Dale, a Vietnam veteran, will be awarded virtually at the organization's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Red, White and Blue Gala on November 6. Ja:qoh, Dale!

This Native American Heritage Month, we can all celebrate Kevin and Dale's accomplishments as true moments of pride for our Nation and examples for our future generations to follow. Ếsqō:qē'ae'.



## INSIDE DEAL

This month, our guests will have plenty of chances to gobble up the winnings with promotions like Cashgiving in Niagara, Turkey Bowling in Allegany, and the Winning Zone in Buffalo Creek.

On November 11, we will say "Thank You" to our veterans with \$10 Free Slot Play when they show their Military ID.

Allegany is the place to be on Black Friday! Guests can qualify to win a 75" LG TV and Apple TV Device.

## INSIDE 8

Suzanne "Suzie" Duchene, Niagara's Slots Operations Service Manager, exemplifies what it means to be a leader. That's why it came as no surprise when Suzie, a member of the Heron clan, was recognized as one of *Global Gaming Business Magazine's* Emerging Leaders of Gaming "40 Under 40." Since joining us in 2007, Suzie has combined her passions for learning and gaming to grow within our organization. Whatever she learns, she makes sure to share with her team. That's leadership! Ja:qoh, Suzie.

CELEBRATING NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH:

Every Friday, our Team Members will be rocking their ribbon shirts, skirts, and moccasins. Our "Rock Your Mocs" contests will let our Team Members and guests show off their footwear. Our popular paint night is

also back, this year via ZOOM. On iNSIDE8, several Team Members will share their heartfelt messages on what NAHM means to them, and why it's vital to educate everyone on our rich history, culture, and contributions.

**WE'RE ON A ROLL!**

Have you visited our websites lately? We recently unveiled five new websites including SenecaCasinos.com, one for each of our three Seneca Resorts & Casinos properties, plus The Best 8 Hours. We enhanced the visitor experience so that each site is easier to explore, plan a stay, join our mailing list...and find us on-line!



Chairwoman, Board of Directors  
Seneca Gaming Corporation



Community Service Announcement

Do you have Covid-19 questions or need information?

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

Seneca Nation COVID-19 Task Force Community Advisory- 11/8/20

This is an important notice to all of our Seneca communities. COVID-19 is once again affecting our people. Please be aware that we are seeing a rapid increase in coronavirus cases on our territories and surrounding areas. Due to the extremely serious nature of its spread, the Seneca Nation is taking all proactive measures to protect our communities and support those affected.

A drive through rapid testing site was established on Saturday, November 7th at our Cattaraugus Community Center. There will be drive through testing for Allegany and Buffalo, as well as a second testing event for Cattaraugus later this week. Details will be announced soon. Please check [www.sni.org](http://www.sni.org), [www.sninews.org](http://www.sninews.org), <https://covid19.snigis.org/>, Seneca Media Facebook, WGWE for the most recent updates.

Please remain highly vigilant, taking all safety measures to protect yourself and your family. COVID-19 is very contagious and capable of spreading quickly. Please mask up, wash your hands thoroughly often, and social distance always!

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](mailto: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

#SENECASSTAYSAFE  
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	<b>Then mailed to:</b> Finishing Trades Institute of W&CNY 585 Aero Sr. Cheektowaga, NY 14225
ROCHESTER OFFICE 244 PAUL RD. ROCHESTER, NY 14623	<b><a href="http://www.dc4.org/get-started">http://www.dc4.org/get-started</a></b>
SYRACUSE OFFICE 615 WEST GENESEE ST. SYRACUSE, NY 13204	





*Submitted by Toonie Pierce, TERC*

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

**SNI Training & Employment Resource Center**



Cattaraugus  
23 Thomas Indian School Dr.  
Irving, N.Y. 14070  
Catt. (6) **Seating is limited** Allegany (4)  
RSVP by calling our office 532-1033 or text 716-801-3261

## COVID Precautions

Next issue to be dated November 27, 2020



# Pennsy Trail Users and Community:

Submitted by Sharon Ray, SN DOT

The Seneca Nation Department of Transportation, Marshalls and Planning along with the City of Salamanca’s -Sandi Brundage have been coordinating efforts to keep the trail safe and develop plans for improvement.

The Pennsy trail has seen an increase in vandalization recently. Floral arrangement displays were destroyed near the Titus Creek culvert and light poles were disassembled along the path. Improvements along the trail are new “Drug Free Zone” signage enhanced lighting, increased trail camera locations, increased patrolling and enhanced emergency call boxes.

The Pennsy Trail has become an escape for many community members as we navigate this pandemic. It is a priority of our partnership to do all we can to keep the trail safe, keep you safe and hold accountable those that will hurt and deface this community asset.

If report suspicious activities call: SENECA NATION MARSHAL’S: (716) 945-2779 or CRIME STOPPERS: (716) 867-6161.

Finally if you or someone you love is currently struggling with drugs and/or substance abuse please call SUSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION: 1-800-662-4357.

Nya:weh to the vital partners above and a special shout out to the Marshal’s Department staff for hanging the signs and assisting our efforts to keep the trail safe and clean for entire community.



# Request for Proposal: On-Call Transit Planning, Engineering, Architecture, Consulting, and Associated Professional Services

The Seneca Department of Transportation’s (SNDOT) Seneca Transit System (STS) is seeking professional on-call transit planning for fixed route, route deviation transit, realtime information system technology, engineering and architecture, and associated professional services to support a variety of STS’s needs for upcoming projects. STS will evaluate responding firms to create an on-call list for transit projects as needed.



For more information please see attached or the RFP/RFQ Page.

Link:

[https://sni.org/media/975122/seneca-transit-system-oncall-services-rfp\\_102020.pdf](https://sni.org/media/975122/seneca-transit-system-oncall-services-rfp_102020.pdf)

# SN Advocate Notice:

The Seneca Nation Advocate Program will be accepting applications for the Regular Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) benefit starting on November 5, 2020. This benefit will run until March 2021 or if the funding runs out, whichever comes first.

Also starting on November 5, The Advocate Program will be accepting applications for the LIHEAP Furnace replace/repair program. This program will end on September 30, 2021 or if the funding runs out, whichever comes first.

You may pick up an application at the Tribal Advocates Offices located on the Cattaraugus (532-4900) or Allegany (945-2655) Territories.

