



The Official Newsletter of the SENECA NATION



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A message from President Matthew B. Pagels



Nya:wëh Sgë:nö',

I'm thankful for our Communities everyday particularly as colder weather is approaching. Unfortunately we have already experienced a significant windstorm which knocked out large sections of both Allegany and Cattaraugus electricity on Sunday, November 15. It was necessary to open up our emergency facilities for families to seek shelter from the elements.

It is important for families to create an emergency plan for any weather related event or for the possibility of a Statewide closure due to health emergencies such as the Covid-19 pandemic. The plan can include an emergency supply list of items such as bottled water, non-perishable food and generators, an alternative meeting location should your family need to evacuate, a list of medication and health conditions and to be sure to evaluate the plan periodically with everyone in the home. If more assistance is needed reach out to the Seneca Nation Emergency Management department and they will help you create a plan for your family.

With the Covid getting into our community, I plea with all to take every precaution we can. Its to a point in which we must assume everyone has Covid and its all our goal to protect ourselves and those around us. Wear the mask, wash the hands and try to socially distance

ourselves. The nation is making every effort we can to provide testing and will continue to do everything possible. Please see the dates below and register your app's early with the guidance provided from Media.

12/2/20 Cattaraugus 9am-1pm and 4pm-6pm
12/3/20 Allegany 9am-1pm and 4pm-6pm

12/9/20 Cattaraugus 9am-1pm and 4pm-6pm
12/10/20 Allegany 9am-1pm and 4pm-6pm



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

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12/16/20 Cattaraugus 9am-1pm and 4pm-6pm
12/17/20 Allegany 9am-1pm and 4pm-6pm

We are currently transitioning the Administration and I hope everyone enjoyed our Canvass Day luncheon drive thru as we get accustomed to providing events in this new fashion. My apologies

to those that looked forward to a pre-Covid canvass day celebration, especially to the new leaders that deserved to be honored in their new capacities as Seneca Nation officials.

A Special Council session is scheduled this month on November, 30, 2020. The protocols established at the regular session should be followed, only 22 audience

participants, others may register in the GoTo meeting format.

Lots of light at the end of the tunnel as vaccines look to be made soon and available shortly thereafter! With that thank you for the read and stay safe stay strong

**Nya:wëh,
Matthew B. Pagels**

IMPORTANT TESTING INFORMATION:

COVID-19 is spreading rapidly in the region and there are an increasing number of positive cases on territory.

You MUST pre-register by going to <https://www.bluestonesafe.com/welcome>. Use client code SenecaGov and user ID 3030.

You will need an email address to sign up. Limited staff will be available to help elders register for email on-site so PLEASE PRE-REGISTER!

This is a saliva sample test. Anyone taking the test MUST NOT eat, drink, smoke, chew gum, etc. 60 minutes before arrival. All positive results will receive a phone call. Negative results will get an email and text message. Bluestone is working directly with the Seneca Nation Health System to track results.

YOU MUST SELF-ISOLATE UNTIL YOU GET A NEGATIVE RESULT!

Future testing dates and times are:

- 12/2 CCC 9am-1pm and 4-6pm
12/3 ACC 9am-1pm and 4-6pm
- 12/9 CCC 9am-1pm and 4-6pm
12/10 ACC 9am-1pm and 4-6pm
- 12/16 CCC 9am-1pm and 4-6pm
12/17 ACC 9am-1pm and 4-6pm

Questions regarding testing can be directed to Emergency Management Director Mike Gates at 716-244-0820 or mike.gates@sni.org.

It is **EXTREMELY** important that everyone takes all precautions to prevent the spread **ESPECIALLY** through the upcoming holiday season when people are used to having gatherings of extended family members.

- Wear your masks at all times in public spaces and anytime you are in proximity to people outside your household.
- Maintain proper social distancing of at least 6 feet and avoid large indoor gatherings.
- Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly.
- Use sanitizer whenever handwashing isn't readily available.
- If you have any symptoms that could be from COVID, immediately self-isolate and contact your medical provider by phone.
- **DO NOT** come in to the health centers for testing if you have symptoms or know you are positive. All testing is done either by appointment or drive thru only!

Please do everything possible to prevent the spread of this virus that is a grave threat particularly to our elders and people with existing health conditions. Together we can be strong and resilient through this pandemic.

**#SenecasStaySafe
#StopTheSpread**

How to access Bluestone COVID-19 test results

The following is an important message from the Seneca Nation Health System regarding Bluestone COVID-19 diagnostic test results.

All positive results will receive a phone call. Negative results will get an email and text message. Bluestone is working directly with the Seneca Nation Health System to track results. Results will be posted within the Bluestone phone app as soon as they are available (typically within 24-48 hours of sample collection, except for Saturday testing events). If you are unable to retrieve your results, or if you would like to request documentation of your results you may contact Bluestone directly:

**Bluestone Email:
info@bluestonesafe.com
Phone:
760-297-6863**

Alternatively, you may contact the Seneca Nation Health System's Medical Unit at the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Health Center by calling 532-5582 or the Medical Unit at the Lionel R. John Health Center by calling 945-5894 for your results 48 hours after your test or to request documentation. Seneca Nation employees DO NOT need to provide testing documentation to return to

work if they have negative test results.

To ensure privacy and confidentiality of testing results, there is a limited number of staff at the Seneca Nation Health System who have access to the Bluestone dashboard results so please be patient when making any request. The Health System is not able to download test results or get a document from the dashboard for an individual participant. If any written documentation is needed the Health System staff have been using a templated letter as a way of documenting results for those who request it.

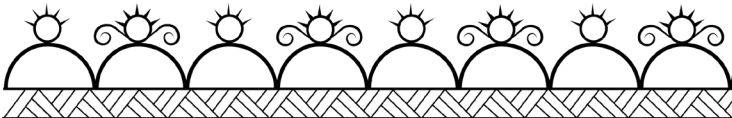
Greetings,

So, we have received our first snow fall and the weather has officially changed to winter. I have been hearing we should have a slightly mild winter, with above average temperatures towards the end of the winter. Either way, the holiday season is off to a good start.

I am settling into my new position as Treasurer and familiarizing myself and my staff to all of our new duties. In addition, we'll continue to support the new President and his staff, until we can completely exchange all of our projects and responsibilities. To ensure a thorough transition, this could take up to thirty days from Canvass Day.

As for the financial health of the Nation, I have already begun the process of delving into financial reports, getting acclimated to our investment portfolios; and have chaired my first Budget & Finance meeting, which went very well. Beginning soon, we will be mailing out Minors Trust Fund statements every other month. I feel very confident moving forward with our new President, standing Council members, new Council members and our new Clerk – to continue making improvements to our fiscal processes, which are already in place.

Respectfully,
Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.



NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE



Marta Kettle, Clerk
CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY



Bethany Johnson, Deputy Clerk
ALLEGANY TERRITORY

(Notary Public)
Sue Case, Enrollment Officer
Leslie John, Vital Records Specialist
Kathleen “Yomie” Hill, Administrative Assistant
Ryan Mohr, Receptionist

The Buffalo Clerk’s Office is located at:
533 Amherst Street

CLERK’S OFFICE
HOURS

We are open for your everyday Clerk’s Office needs, however entry to the office is not permitted at this time unless you have a scheduled appointment. Staff will assist at the entrance 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
Marta Kettle – Clerk
Geraldine Huff, Executive Assistant (Notary Public)
Kelly Mohawk – Deeds Recorder
Leslie Cooke – Executive Secretary (Notary Public)
Ashley Warrior – Administrative Assistant
Tammi Stafford – Administrative Assistant (Notary Public)
Lorelei Waterman – Administrative Assistant
Dana Maybee, Business Permit Officer

Allegany Territory – (716) 945-1790 ext. 3000
Bethany Johnson, Deputy Clerk

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 THE CORNER!!