Documentation Requirements:

- ~Tribal I.D.
- ~Social Security Card
- ~Proof of Address
- ~Current Utility Bill
- \*\*Oak Tree Residents must provide a current rent receipt
- ~Proof of Income
- ~Deed or Home Ownership (Furnace repair/replacement Only)

# Video chat Seneca Language Lessons via Skype (Allegany)

Submitted by Ja:no's Bowen

## Novice Mid – High Level Conversational Seneca class

Fridays at 10 AM via Skype.  
Study is mandatory!

This class requires completion of the course materials covered in the Novice Low/Very Beginner Conversational Seneca Class on Mondays (or the equivalent).

**You must take a small speaking assessment to participate in this class.**  
**For more information, contact Ja:no’s Bowen @ janosjaninebowen via Skype.**





# Museum to host Winter Art Market

Submitted by Hayden Haynes

Produced by the Tri-County Arts Council and hosted by the Seneca Iroquois National Museum at the Onōhsagwē: de’ Cultural Center, the Winter Art Market is a two-day art exhibition and sale dedicated to excellence in visual arts and handcrafted goods as well as enhancing and promoting the visual arts and the talented artists and artisans in the area.

ALL SAFETY PROTOCOLS WILL BE FOLLOWED INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO: TEMPERATURE SCREENINGS AT THE DOOR -MASKS REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES -SOCIAL DISTANCING -CAPACITY LIMITATIONS -DIRECTIONAL FLOW OF IN-PERSON TRAFFIC.

Stop in to support local artists and browse our gift shop items. To see some of what we have in our gift shop, check out our online store at <https://shop.senecamuseum.org/>



# Trick or Treat fun at the Seneca Arts & Learning Center

Submitted by Liz Smith

Trick or Treating looked a little different at SALC this year, as we took all COVID-19 safety precautions into play.

The children were called down one classroom at a time to visit each Coordinator and Administrator who were set up at socially distanced tables throughout the Halloween decorated center for the children to Trick or Treat. Each classroom had a theme for the day and enjoyed the time making their costumes throughout the week with their teachers!

We hope everyone had a happy and safe Halloween!



S.C.C. OPEN HOURS

MONDAY

8AM-8PM

TUESDAY

8AM-10PM

\*Cornhole League in Gym 5pm-10pm\* No fitness appointments after 8pm.

WEDNESDAY

8AM-8PM

THURSDAY

8AM-8PM

FRIDAY

8AM-5:30PM

SATURDAY

CLOSED

SUNDAY

CLOSED

-Social Distancing Procedures still in place. Masks REQUIRED-

To reserve your time slots for fitness & gym call the center at 716-354-4665. Nya:weh.

Effective November 16th, 2020

Contact the Newsletter Office at:  
716.945.1790, x3029 or x3030



visit us on-line  
[@sninews.org](mailto:@sninews.org)



# American Bison to find permanent home at Ohi:yo’

By Tami Watt, Editor

Big developments are happening for the Seneca Nation Agriculture Department on the Ohi:yo’ and Ga’degesgeo’ Territories! Director Michael Snyder and staff have been busy harvesting last season’s crops and gearing up for new commercial sized projects that will aid in self-sustaining and project future financial gain for the entire Nation and community.

The Agriculture Department’s herd of 51 American Bison will have a permanent home in Ohi:yo’ at the Sunfish flats. In 2018, the Farm acquired a small herd of 14 Bison from a farm in Machias, NY. Since then, the herd as grown to 51 and staff has trained to care for the animals. Project Manager Gordon Brown has been prepping the former John Family Farm for months with anticipation to bring the herd to their permanent home by December 2020. The herd will be enclosed in an electric fence that will encompass 300 acres of rich farm soil against the rolling hills of Ohi:yo’. Bison meat products like ground beef, steak, and breakfast sausage are currently sold at the Seneca Ones Stops and the Taylor Hollow site.



Director Snyder and staff would like all community members, hunters and outdoor enthusiasts to know that the bison, although often docile, can be very dangerous animals, when approached by humans. Staff asks that anyone whom might encounter them, please use an extraordinary amount of caution and awareness when in their presence. THE FENCE ENCLOSING THEIR NEW DOMAIN, IS ELECTRIC AND WILL BE “LIVE” AT ALL TIMES. If you have any questions, please call (716) 801-6249.

An addition to Gakwi:yo:h Farms, located at 13594 Taylor Hollow Road, Collins, NY



will house a commercial size cannery, kitchen, and multipurpose dining area. The commercial size cannery will allow for crops to be harvested, canned, and packaged on site for resale of various products. Recipes will be developed with precision in the commercial sized kitchen by Project Manager Gerri Fisher. Fisher intends to certify products such as jams, jellies, apple chips, tomato sauce, and baby food. “The possibilities are endless, the new cannery will allow us to create custom products and expand sales to meet wholesale demands,” states Snyder. The multipurpose room will host large events for the community such as the Annual Maple Weekend.

Snyder hopes to get the monopoly to sell products, like maple syrup, to the Seneca Resorts and Casino’s restaurants while also packaging the products for sale in the Nation’s gift shops, Seneca One Stops, and onsite at the farm in Irving.

Gakwi:yo:h Farms currently packages and sells four white corn products; Hull corn, Roast corn, roast flour, and white corn flour in these current venues and also at the Taylor Hollow site. They also supply produce directly to the consumer through their mobile market every Tuesday in Allegany at Seneca Strong and Thursday in Cattaraugus at the Saylor building from 11am-1pm.

Snyder insists there are “plenty of opportunities to get our traditional meals into school settings.” There is a current initiative to introduce white corn products and recipes into the Salamanca City Central School District once a week in an effort to bring both traditional and healthy meal

choices to school age children.

Due to the pandemic and social distance guidelines, staff had limited aid from the community in harvesting the 25+ acres of various corn fields between the two main territories. Through limited resources, pandemic issues, and hard work, the growing season was a fruitful with abundant amounts of corn and other produce for the community during the pandemic. Vast amounts of potatoes were planted in the spring for self-sustainability due to the uncertainty of Covid-19. Snyder says, “That was part of the pandemic planning, we wanted to plant some crops we knew that would last over the winter. We have so many potatoes to dig up before the ground freezes.” Snyder sees more distributions of crops and meat in the near future.