ALL (LOCAL) ELDERS & DISABLED MEMBERS CAN CALL THE CLERK’S OFFICES TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT FOR A HOME VISIT TO COMPLETE ANNUAL REGISTRATIONS & ADDRESS CHANGES.

THE CLERK’S OFFICES ALSO PROVIDE CURBSIDE SERVICES FOR ELDERS & DISABLED MEMBERS TO COMPLETE ANNUAL REGISTRATIONS & ADDRESS CHANGES AT THE WILLIAM SENECA BUILDING & SENECA ALLEGANY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING (SAAB). PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE & A STAFF MEMBER WILL GREET YOU AT THE CURB.

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. Cost \$7.00 and Seniors (60 and up) \$3.00.

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.

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.

Welcome and congratulations to the newly enrolled members of the Seneca Nation!


THIRTEEN (13) ADDITIONS TO THE SENECA NATION ROLL – NOVEMBER 14, 2020 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

Lucas Adam Gilliam – Deer Clan
Mateo Romeo Rey Stanley Grossman – Snipe Clan
Legend Airy Harris – Hawk Clan
Joseph Douglas Howard – Snipe Clan
Xena Mungia - Snipe Clan
Brooks Neilson North – Turtle Clan
Emmitt James Redeye – Turtle Clan
Levi Jessup Richter – Hawk Clan
Hudson Chase Stemmermann – Turtle Clan
Lawton Shy Stevens – Hawk Clan
Kion Zye Thomas – Hawk Clan
Elodie Rose Wesaw – Hawk Clan
James Franklin White – Deer Clan

On behalf of the Seneca Nation we send our heartfelt condolences to the families and friends that have lost their loved ones

EIGHT (8) DELETIONS TO THE SENECA NATION ROLL – NOVEMBER 14, 2020 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

Helen Beaver – Turtle Clan
John Joseph Johnson – Turtle Clan
Beverly P. Jones – Deer Clan
Gary H. Maybee – Turtle Clan
Valerie Mae Pierce – Hawk Clan
Aaron F. Poodry – Beaver Clan
David William Schlicht – Snipe Clan
Stacey James Williams – Beaver Clan



NOTICE OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

Pursuant of Section 12 of the Constitution of the Seneca Nation of Indians, notice is hereby given to you that the Council of said Nation will convene in Regular Session on:

DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020
TIME: 9:30 A.M.
PLACE: William Seneca Administration Building
CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY

As the situation with Covid-19 continues to evolve, it presents new and unique challenges. The well-being and safety of everyone will always remain our utmost priority. There will be limit of 20 in-person audience (first come) as well as the option for virtual online. If interested in participating online, please submit an email to: SNGotomeet@sni.org requesting access. Your email must include the following information: Name, Roll #, Contact # and meeting date.

- Temperature Screening upon entry
- Face mask/covering over
- Practice Social Distancing (six feet apart)

Seneca Nation Holidays & Closures:

Seneca Nation Birthday
Friday, December 4th

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25th

New Year's Day
Friday, January 1st



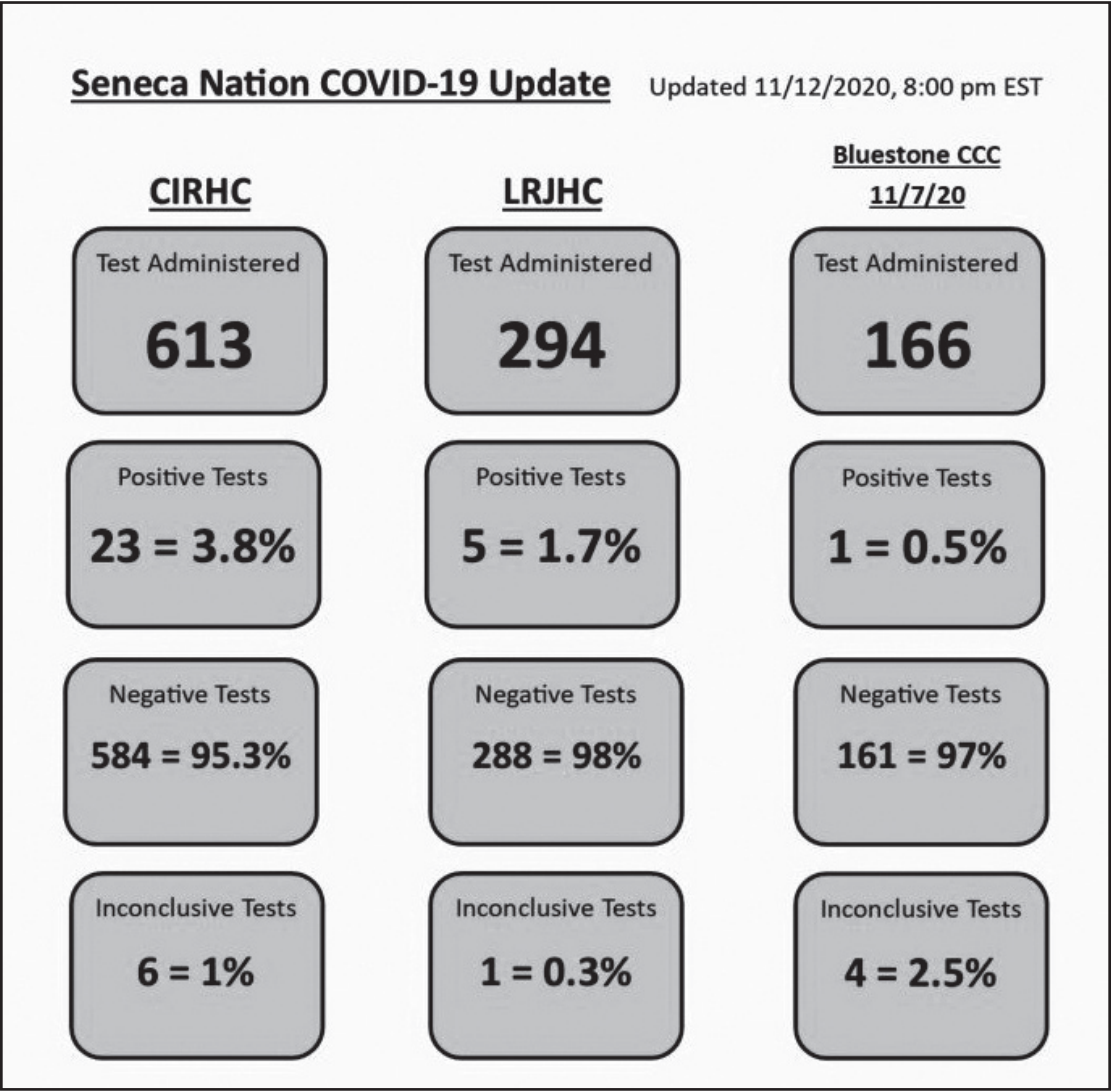
Seneca Nation COVID-19 Cumulative Diagnostic Test Results

The COVID-19 data published below shows the cumulative diagnostic testing results of the Seneca Nation Health System, along with results from Bluestone testing on November 7, 2020 at the Cattaraugus Community Center.

Please be aware the Seneca Nation Health System is only reporting on diagnostic tests (confirming active infection) administered at or ordered by their facilities. The Seneca Nation Health System began using the Abbott ID NOW for rapid testing and Quest Diagnostics for send out testing on April 20, 2020. BinaxNOW for rapid testing began on October, 21 2020.

The Seneca Nation advises our community members to remember safe practices during the pandemic; it is important to keep everyone healthy. Our multi-generational housing leaves our most cherished populations of youth and elders at risk. Remain vigilant on following guidance to avoid or limit your exposure to those outside of your household: physically distance at least 6 feet, wash hands frequently, avoid large gatherings, and mask up.

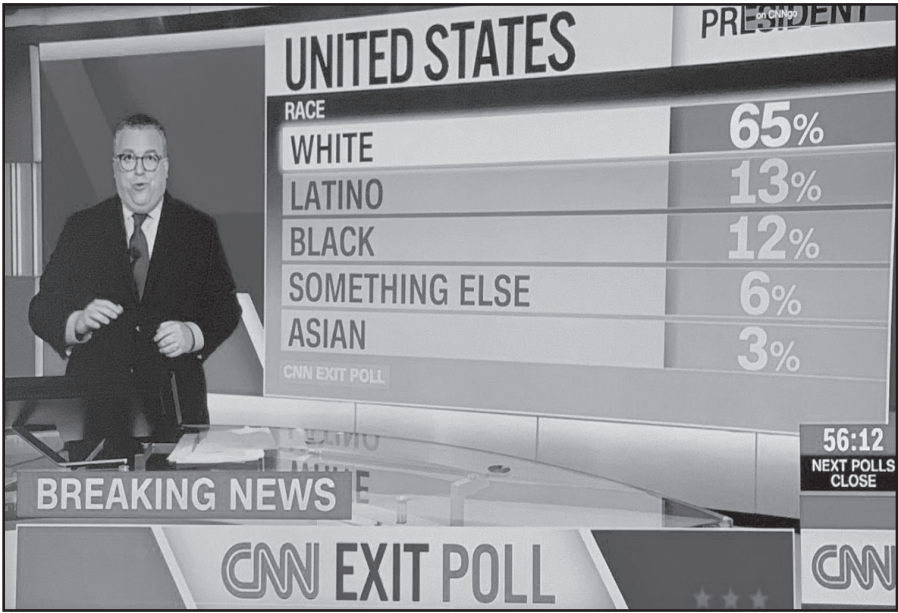
****The Seneca Nation has received notice of three confirmed positive Covid-19 cases among our residents at Oaktree Apartment complex.** With the number of positive cases on the rise locally, it is decided to limit visitation to the site as well as limit gatherings of residents within the facility. Please contact the Seneca Nation Housing Authority for visitation criteria and protocol details at 716-532-5000.**



To keep updated on all Seneca Nation COVID-19 info, please visit the Seneca Nation Coronavirus Response Hub:
<https://covid19.snigis.org/>

Seneca Nation Treasurer Rickey L. Armstrong Sr. on the 2020 election results and mainstream media election night coverage offensive to Native People

Reprinted from the Niagara Gazette. By: Staff Reporter



Native Americans made history in this year’s elections, casting potentially deciding votes in key swing states and also sending six Indigenous individuals to the House of Representatives – a new record.

Yet, the mainstream media continues to overlook, downplay or outright insult our people, despite the important role we play in the American political system.

CNN’s use during election night coverage of the phrase ‘something else’ to refer to voters who are not white, Latinx, Black or Asian is not merely offensive, but also inaccurate, as it fails to recognize both the sovereignty and political classification of Native people.

Through the Iroquois Confederacy, of which the Seneca Nation is a member, the Six Nations established the precursor to today’s non-Native democracy. But our contributions are largely forgotten. This is in part due to woefully inadequate public education curricula, and also a significant lack of representation of Native people in mainstream news organizations.

Native Americans deserve more. We will continue to demand respect and recognition for the influence we have – and will continue – to exercise in U.S. politics.

Seneca Nation Announces Seneca One Stop project on Seneca Buffalo Creek Territory -11/11/20



Seneca Nation President Matthew Pagels, who was sworn into office yesterday, officially announced the development of the Seneca Nation’s newest Seneca One Stop operation on Seneca Territory located in downtown Buffalo.

The project will include a gas station and convenience store, offering a typical selection of convenience products for motorists, visitors to the Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino, and those living and working in the area. In addition, the new Seneca One Stop will create approximately 14 new employment opportunities in the area.

The new Seneca One Stop is currently under construction on the Seneca Nation’s Buffalo Creek Territory, located at the corner of Michigan Ave. and Perry Street, across from the Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino. The parcel was recognized as Seneca Territory pursuant to the Seneca Settlement Act of 1990, the purpose of which was to provide economic self-sufficiency to the Seneca

Nation and its members.

“Expanding of our revenue-generating opportunities on our territories is our responsibility to the Seneca people and our future generations,” President Pagels said. “Like every government and organization, we have felt the economic pressures brought on by the global pandemic. We need to move forward with the strategic growth opportunities that can help us expand our economy, while also providing additional investment on our territories, services to our customers and neighbors, and employment opportunities at our establishments.”

The Nation has extensive experience owning and successfully operating energy stations through its Seneca One Stop enterprises. The One Stop brand has been a proud part of the Nation’s economy for more than thirty years, beginning with the first travel plaza on the Allegany Territory in 1986, followed shortly by operations on the Cattaraugus Territory in 1988, the Oil Spring Territory in 1991, and the Niagara Falls Territory in 2016. This latest addition to the One Stop family will undoubtedly carry forward the business’s sterling reputation in the industry for quality products and service.

“Our investments in our Buffalo Creek Territory, starting in 2005, helped provide some of the early momentum for the exciting transformation of the Inner Harbor area of downtown Buffalo,” President Pagels added. “This latest investment by the Seneca Nation adds to that momentum and to the variety of amenities and conveniences available in the area.”

The management of the Seneca Buffalo Creek One Stop will announce plans to staff the new facility in the near future. It is expected to open in early 2021.

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!

Seneca Nation Community Members

We are seeking your help with providing information to develop a community-focused strategic plan to improve services to victims. The Seneca Nation has received funding to develop/improve direct services to victims in our community. With your assistance in completing this survey, it will help guide the process for future services.
(Victims: i.e. assault, domestic violence, hit & run, etc....)

Please help our Community with your input!!
Survey Closes December 2nd

There are several ways to complete this survey:

1. Complete Online by going to: <https://arcg.is/1eT0u1>

- Scan QR Code to take you directly to survey:



- The link can also be found on SNI.org and on the Seneca Media & Communications Center Facebook page.

2. Paper Survey- Pick Up/Drop Off Locations:

Found near reception areas

Allegany-SAAB & LRJ

Cattaraugus-WSB



Questions: Sharon Francis
Crime Victim Services
716-532-4900

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	
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

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

REMINDER from Emergency Management

Submitted by Dawn Stevens

The Seneca Nation Emergency Management Department’s mass notification messaging service called Regroup is intended to provide SN Employees and Community Members with broadcast services in the event of emergencies, closings, delays, and health/safety messages. This service allows fast and reliable communications via mobile devices, landlines & email.



If you are interested in being placed on the call list, or if your contact information has changed, please contact the Emergency Management Office to update your profile.

We are available:
Monday – Friday
8:00 am – 4:30 pm
(716) 532-8178 (Cattaraugus)
dawn.stevens@sni.org



Reverse Call Back Number: 1-716-351-3013
(This number will allow those users that missed the call, to call this number and hear the last message that was sent out. Please save this number to your contacts.)

All Call Lists are confidential and will be solely used for the intended purpose.