The Farm staff has been harvesting corn for the last month and has produced 100 white corn braids. White corn is also being prepped to stuff 55lb poly commercial bags for wholesale. The abundance of sweet corn led to multiple giveaways with more



than 300 dozen cobs distributed between Allegany and Cattaraugus. The community and surrounding Hodinosoni’ neighbors were invited to pick and harvest their own corn as groups of families with social distance protocols in place.

Although the Farm could not host their Annual Husking Bee, Seneca Media was able to produce an instructional video on how to braid corn and how to make corn husk flowers. The video will be released through the Seneca Media and





Communications Facebook page and YouTube channel. The team at the farm is missing the connection with the community via volunteers and community events.

A full scale commercial maple operation is currently under way as staff cuts wood to prep for the season. The farm recently aquired an 8,000 gallon tank to fill with sap from the various locations they tap trees. They currently have 300 taps at their Forestville location, 1,200 at Gakwi:yo:h Farms, and are developing a new 50 acre site in Ohi:yo’ adjacent to the casino. This

site is expected to grow 5,000 maple trees, the most taps so far.

This year, Ira Jones (local beekeeper), aided the farm in their first honey extraction from their 4 hives. Jones gave a demonstration and allowed staff to use his custom tools. Each hive produced 10 frames, half of the frames were extracted for production, the other frames were left for food for the winter. The late season extraction produced a rich thick tasty Golden Rod Honey that is currently for sale at the farm. Snyder encourages relationships with local experts, farmers, and culture experts.

The red angus cow herd in Great Valley is expanding, four females have been artificially inseminated. Brown has added a coral for winter and the cows will go into the barn during the colder months.

Gakwi:yo:h Farms will soon grow an orchard of nut trees donated from a farm in Ithaca. Snyder will reserve 10 acres for hazel nut, chestnut, pawpaw, and black ash trees at the farm.

The Farm will continue to plant, produce crops, and harvest meat for community distribution and sales while expanding services and resources. With cattle and bison on pastures in Ohi:yo’, Snyder has hopes of a meat processing facility on territory.

Stay tuned for more community distributions of produce and meat by following Gakwi:yo:h Farms on Facebook, WGWE, [www.sni.org](http://www.sni.org), and the print and online Seneca Nation Official Newsletter at [www.sninews.org](http://www.sninews.org).





# 300 Salamanca-area vets honored with Hometown Heroes banners

By Kellen M. Quigley | Special to Olean Times Herald | Reprinted from oleantimesherald.com

SALAMANCA — Hundreds of veterans from the Salamanca area had their military service honored this summer with the implementation of the Hometown Heroes banner program.

Hanging on telephone and light poles throughout the city, banners displaying a veteran’s portrait, name and branch and years served are flying high as a way to thank and memorialize those who went above and beyond for their country.

A co-venture between the Salamanca American Legion Auxiliary and Salamanca Industrial Development Agency (IDA), 300 people have purchased banners for their loved ones.

We’ve been following this story

since it was first proposed 51 weeks ago by IDA Director Ruthe Riehle at the November 2019 Common Council meeting. At that time, the plan was to get about 100 banners and hang them along Broad and Clinton streets.

At the council’s Jan. 22 meeting, grant administrator Sandi Brundage reported that the Hughes Skiba Auxiliary Post 535 and the city of Salamanca Flag Pride Committee was awarded a Hometown Heroes Banner project grant from the American Legion Auxiliary Foundation.

Within a couple months, 80 banners had been purchased and were ready to hang. If more were purchased, they’d hang along Route 417 stretching from one end of the city to another.

Seven months later, nearly 300 banners are hanging throughout the city. Many names from Salamanca’s history appear on the banners, including local government officials, community leaders and business owners.

Salamanca American Legion Auxiliary President Sue Williams said most of the veterans recognized served during World War II, Korean and Vietnam. There are Purple Hearts, Silver Stars, some who were missing in action and some who died while serving.

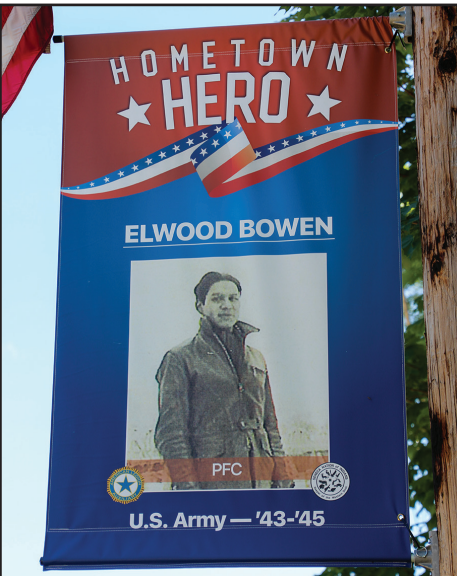
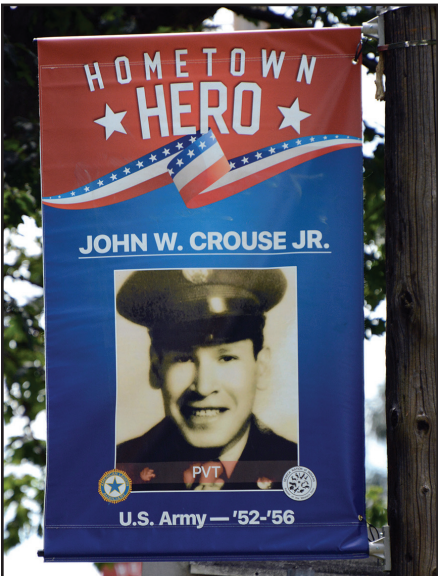
Now, the American Legion Auxiliary and the IDA need the community’s help taking the banners off the poles and getting them to their winter storage.

Take-down day will be weather permitting, meaning no rain or snow. Crews of three people — a ladder climber, a ladder tender and an assistant — and 12-foot-tall ladders also needed.