SN Advocate Notice: HEAP

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)



Next Newsletter Deadline:

Tuesday, December 1, 2020
Next issue to be dated December 11, 2020

News from SNI Utilities

ATTENTION ALL WATERLINE USERS ON CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY

Submitted by Theresa Lay

Please note that during the month of December, the SNI Waterline will be doing some routine maintenance to keep our waterlines working to their best capabilities. We shall be flushing lines for your vicinity on these dates:

ZONE 1-IRVING-BUCKTOWN AREA - DEC 8, 2020

ZONE II- MID RES - DEC 9, 2020

ZONE III-EASTERN RES/OZARKS AND INDIAN HILL- DEC 10, 2020

Water main flushing moves water systematically through sections of a drinking water distribution system, creating a scouring action to clean the line. The increased flow rate scours the water pipe’s inner walls and helps to remove build-up of naturally occurring debris and sediment. The water is discharged through select fire hydrants onto local roads or other surface areas.

There may be a slight drop in pressure or noticeable discoloration of the water from the minerals and sediments that are being flushed out. In the event customers draw discolored water into the home, flush a cold tap for a few minutes, up to 15 minutes. During the flushing operation in your neighborhood, you will be able to see crews flushing the water mains through fire hydrants and ends of water main pipes commonly called blow-offs. To prepare, you may want to grab a pitcher of water to drink during this time but water is fine to use after.

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.

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!



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. And, along this line, please note where you are snow plowing, flag your curb stop so it doesn’t get hit and/or damage it or your plow.

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, call us and we can either scan or mail you an application, the first two pages outline what is required. We appreciate an informed resident!

Please call if you have any questions or anything to report (716)532-9221. Again, nya:wëh for your cooperation!

Have a safe, healthy fall/winter season!
SNI Utilities – Catt. Territory

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.

Winter Arts Market - Pop Up Sale

Winter Arts Market -Pop Up Sale featuring Native artists -Many who were to attend the Winter Arts Market that was cancelled at the Seneca Iroquois National Museum.

NOVEMBER 25th - DECEMBER 2nd
Online Facebook Event: WINTER ARTS MARKET - POP UP SALE
Hosted by Mary Jacobs, Sam Jacobos, Penelope Minner

HOW DOES THE MARKET WORK?
This is an online market space for Native artists and vendors to sell their creations. Both buyer and vendor will work together to agree and complete an online transaction. Buyer indicates which items they want to purchase and sends payment. Once payment is processed, the vendor agrees to ship the item to the customer or arrange pickup.







ONÖHSAGWË:DE' CULTURAL CENTER

Reopening Tuesday, November 17th.
Monday through Friday 10 AM to 4 PM.
Masks required. Temperature screening at door. Groups of five or less please.

Gift Shop open in person and online sales.

(716)945-1760
<https://www.senecamuseum.org>

82 West Hetzel St.
Salamanca, NY 14779



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Follow us on **Instagram**

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#morethanamuseum

Seneca Nation Veterans Dept.

2020 Winter Clothing and Blanket Drive

All Donations will go to Seneca Veterans



Please drop off Donations at the Catt. Office:
82 Iroquois Dr. Irving NY 14081

Or SHIP Directly to: **SN Veterans Dept.**
12837 Route 438
Irving, New York 14081

Due to Covid-19 we can only accept NEW items

Blankets Hats Gloves Socks Sweaters

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Steamburg Community Center

HOLIDAY BINGO

Wednesday Dec. 16th, 2020
6PM-7:30PM

This is a virtual event. To register call SCC @ 716-354-4665 or Email Rachal.Bryan@sni.org. Login information for bingo will be provided upon registration.



Virtual Event

Gakwi:yo:h Farms adds more bison to herd in Ohi:yo'

Photos by Seneca Media

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, OUR HERD OF AMERICAN BISON WILL NOW BE LOCATED AT SENECA TERRITORY PROPERTY SITUATED IN SUNFISH FLATS, ALLEGANY TERRITORY.

We 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. We ask 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.

Let's respectfully welcome the bison to their new home!



Turkey Trot, Community Drive-Thru Dinner, and Mask Giveaway- Allegany

Photos by Seneca Media

On Wednesday, November 18th the Allegany Community Center hosted a Turkey Trot, Community Drive-Thru Dinner, and a mask and t-shirt giveaway.

Allegany H.E.R.O. would like to say "Nya:weh!" to all of our turkey trotters and assistance from the ACC, Education, TERC and AOA/HOUSING!

OUR WINNERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
Native Print Luggage (2) Courtesy of the President's Office. Winners: Daunte Reims

and Skylar Dowdy

YETI Mug with SN Emblem Courtesy of the Treasurer's Office. Winner: Judy Patterson

Pendleton Towels (2) Courtesy of SN Education Dept. Winners: Tony Scott and Keana John

\$25.00 Gift Cards (2) Courtesy of ACC Department. Winners: Cliff Redeye III and Geneva Dowdy

18 lb Turkey Courtesy of HERO Committee. Winner: Lorenza Dowdy

The Remember the Removal Committee gave away another round of masks and t-shirts due to popular demand. Other items from past events were also handed out to community members. Most items were out in less than a hour!

HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING!



Nearly New Boutique invites artists to sell in-store, holiday merchandise deals

Submitted by Donald "Flip" White

Nya:wëh sgë:nö' swagwe:goh,

Agwadeyësta' Do:gë:h (We learn together), would like to extend an invitation to everyone to attend our monthly meetings; they are open to the public. Our next regularly scheduled meeting is 12/20/20 from 10 am to 12 noon at the Ganöhsesge:kha He:nödeyë:stha Annex. For your reference, our monthly meetings are scheduled on the third Sunday of every month, same time, and location. We will be publishing meeting reminders in the Seneca Nation Newsletter.

In addition to conducting formal business, we are attempting to learn the language necessary to conduct our meetings in Onöndowa:ga:' Gawënö. Yes, it is challenging but we are having fun learning relevant phrases and vocabulary. We encourage everyone to become involved in a language learning project; try something small and at home, something you are comfortable with. Revitalization begins with the first learned word or phrase. Talk to those who are learning and speaking, I am sure they will share their story of how they got started. As we say, "We learn together."

We have some new individuals who have become involved in our organization. We would like to welcome Marilyn Schindler and Dianna Beaver who have stepped forward and now serve on our Advisory Board. And Kelly Spruce along with Keely Watt now serve on our Board of Directors. We are fortunate to have them.

Each brings a passion and the experience to solidify and strengthen our efforts on behalf of the language.

For those who may not be aware, Nearly New, Agwadeyësta' Do:gë:h's retail operation is open on Fridays 12 to 6 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm. We offer brand new and gently used merchandise at prices which are on the side of 'unbelievable.' We have Corn Soup and Frybread sales every second and fourth Saturday of every month. Whose that one cook on TV who used to say, "Oh, its sooo good."

Nearly New continues to evolve. Currently we are preparing our Holiday display of seasonal merchandise. There is a deal for everyone, come on down if you get the chance. We are located at 197 Center Street in Edna's Grab & Go plaza in Salamanca. All merchandise is donated, our staff is all volunteer, and revenues go to support language revitalization.

We do take donations. If interested in dropping off merchandise, please call Darlene Miller at 716-378-9818 or Michael Schindler at 716-390-7270 or Flip White at 716-244-0431, we will do our best to arrange a drop off at your convenience.

We are extending an invitation to all crafters and artists who want to sell your crafts at the store, just give us a call and we will set you up. Our organization is investing back into the community and this consignment offer is another way we do that.



Work continues on the Sugar Shack. The Sugar Shack has been an idea for some time and now it is coming to fruition. A huge shout out goes to Gakwi:yo:h Farms who recently donated their former Sugar Shack building and used equipment to FKS!! The Farm will be buying new equipment and facilities to expand their own maple operations.

Our community continuously amazes us with their generosity and support. Hats off to the Farm; they are doing some amazing work! We are forever grateful.