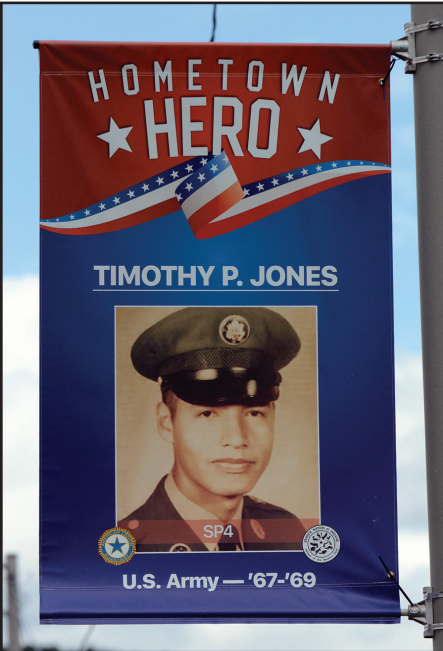
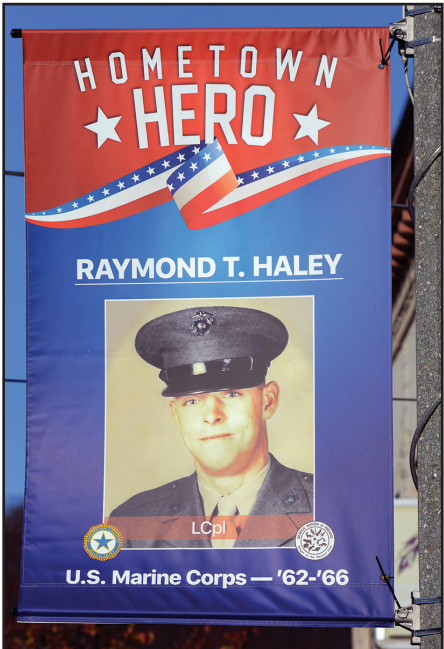
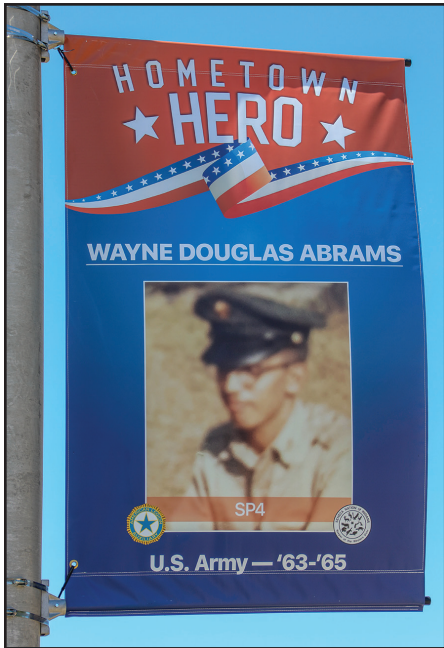
Volunteers are asked to meet Saturday, Nov. 14 at 10 a.m. at the Salamanca American Legion. A rain date will be announced as necessary. To volunteer, leave a message at the American Legion, 945-1460.

**Plans are to re-install the banners in May prior to Memorial Day.**

Source:  
[https://www.oleanimesherald.com/news/300-salamanca-area-vets-honored-with-hometown-heroes-banners/article\\_a653d39d-081a-58b7-80c0-8dd390c716co.html](https://www.oleanimesherald.com/news/300-salamanca-area-vets-honored-with-hometown-heroes-banners/article_a653d39d-081a-58b7-80c0-8dd390c716co.html)







1st banner installed





# Buffalo Native Resource Center Halloween Fun!

The Buffalo Native Resource Center held a Trunk or Treat & Costume Contest on October 30th, 2020. Enjoy the photos below.





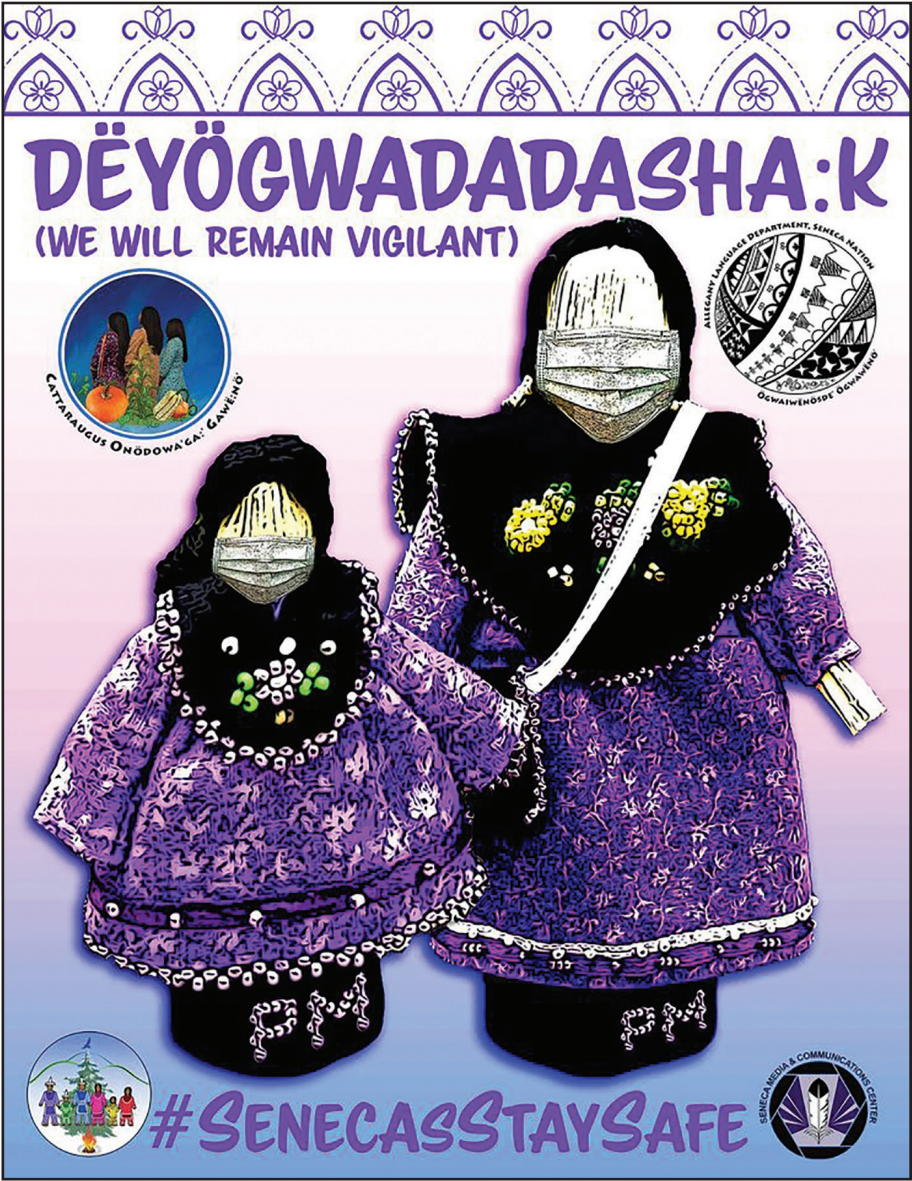
#SenecasStaySafe -- COVID-19 Reminders

COVID-19 cases continue to rise in our area. Be sure to stay extra safe while taking care of shopping needs. For tips see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/essential-goods-services.html>.

Please remember to wear a mask, wash

your hands frequently, social distance at least 6 feet, avoid touching your face, wipe down frequently used surfaces, avoid places with poor ventilation, outdoors is better than indoors (but you can still get the virus outdoors if you are in close contact with people), use delivery, curbside pickup, or mail services rather than go into crowded

stores, and limit your exposures to other people. It is no longer just the 15 minute or more exposure – now the evidence shows multiple brief exposures can add up. For more info: <https://www.cdc.gov/.../2019-.../prevent-getting-sick/index.html>



### Iroquois Genealogy Society Update

*Monthly Meetings for the remainder of the year have been CANCELED!*  
*Submitted by Leatha Jimerson*

The Iroquois Genealogy Society has decided to cancel the monthly meetings for the rest of the year 2020. The health and safety of the people who attend are our priority during the COVID pandemic.

We hope to return to meetings next year usually starting in March 2021. However, it's a wait and see situation we are in. In the meantime, we are brainstorming ideas to be able to bring you genealogy research information.

For now, reach out to relatives by phone and do a little interview with them and record the information. If the weather is decent, take a walk/tour of a cemetery.

Please be safe and wear a mask everyone!

Be sure to look for us on Facebook, email or SNI newsletter and of course visit our website: [www.iroquoisgenealogysociety.com](http://www.iroquoisgenealogysociety.com). Nya:wëh!

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### Moving?

Don't forget to notify the SNI Official Newsletter office with your change of address!

Call us at  
716-945-1790, ext. 3030 or x3029  
or email: [sninews@sni.org](mailto:sninews@sni.org)





## Nya:wëh

Submitted by Jacqueline White Gibson

Many Nya:wëh's to the Department Of Public Works (DPW), the Treasurer's Office, and the person who spread the millings in my driveway. I really appreciate how the Seneca Nation helps our people and our elders in a time of need. Also thank you Lindsey Cooper you always make sure that our work order requests go through when we really need it.

## Gakö:ni:h Ganö' ja'- Neogë' Ham

By Jamie Carlson and Josh Dahlke | Reprinted from Gai:wanöhge' V12I11 | Jodto:h Dekni:h 2020



Ingredients:

- 4lb Venison roast
- 1 gallon water
- 1 cup kosher salt
- 1/2 cup maple sugar
- 1/2 cup sorghum
- 1 tbsp. pink curing salt #1
- 1 tbsp. allspice berries
- 1 tbsp. juniper berries
- 4 bay leaves

Tools Needed:

- Stock pot
- Measuring cups & spoons
- Large lidded container
- Smoker
- Aluminum foil
- Meat thermometer

Directions:

1. Combine and bring all ingredients except roast, to a boil. Then let it cool it to room temperature before placing the roast in the brine. Place the brine and meat in the fridge. Soak for 4 days.
2. After the ham is done soaking in the brine solution, remove it and pat dry with paper towels. Let the ham sit out in an area with a good airflow or near a fan until the outside of it is a bit dry. When the ham is tacky to the touch, it is ready for the smoker.

3. Start smoking it around 180°F over apple wood for about 3 hours before turning the heat up to 275°. Continue smoking it until the internal temperature reaches 180°, which should be about 7 hours total time on the smoker.
4. After it reaches an internal temp of 180°, remove it from the smoker and let it cool off a bit. If you are not going to serve the ham immediately, wrap it in Saran wrap and refrigerate. This will help the ham retain some of its moisture and preserve the flavor in case you use it for other meals.

Notes: if you can't find sorghum, molasses will substitute nicely.

Recipe & photo from: <https://www.outdoorlife.com/how-to-cure-and-smokevenison-ham-roast/>



# JOB POSTINGS

## ÖGWATÄHDÖ:NYO'!

(We have opportunities!)

Visit us at the following locations:

<p>Cattaraugus Territory</p> <p><b>1<sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH</b> <b>8:30 AM – 11:30 AM</b></p> <p>SNII Human Resources Dept. 12837 Route 438 Irving, NY 14081</p>	<p>Allegany Territory</p> <p><b>2<sup>ND</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH</b> <b>8:30 AM – 11:30 AM</b></p> <p>SNII Human Resources Dept. 90 Ohiyo Way Salamanca, NY 14779</p>	<p>Buffalo Area</p> <p><b>3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH</b> <b>8:30 AM – 11:30 AM</b></p> <p>SNII Tribal Advocate Office Buffalo Resource Center 533 Amherst Street Buffalo, NY 14207</p>
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Apply online at [SenecaPath.SenecaCasinos.com](https://SenecaPath.SenecaCasinos.com)