Hard maples have been planted on the FKS campus by the Annex building. Their development will take time and we'll need more. If anyone has maple trees the school could use to tap next spring, please contact Agwadeyësta' Do:gë:h board member Michael Schindler at 716-390-7270.

When completed this project will provide a multi-learning experience for FKS students in culture, ceremony, regeneration, medicinal, and language benefits to name a few. It will also provide revenue for the school's effort to become self-sustaining.

That is all for now. We have two huge announcements to make in our next Nation Newsletter article. Stay tuned. Please utilize all the language resources out there, lots of good people doing good things on behalf of the language. Everything becomes more meaningful when we do it as a community.

Enjoy the holidays, stay safe, and please do what you can to help others. Nya:wëh!

Canvass Day 2020- William Seneca Building

Photos by Seneca Media

On November 10, 2020, the newly elected officials of the Seneca Nation were sworn into office. Due to COVID-19, a smaller ceremony than usual was held with a livestream provided for Seneca members. A drive-thru Chiavetta’s luncheon was held afterwards at the CCC.

President Pagels offered this message on behalf of Executives and Council:
"While keeping the health and safety

of our community at the forefront of our decisions, we have had to make adjustments to our traditional swearing in ceremony for all newly elected Seneca Nation officials. Due to the unpredictable nature of events brought on by the present COVID-19 global pandemic and its effect on our communities, we chose to broadcast the event via GoTo Meeting.

Please know, we are committed to

providing our people with the highest level of services, efficiently utilizing our resources and protecting our sovereignty. As your newly elected officials, we are very grateful for your steadfast support and appreciate your understanding, as we continue to navigate through this unprecedented terrain, as we work on behalf of all Seneca Nation members."





Ja:goh Brian "Branch" Nephew, Jr.

He recently signed his Letter of Intent to continue his lacrosse career and studies at Le Moyne College.

Submitted by Brian's family



Brian Nephew, Jr. "Branch", a senior at St. Joe's Collegiate Institute in Buffalo, NY, recently signed his Letter of Intent to continue his lacrosse career and studies at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, NY.

Brian is the son of Colleen and Brian Nephew, member of the Hawk Clan, and a midfielder and team captain on the varsity lacrosse team at St. Joe's. Earlier this year, Brian was honored and awarded the Paul Englert, Jr. Memorial Award. This prestigious award is bestowed upon a senior on the lacrosse team whom exhibits focus, diligence, determination and dedication. All of which are characteristics that Brian displays.

Brian has worked tirelessly to gain the spot

of team captain and keep his grades in good standing with the hopes of being recruited into a college such as Le Moyne, with an excellent lacrosse program. Le Moyne College is a Division II lacrosse program with 5 National Lacrosse Championship wins. While attending Le Moyne, Brian will study cyber security.

Brian's family is so proud of his accomplishments, we couldn't have done it without the support of friends, family, and the teachers and coaches at St. Joe's. We would especially like to thank Brian's lacrosse coach, Peter Hudecki, for continuously pushing Brian to become a stronger player and student while at St.

Joe's. Coach Hudecki has played a major role in Brian's success. Nya:wëh! Go Dolphins!!

Editor's Note: If you have a student athlete in your family who recently signed their letter of intent and you would like them to be recognized here and on the Seneca Media & Communications Center Facebook page, please contact us with your photos and text. You can contact the Newsletter office by phone at 716.945.1790, ext. 3030 or ext. 3029, by email at sninews@sni.org or by submitting a request on our website at <https://www.sninews.org>. Contact the Media Department through their facebook page or call 716.945.1790.



Ja:goh Summer Hemphill: Basketball Hall of Fame, WBCA Name Twenty Small Forwards to Watch List for 2021 Cheryl Miller Award.

Women's Starting Five Fan Voting Presented by Dell Technologies is accessible at <http://www.hoophallawards.com>

Reprinted from hoophall.com | November 11, 2020

Springfield, Mass. — The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and the Women's Basketball Coaches Association announced the 20 watch list candidates for the 2021 Cheryl Miller Award. Named after the three-time Naismith Player of the Year and Class of 1995 Hall of Famer, the annual award in its fourth year recognizes the top small

forwards in women's NCAA Division I college basketball. A national committee of top college basketball personnel determined the watch list of 20 candidates.

"Cheryl Miller has long been recognized as one of the greats of our game, dominating at USC and winning two NCAA Championships," said John L.

Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. "The student-athletes named to the Cheryl Miller Award watch list should feel very proud. As a reminder, players can play their way on to the list at any point in the season and Cheryl and our selection committee are dedicated to evaluating talent throughout the season. As we return to basketball, we're

excited to see what the 2020-21 season brings."

College basketball fans are encouraged to participate in Fan Voting presented by Dell Technologies in each of the three rounds. In early February, the watch list of 20 players for the 2021 Cheryl Miller Award will be narrowed to just 10. In early March, five finalists will be

presented to Ms. Miller and the Hall of Fame’s selection committee.

The winner of the 2021 Cheryl Miller Small Forward Award will be presented on Friday, April 9, 2021, along with the other four members of the Women’s Starting Five. Additional awards being presented include the Nancy Lieberman Point Guard Award, the Ann Meyers Drysdale Shooting Guard Award, the Katrina McClain Power Forward Award, and the Lisa Leslie Center Award, in addition to the Men’s Starting Five.

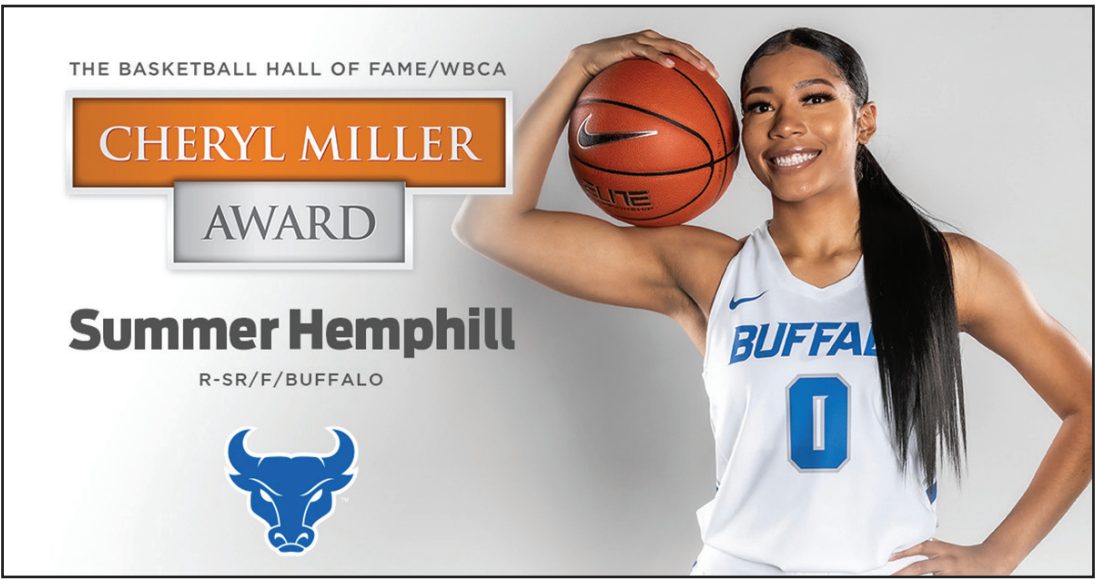
Previous winners of the Cheryl Miller Small Forward of the Year Award include Satou Sabally, Oregon (2020), Bridget Carleton, Iowa State (2019) and Gabby Williams, Connecticut (2018).