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

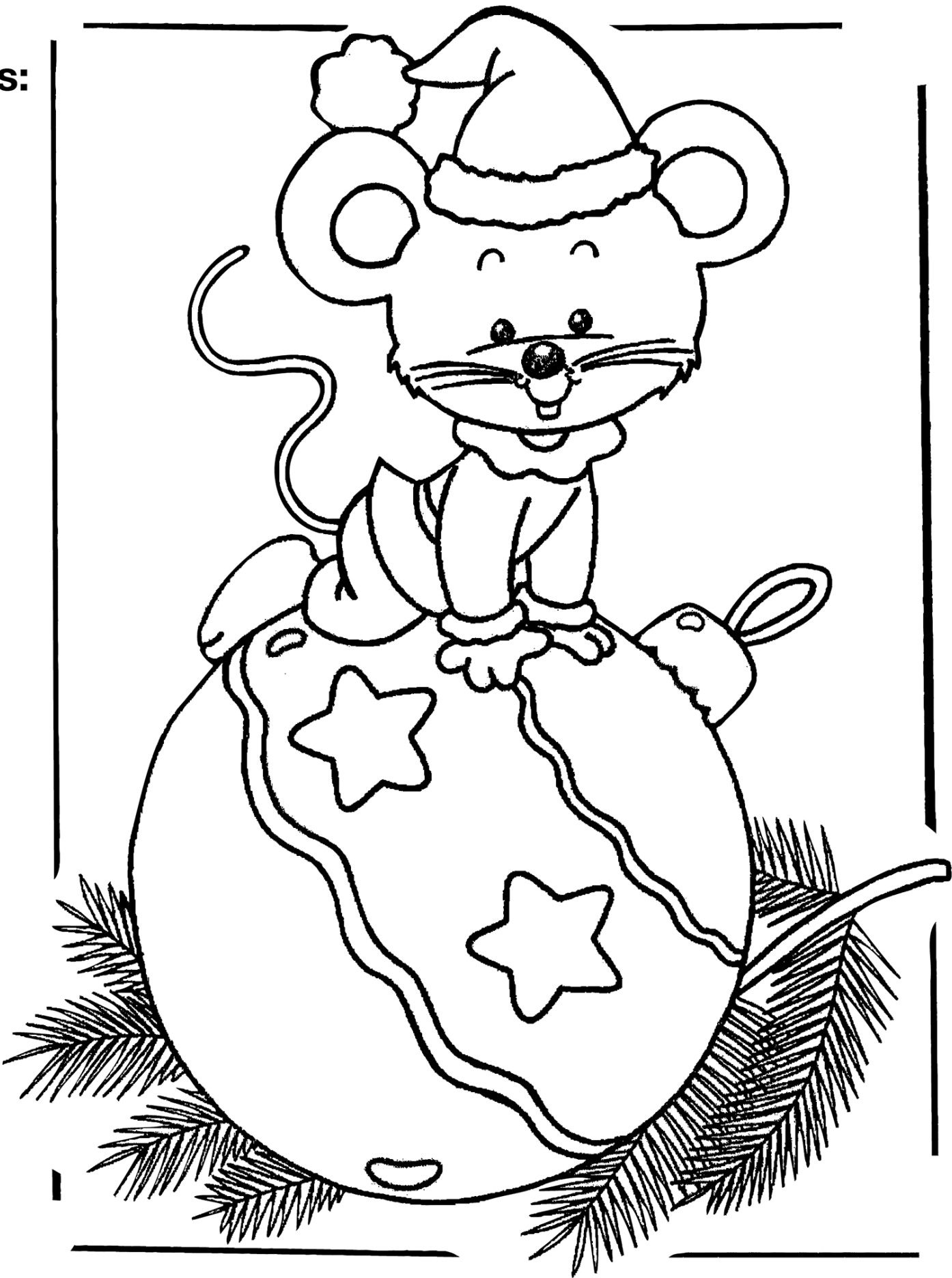
- One-on-one assistance with your online application
- Assistance with creating and uploading resume
- Assistance with creating your job profile

Start the process today, email our Recruitment Team: [MWang@SenecaCasinos.com](mailto:MWang@SenecaCasinos.com) or call 716.501.2215



# SCC Christmas Coloring Contest

Age  
Groups:  
0-3,  
4-6,  
7-9,  
10-12,  
& 13+



**Due Date:**  
**December 11th, 2020**

Winners will be notified by December 15th. Entries can be mailed to 90 Ohi:yo' Way  
PO Box 231, Salamanca, NY 14779 **\*\*ATTENTION STEAMBURG COMMUNITY CENTER\*\***  
Or they can be emailed to Rachael.Bryan@sni.org. If any questions please call the SCC  
716-354-4665. Nya:wëh!

**ENTRY FROM**  
**PLEASE PRINT**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #(S): \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reminder - Seneca Nation Offices & Buildings  
will BE CLOSED:**  
*Thursday, November 26th for Thanksgiving.*



# 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.



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](http://www.nyconnects.ny.gov) Please be safe and healthy, Nya:wëh.



## 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



# 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



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 - NEXT Newsletter Deadline:

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 | Next issue to be dated November 27, 2020  
Don't forget to check us out at: [sninews.org](http://sninews.org)

# 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.





Happy 1st Birthday!

Wishing this little bundle of love on November 3rd a Happy 1st Birthday Weston Maybee-Snow! You & your brother have bought so much joy to out hearts. It's a blast watching you grow!  
Love Uncle Fred & Aunt Sarah

Submitted by Sarah General



Happy Belated Birthday!

Happy Belated 11th Birthday to our daughter on November 6th.  
  
Happy Birthday Babe. Love Momma & Daddy & Sisters

Submitted by Heather Cooper



Happy Birthday!

We would like to wish our Boo a Happy 11th Birthday! We love you very much and hope that you enjoy your day!  
  
Love, Mom, Dad and Austin

Submitted by Jessica Newark

Happy Birthday!

We would like to wish Hugh Maybee a Happy Birthday, we love you very much!  
  
Love, Jess, Austin and Boo!

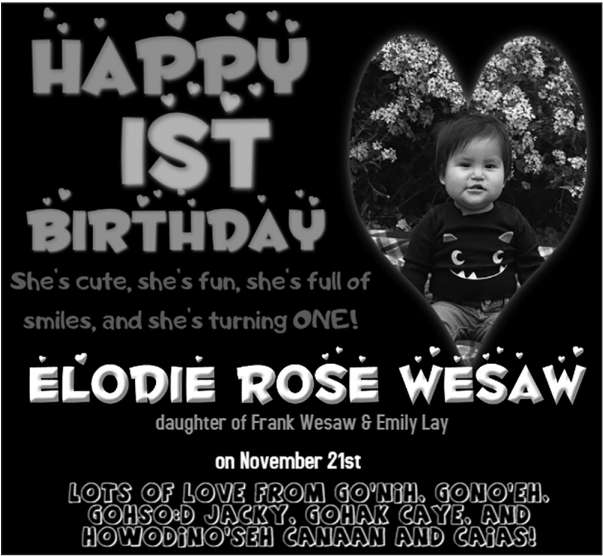
Submitted by Jessica Newark



Happy Birthday!