For more information on the 2021 Cheryl Miller Award and the latest updates, log onto www.hoophallawards.com and follow @hoophall and #MillerAward on Twitter and Instagram. Starting Five Fan Voting presented by Dell Technologies will go live on Friday, November 13.

2021 Cheryl Miller Award Candidates*

- Taylor Soule - Boston College
- Summer Hemphill - Buffalo
- Evina Westbrook - Connecticut
- Aubrey Griffin - Connecticut
- Grace Berger - Indiana
- Ashley Joens - Iowa State
- Rhyne Howard - Kentucky
- Elizabeth Balogun - Louisville
- Angel Reese - Maryland
- Rickeya Jackson - Mississippi State
- Erica Johnson - Ohio
- Erin Boley - Oregon
- Brea Beal - South Carolina
- Haley Jones - Stanford
- Mia Davis - Temple
- Rennia Davis - Tennessee
- Kayla Wells - Texas A&M
- Vivian Gray - Texas Tech
- Michaela Onyenwere - UCLA
- Ivana Raca - Wake Forest

*Players can play their way onto and off of the list at any point in



the 2020-21 season

About Cheryl Miller:

Cheryl Miller took women's basketball to a new level, literally and figuratively. With her tremendous leaping ability, athletic dexterity and grace, Miller established a legacy throughout her high school and college career that is unparalleled. Playing for Riverside Polytechnic High School (CA), in 1982, Miller set the single game scoring record of 105 points. As a collegiate forward at the University of Southern California from 1982 to 1986, Miller helped bring women's basketball to the forefront of American sports. In 1984, she led the Olympic team to gold averaging more than 16 points per game. Her superior athletic ability and engaging persona placed her among the

elite in the world of college and professional athletics. In 1986, Sports Illustrated named Miller as the best male or female player in college basketball. In a spectacular career, Miller scored 3,018 total career points and was a four-time All-America. Miller was named Naismith Player of the Year three times and earned the Wade Trophy once. Miller was inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in 1999 and the FIBA Hall of Fame in 2010. Since retiring from professional play, Miller has had a very successful career as a WNBA GM, professional and collegiate coach, and sportscaster for TNT, ESPN and NBC for the 1996 Olympics.

About the WBCA:

Founded in 1981, the Women's Basketball Coaches Association is

the professional association for coaches of women's and girls' basketball at all levels of competition. The WBCA offers educational resources that coaches need to help make themselves better leaders, teachers and mentors to their players; provides opportunities for coaches to connect with peers in the profession; serves as the unifying voice of a diverse community of coaches to those organizations that control the game; and celebrates those coaches, players and other individuals who excel each year and contribute to the advancement of the sport. For more information, visit us online: www.WBCA.org, follow @wbca1981 or call 1-770-279-8027.

About the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame:

Located in Springfield, Massachusetts, the city where basketball was born, the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame is an independent non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to promoting, preserving and celebrating the game of basketball at every level – men and women, amateur and professional players, coaches and contributors, both domestically and internationally. The Hall of Fame museum is home to more than 400 inductees and over 40,000 square feet of basketball history. Nearly 200,000 people visit the Hall of Fame museum each year to learn about the game, experience the interactive exhibits and test their skills on the Jerry Colangelo "Court of Dreams." Best known for its annual marquee Enshrinement Ceremony honoring the game’s elite, the Hall of Fame also operates over 70 high school and collegiate competitions annually throughout the country and abroad. For more information on the Basketball Hall of Fame organization, its museum and events, visit www.hoophall.com, follow @hoophall or call 1-877-4HOOPLA.

Source:

<https://www.hoophall.com/index.php/news/basketball-hall-of-fame-wbca-name-twenty-small-forwards-to-watch-list-for-2021-cheryl-miller-award>

Ja:goh Shayla Scanlan!

Reprinted from Halifax Thunderbirds Facebook Page

We are thrilled to announce Shayla Scanlan (Louisville Women's Lacrosse) as a mentor speaker in our Inclusion and Empowerment program!

Shayla is a 2017 Tewaaron Scholarship Recipient, and is the older sister of our very own, Clay Scanlan!

Winners Announced in Ganondagan’s Virtual Juried Hodinosoh:ni’ Art Show

All Haudenosaunee Nations Represented, “Best in Show” Awarded to Jamie Jacobs
By Amy Blum | Photos provided

Victor, NY—The winners have been announced and more than \$14,000 in cash prizes have been awarded in Ganondagan’s competitive virtual juried Hodinöhsö:ni’ Art Show, online at ganondagan.org through December 31, 2020. The fourth annual show—the first to go virtual—features works by 43 artists representing all six Haudenosaunee Nations from across the United States and Canada, and all works are available for purchase.

Winners are as follows:

BEST IN SHOW:
Double-sided Seneca Handbag by Jamie Jacobs (Tonawanda Seneca, Turtle Clan) featuring extensive, vibrant quillwork. In his artist statement, Jacobs says he bases a lot of his designs on historical designs done on actual pieces. “I tried to do my best to cover all three areas: historical, my own contemporary, and then to my ancestors.”

BASKETRY:

- First Place: Never Lose Your Fire by Ronnileigh Goeman (Onondaga, Eel Clan) and Stonehorse Goeman

- (Tonawanda Seneca, Hawk Clan)
- Second Place: Round Basket Purse by Penelope S. Minner (Seneca, Turtle Clan)
- Third Place: There’s a Fire in My Belly by Carrie Hill (Mohawk)
- Honorable Mention: Healing Dancer by Rae Skenandore (Oneida, Turtle Clan)

BEADWORK:

- First Place: Supporting Each Other and Creation by Leith Mahkewa (Oneida of the Thames, Wolf Clan)
- Second Place: Yoke with Matching Cuffs by Brenda Garrow (Mohawk, Turtle Clan)
- Third Place: Sasquatch Medallion by Dallin Maybee (Seneca/Northern Arapaho)
- Honorable Mention: Elk Medicine by Dallin Maybe (Seneca/Northern Arapaho)

FINE ART 2D:

- First Place: Haudenosaunee Man by Brandon Lazore (Onondaga/Mohawk, Snipe Clan)
- Second Place: The Legend of Why We Have Mosquitoes by Bruce Boots (Mohawk/Bear Clan)

Congratulations Scotia!

Reprinted from ndnsports Facebook page

Shout out and congrats to Scotia Snyder (Seneca Nation), out of Gowanda Central HS in New York, who signed her letter of intent to play lacrosse at Coastal Carolina University.
#NativePreps #Seneca #D1



- Third Place: Our Grandfather by Barry Powless (Onondaga, Eel Clan)
- Honorable Mention: Indigenous Motherhood by Jessica Sargent (Mohawk, Snipe Clan)

FINE ART SCULPTURE:

- First Place: Rez Dog 2020 by Peter B. Jones (Onondaga, Beaver Clan)
- Second Place: Onëö:jih- Dark Corn by Natasha Smoke Santiago (Mohawk, Turtle Clan)
- Third Place: Lapis/Turquoise Sterling Bracelet Ring by Noel C. Benson (Oneida, Wolf Clan)
- Honorable Mention: Leader of the Berries by Tania Clute

- (Mohawk, Bear Clan)

TRADITIONAL ART:

- First Place: Arts and Crafts Rattle by Hayden Haynes (Seneca, Deer Clan)
- Second Place: Protect, Respect and Honor Our Precious Ones by Ian Clute (Mohawk, Bear Clan)
- Third Place: Dancing Drum by William Crouse (Seneca, Hawk Clan)
- Honorable Mention: Humming Bird Hair Comb by David Farnham (Onondaga, Beaver Clan)

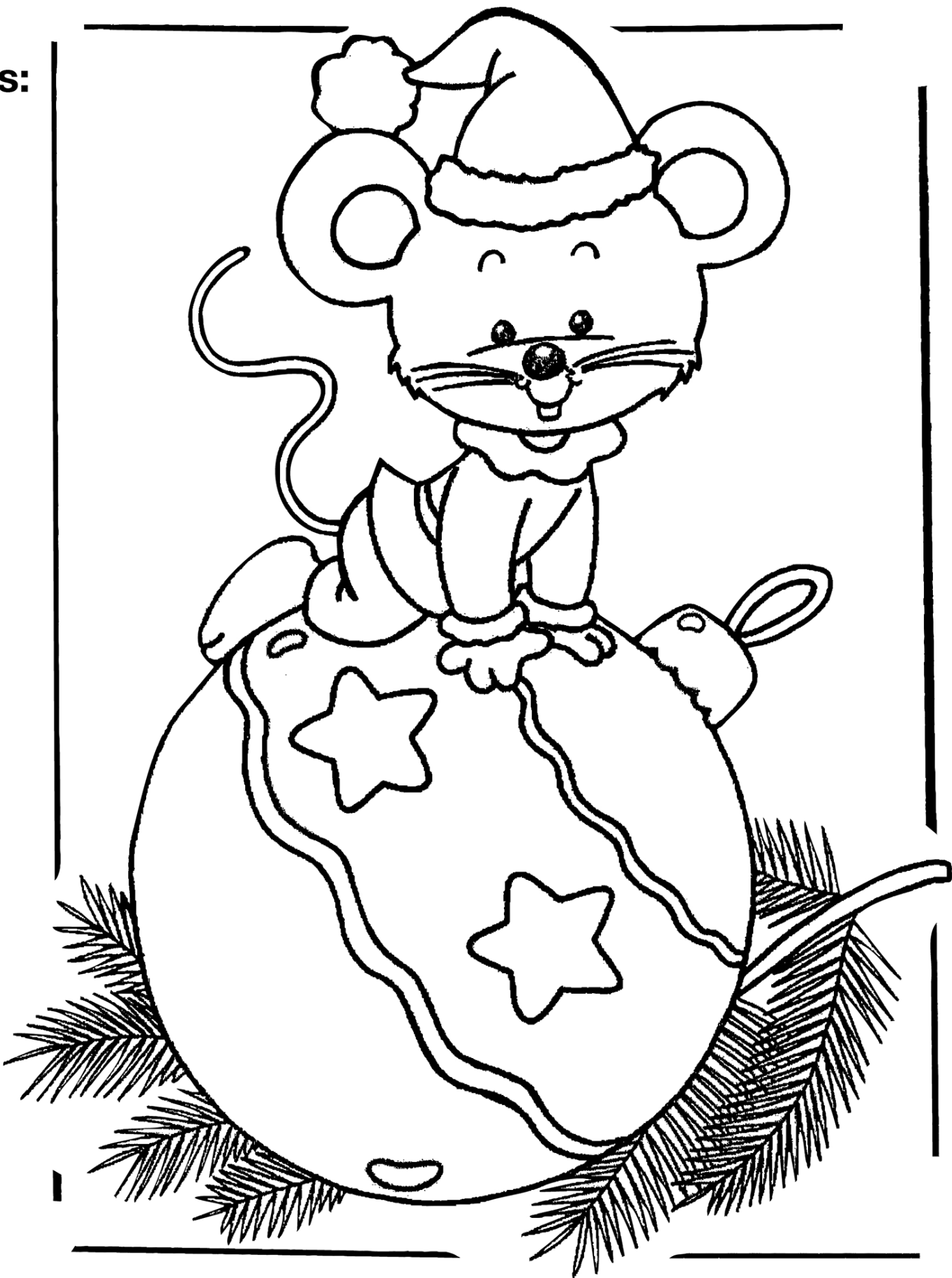
This show is made possible by the generous support of Thaw Charitable Trust.



L to R: Fox sculpture, Jacobs double-sided handbag, Never Lose Your Fire Goeman Basket, Peter B. Jones *The End*

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****
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716-354-4665. Nya:wëh!

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**Reminder - Seneca Nation Offices & Buildings
will BE CLOSED:**

Friday, December 4th for Seneca Nation Birthday, Friday December 25th for Christmas Day.



News From The Four Corners United Methodist Church

Rte. 438 and Versailles Plank Road, Cattaraugus Territory | Pastor – Rev. David Rood
941-5703, dgrood62@yahoo.com | Submitted by Marilyn Anderson

November brings several thoughts, images, and memories to mind – Hunting season, Veteran’s Day, Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas followed by New Year’s Eve and Day. The holidays and hunting are ways of sharing and celebrating with families. As we observe these events remember “give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (I Thessalonians

5:18).

The coronavirus has brought many changes to our lives. Some of us are struggling with the isolation that we have had to deal with. Some of us are struggling with the loss of loved ones. Some of us are doing okay but still wondering when this crisis will end. We have many sources of spiritual strength and comfort to help us through

these times – just reach out for the teachings. We can all pray for strength and comfort – for ourselves and each other.

At Four Corners we are hoping that we will be able to hold our Annual Christmas Candlelight Service. We must rely on the advice of the health experts as to whether it will be safe to meet in December.

You and your family are invited to join us Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. for our worship service. We follow COVID-19 guidelines – wearing a mask and social distancing. The service is filled with music and word that will bring joy to your life. Feel free to contact Pastor Dave by phone or e-mail if you have any questions about the church or if you need spiritual guidance. Peace be with you.

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 Please be safe and healthy, Nya:wëh.



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(We have opportunities!)

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Apply online at SenecaPath.SenecaCasinos.com

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NYS Proclamation to Roswell Park Center for Indigenous Cancer Research, flag raising, and Native American Heritage Month

Submitted by Dr. Rodney Haring

Due to the pandemic—a small gathering/ ceremony honoring Native American Heritage Month was held on the Roswell Park campus. Dr. Johnson (CEO, Roswell), State Senator Timothy Kennedy, Iroquois Post Vet—Rodney Keyes, Sr., Dr. Rodney Haring and a few team members were in attendance.

Of historic note, was the raising of the Haudenosaunee Flag on it’s own pole in the middle of campus and the proclamation posted below from Senator Kennedy recognized the Roswell Park Center for Indigenous Cancer Research—along with language noting that Roswell Park situates on ancestral lands of the Haudenosaunee.



HONORING THE CENTER FOR INDIGENOUS CANCER RESEARCH ROSWELL PARK

WHEREAS, A GREAT STATE IS ONLY AS GREAT AS THOSE ORGANIZATIONS WHO PERFORM EXEMPLARY SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THEIR COMMUNITY, WHETHER THROUGH UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT IN PROFESSIONAL OR OTHER ENDEAVORS, OR SIMPLY THROUGH A RECORD OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND CITIZENSHIP; AND

WHEREAS, ON THE OCCASION OF THE HAUDENOSAUNEE FLAG RAISING IN HONOR OF NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH, WE CELEBRATE THE CENTER FOR INDIGENOUS CANCER RESEARCH AT ROSWELL PARK COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER FOR THEIR GROUNDBREAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HEALTH OF INDIGENOUS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES ACROSS WESTERN NEW YORK; AND

WHEREAS, TODAY WE HONOR ROSWELL PARK COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER FOR THEIR STEADFAST COMMITMENT OVER THE PAST 122 YEARS TO HELPING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES NAVIGATE THROUGH THE CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH CANCER TREATMENT AND REMISSION; AND