Happy 2nd Birthday to our baby, Cypress! You are the cutest and most adorable two year old we know. We all love you so much. Although you are only 24 months old, you have brought us a massive amount of happiness and joy. The day you were born, you made this crazy world a much better place. We all love you so very much, Mom, Bub, Jr., Charli Rae, & Boog.

Submitted by Chad & Barbara Lynn Hill



Looking to PURCHASE Land On the Cattaraugus Territory

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

Please contact 716-359-2592.

Alice m. Nephew (Nee Schindler)  
5/14/1940 – 11/13/2019



It's been one year for me and my family. I miss her cooking, her sense of humor and our trips to the Irving hall to play bingo. We all loved her spaghetti, fry bread, salads, pineapple upside down cake and homemade biscuits! To name a few. People in her circle knew that when she made soup, she would put the noodles on the side, so that you can add them in yourself.

Ma would carefully accessorize every outfit by adding a matching purse, pair of earrings, scarves, necklaces, watches and a ring with sparkle. Anything with a turtle (our clan) on it, she had it. When I hear an Elvis Presley tune, I am reminded she loved Elvis, especially his gospel songs.

I won't forget her one liners:

“Wash up as far as possible, wash down as far as possible, and the heck with possible”

“Shut the damn door, your letting the flies out”

“I use to have a twenty inch waist, now I have a twenty inch neck”

When she saw a young man/boy having had a fresh bath/shower, combed hair and clean clothes she'd say, “Some spinort!”

I especially miss Ma's visits at my dining room table sipping on a hot cup of tea and making meaningful conversation.

Sadly missed and forever in our hearts.

Luana Jimerson and family





NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF REGINALD K. CROUSE

Administrator: Robin Jacobs,  
3625 N. Authority Rd., Kill Buck, NY 14748  
~ Allegany Territory - 2nd Notice ~

ESTATE OF LLOYD RENALDO, SR.

Administrator: Lloyd Renaldo, Jr.,  
P.O. Box 175, Brant, NY 14027  
~ Cattaraugus Territory - 2nd Notice ~

ESTATE OF SHARYN K. TAYLOR

Administrators: Carli Buffalo & Dylan Taylor-Wolford,  
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~ Allegany Territory - Final Notice ~

ESTATE OF ROY PAGELS

Administrator: Nadine Maracle,  
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~ Cattaraugus Territory - Final Notice ~

ESTATE OF FRANCIS INABINET

Executor: Lisa Powless,  
320 Center St., Salamanca, NY 14779  
~ Cattaraugus Territory - Final Notice ~

ESTATE OF NORMA KENNEDY

Executor: Ralph Kennedy,  
P.O. Box 206, Steamburg, NY 14783  
~ Allegany 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.



CATTARAUGUS ON-TERRITORY  
SENECA ENROLLED ELDERS

**HOLIDAY GIFT CARD  
DISTRIBUTION**

**MON 11/16 - WED 11/18**  
**10 AM - 3 PM**  
**AOA BACK PARKING LOT**

FAST AND EASY DRIVE-THRU  
1 PER HOUSEHOLD

VALUE OF GIFT CARD IS \$20

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



Donations needed for a family affected by a fire

**ITEMS NEEDED:**

Food  
Clothing: Boys size 6/7, Girls size 5/6, Boys 3T and size 6 diapers,  
Furniture, Pots, Pans, Dishes

**Can Drop off at:**  
**1734 Seneca Road in Newtown**  
**The Buffalo Office is also receiving donations**

Nya:wëh





**BRINGING HIGH SPEED INTERNET TO  
CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY**

**CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN IN LATE 2020/EARLY 2021**  
Are you a Cattaraugus resident interested in purchasing  
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**SIGN UP HERE:**  
[sni.dftcommunications.com](http://sni.dftcommunications.com)  
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Toll Free  
**833-989-2876**

The entire Cattaraugus Territory will  
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internet and digital phone access.

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Contact: Seneca Energy @  
email: [senecabroadband@sni.org](mailto:senecabroadband@sni.org)



# Take the Path to Smoke-Free Living

Submitted by Robin Crouse, Health Educator, LRJHC

For thousands of years, traditional tobacco has had a sacred purpose for many American Indian Tribal Nations. It is used for prayer, to show respect, to heal, and to give spiritual protection. Tobacco was never meant to be abused. Sacred use of tobacco does not include the use of commercial tobacco products.

## How Does Commercial Smoking Affect Your Health?

Smoking can cause heart disease, stroke, cancers & lung disease for you and your loved ones. Children exposed to cigarette smoke may have more asthma attacks, bronchitis or ear infections. Smoking during pregnancy increases the chances that your baby will be born sickly or have heart problems that you cannot see.

## Did You Know That Smoking is linked to Diabetes? (\* CDC Centers for Disease Control & Prevention)

We now know that smoking causes type 2 diabetes. In fact, smokers are 30 – 40% more likely to develop type 2 diabetes than non- smokers. And people with diabetes who smoke are more likely than non-smokers to have trouble with insulin dosing and with controlling their disease. The more cigarettes you smoke, the higher your risk for type 2 diabetes. No matter what type of diabetes you have, smoking makes your diabetes harder to control. If you have diabetes and you smoke, you are more likely to have serious health problems from diabetes. Smokers with diabetes have higher risks for serious complica-

tions, including:

- Heart and kidney disease
- Poor blood flow in the legs and feet that can lead to infections, ulcers, and possible amputation
- Retinopathy – an eye disease that can cause blindness
- Peripheral neuropathy – damaged nerves to the arms and legs that cause numbness, pain, weakness, and poor circulation

If you are a smoker with diabetes, quitting smoking will benefit your health right away. People who have quit have better control of their blood sugar levels.

## What Should You Expect When You Quit Smoking?

Nicotine is a powerful drug that causes addiction. Your body gets used to it. When you stop smoking, getting rid of the nicotine in your body can make you feel sick with headaches, feel cranky or tired. The good news is most symptoms go away in a few weeks.

Quitting smoking is not easy, but many people are able to quit for good. It may take many attempts to stay off cigarettes. Just remember you can do it! There is plenty of support out there! (1-800-QUIT NOW) 1-800-784-8669

\*Source: CDC & Honoring the Gift of Heart Health Curriculum

# Simply HR ~ September

## New Hires

**Peter Wilson**  
Coordinator of Seneca Strong  
September 7, 2020

**Trevor Kilby**  
Network Administrator, LRJHC  
September 21, 2020

## Transfers

**Michelle Pacini**  
Contract and Credentialing Coordinator, LRJHC  
September 21, 2020

Congratulations on your new positions!

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

# NATIVE

# connections


Honor your journey.

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

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

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

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### FLU CLINIC INFORMATION

Every Wednesday

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

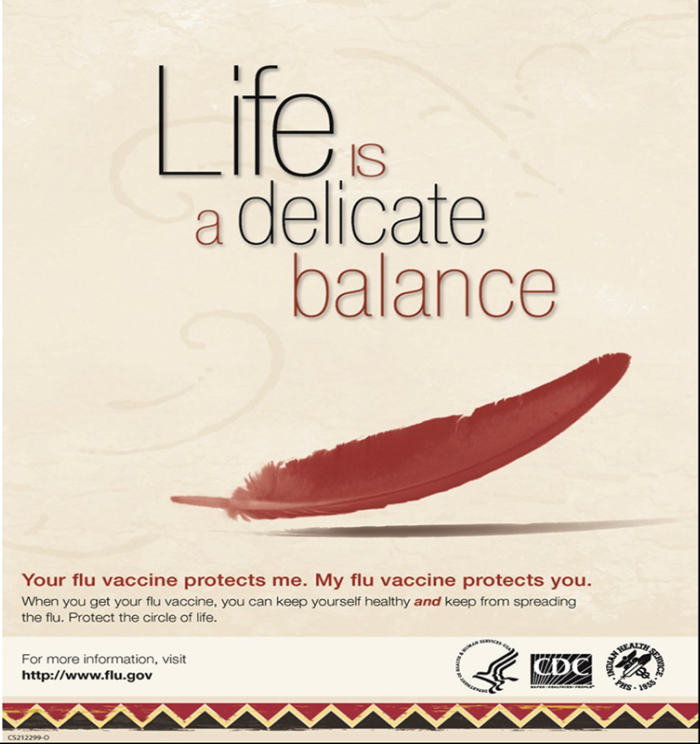
LRJHC

Patients can call Cindy, ext. 3280, Teri, ext. 3317 or Theresa, ext. 3327 to schedule an appointment.

CIRHC

Patients can call Marlene, ext. 5219 or Sharon, ext. 5221 to schedule an appointment.

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Life is a delicate balance

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>

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### NOTICE:

Seneca Nation Health System will be closed:

**Thursday, November 26**

**Thanksgiving Day**

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



CIRHC Pharmacy Curbside Pickup Procedure

This service is available as a courtesy to any patient who is sick, elderly or high-risk.

- \*Curbside pickup is available from **8:30 am - 5:00 pm**
- \*When you arrive to pick up a prescription, pull up to the end of the covered walkway at the front of the health center.
- \*Call the pharmacy at 532-8330, option 3 to let pharmacy know that you have arrived. Please do not call pharmacy until you are actually here. Be prepared to give patient name, date of birth and color and make of vehicle.
- \*Please have photo ID ready to show for controlled substances.
- \*A staff member will deliver medications to your vehicle.
- \*Prescriptions can be picked up in person at the pharmacy from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. You will be screened upon entry and a facemask or covering is required while in the building.

SNHS Provider Spotlight



**Carrie Gross** is a dental hygienist located at the Lionel R. John Health Center. She has been a dental hygienist for 31 years but has worked for the health system for 23 years.

We asked what she likes best about her job and she said “Hands down, the patients! I enjoy seeing and visiting with everyone! It’s so nice to be here over the years and to be able to watch the generations grow.”

She grew up in Bucktooth Run, Salamanca. She attended Erie Community College (north) in Williamsville, NY.

We asked what she likes to do in her spare time. She said “My husband and I run a 300 acre farm. We are self sufficient on meat, and grow our own veggies and fruit.”

We asked her to tell us something interesting or extraordinary about herself that she’d like people to know. She says “I try to enjoy the outdoors as much as possible, keep my life simple and work hard. Nature is the best.”

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

NOTICE

Telemedicine, or virtual appointments are available on a case-by-case basis.

Please call your primary care provider to be assessed whether a telemedicine appointment is appropriate for your care.

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Visit our website:  
[www.senecahealth.org](http://www.senecahealth.org)



visit us on-line  
[@sninews.org](https://sninews.org)

5 TIPS TO SANITIZE YOUR PHONE AND YOUR OTHER DEVICES

01 SAFETY FIRST

Unplug the device before cleaning.

02 WHAT TO USE

Use a lint-free cloth slightly dampened with soap and water. Alcohol-based wipes can also be used.

03 HOW TO CLEAN

Don't spray cleaners directly onto the device.

04 SAFE PRODUCTS

Avoid aerosol sprays and cleaning solutions that contain bleach or abrasives.

05 PROTECT YOUR DEVICES

Keep liquids and moisture away from any openings on the device.

Your mobile phone may be the item you touch the most throughout the day. With the COVID-19 pandemic, phone hygiene is a growing concern. Health experts suggest cleaning your phone at least once a day as a preventative measure.

WASH AWAY THE GERMS

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Ga:weh t'ga:e' neh o:nyo'gwaji:sgwa'?	Where It is located the peanut butter?
O'se:k neh onyahji'da' o'gekö:ni' sö:de'?	You ate it the corn roasted in the husk I cooked last night?

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..... <u>n</u> ot	y.....y <u>e</u> s	d..... <u>d</u> og
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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' Ögwawënö'*, is to promote conversational Seneca language use at the Seneca Nation.

## Reminder: Mailing List Update

Attention Members 35 years of age & under:

We have begun removing members age 35 and under from the mailing list to help cut down postage costs. We are finally finishing up this task. However, if you would prefer to receive your news via print copy, just give us a call and we will gladly add you back to the mailing list. **Call us at: 716.945.1790, x3030 OR x3029.**

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Thursday, November 26, 2020 for Thanksgiving.