WHEREAS, THE MISSION OF THE CENTER FOR INDIGENOUS CANCER RESEARCH AT ROSWELL PARK COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER IS TO REDUCE THE IMPACT OF CANCER ON INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES REGIONALLY, NATIONALLY, AND INTERNATIONALLY, AS INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES SYSTEMICALLY FACE SOME OF THE GREATEST CANCER HEALTH DISPARITIES, HIGHER MORTALITY RATES, AND PERSISTENT CHALLENGES IN HEALTH EQUITY; AND

WHEREAS, ROSWELL PARK COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER IS SITUATED IN THE ORIGINAL LANDS OF THE HAUDENOSAUNEE, AND THE CENTER FOR INDIGENOUS CANCER RESEARCH REFLECTS THE IROQUOIS PRINCIPLES OF STRENGTH, PEACE, AND GOOD MIND; AND

WHEREAS, IT IS THE SENSE OF THIS LEGISLATIVE BODY THAT WHEN ORGANIZATIONS OF SUCH NOBLE AIMS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION IT IS APPROPRIATE TO PUBLICLY PROCLAIM AND COMMEND THOSE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE EDIFICATION AND EMULATION OF OTHERS; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT I, STATE SENATOR TIMOTHY M. KENNEDY, COMMEND ROSWELL PARK COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER AND THE CENTER FOR INDIGENOUS CANCER RESEARCH FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY, AND THUS URGE ALL CITIZENS TO SHARE IN THIS CELEBRATION AND TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR AND THANK THEM; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, THAT A COPY OF THIS PROCLAMATION BE TRANSMITTED TO ROSWELL PARK COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER.



DATED: NOVEMBER 13TH, 2020
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO
SET MY HAND AND SIGNATURE

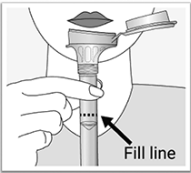
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NEW YORK STATE SENATE
63RD DISTRICT

How to take your COVID-19 Test & View Results

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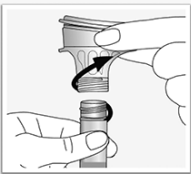
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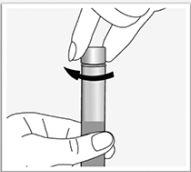
Close the lid & wait 5 seconds.

3




Unscrew the funnel top from the tube.

4



Use the small cap inside the box to close the tube tightly.

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Shake the capped tube for 5 seconds.

Register at www.bluestonesafe.com

View Your COVID-19 Test Results

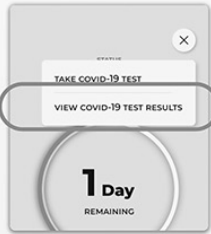
If you didn't register your test, you will NOT get the results.

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Go to BluestoneSafe.com
Log in with your phone # or email.

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Click "View COVID-19 Test Results"

3



View your most recent & the history of all your COVID-19 test results.

Register at www.bluestonesafe.com

A Message of Thanks



2020 has posed a difficult and trying year for many. Our thoughts and condolences go out to everyone who has suffered a loss this year. We were shocked to find ourselves on the receiving end when Rick J. left us. He was a true Statesman in that no matter the circumstance, he stood up for his Nation, and was proud to be Onödowa'ga:'. In the abundance of memory sharing after his passing, it always included a story of a presentation, or a conference. That was his legacy, sharing a bit of our history, and hoping people retain it to carry on and share with those around them. Remember him for those efforts, his desire to spread the history, defend sovereignty, and be proud of where you come from. Remember him for the good he did for our people, because although he had his faults, he was human like everyone else, and he carried the weight of his ancestors on his shoulders.

We would like to thank everyone who came out and supported us during our loss with company, pictures, food, and memories. There are so many to name so forgive us if we forgot anyone...

Gosheneh and Angie Kennedy, Walter Wilcox, Lee Jimerson, Ramona and Heaven Williams, Beege & Jacky, Frankie Jo, Scott Snyder, Julie & Adrian, Sandy & Leanne Keyes, Little Fawn & Vicki Bennett, "RJ2", Paula Pichon, Eileen Marx, Uncle Dunkle, Neal, Aunt Oat, The Folts/Babar/Nephew/Jemison/Anderson/MacBrien/Abrams/Gernatt Families. Pastor Rood, Catherine Folts, Beaner, Tina Abrams, Martin Seneca, Moe John, Rory, JC Seneca, Todd Gates, and Senator Tim Kennedy for their kind, and entertaining, speeches.

We lost a Partner, a Father, and a Papa. Our hearts are heavy, but the support of family and friends has lifted us up in our time of need. Be kind to one another, as you never know what someone is going through. O'jetšinö:nyo'

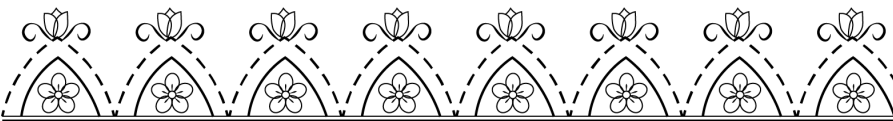
Courtney, Dalli, Marcellus & his life partner, Bernie



From the family of the late
Darren K. Stevens

The family of the late Darren K. Stevens would like to send a huge Nya:wëh to all those friends, relatives and community members during the recent loss of our Brother, Father and Husband. To all who supported us with their cooking, flower arrangements and cards and all who attended his service, you will all be remembered during this difficult time. We ask all to remember the good times we had while he was with us whether it was catching a pass from him while playing with him or against him during a lacrosse game or just hanging out. And for all those young kids who he coached, think of that one little message he gave you to make you a better lacrosse player. We are always saddened when someone so young is taken from us before their time but he will be remembered forever in our hearts and will be truly missed.

Many Nya:wëh's to everyone from Dawn, children and all his Brothers and sisters.



Welcome!
Submitted by Julie Snow

Welcome Arius Owen Whipple, born October 16,2020 to Adrian and Darius weighing in at 8lbs, 14 ozs & 21.5 inches long.

Welcome to the Wolf Clan.



NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ALICIA JEMISON
Administrator: Sandra Jemison,
12736 Route 438, Irving, NY 14081
~ Cattaraugus Territory - 1st Notice ~

ESTATE OF LANCE TWOGUNS
Executor: Lance J. Twoguns,
68 Davey St., Buffalo, NY 14206
~ Cattaraugus Territory - 1st Notice ~

ESTATE OF REGINALD K. CROUSE
Administrator: Robin Jacobs,
3625 N. Authority Rd., Kill Buck, NY 14748
~ Allegany Territory - Final Notice ~

ESTATE OF LLOYD RENALDO, SR.
Administrator: Lloyd Renaldo, Jr.,
P.O. Box 175, Brant, NY 14027
~ 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.

Please join us for a

Christmas Stocking Drive Thru

Thursday, December 17th 2020 at 6PM

Registration is required. Children 0-13 years old (Enrolled & 1st descendant) Registration DEADLINE is Dec. 3rd, 2020 by 8pm (NO EXCEPTIONS) Forms are available at the SCC Rec Doors, on the Steamburg Community Center's facebook page, the Seneca Nation Media facebook page, & the Nation's website at www.sni.org.

Forms can be submitted by emailed to Rachael.Bryan@sni.org or dropped off to the SCC at 1200 Central Road Steamburg, NY 14783

****Only one registration per HERO site (ACC or SCC)****

If any questions call the SCC at 716-354-4665. Nya:weh!

DEADLINE DEC. 3RD BY 8PM (NO EXCEPTIONS)

Steamburg Community Center Christmas Stocking Registration

NAME: _____
AGE: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____
ENROLLED/1ST DESCENDANT: _____ (PROOF ATTACHED)

Forms can be picked up at the SCC Rec doors, online at the Steamburg Community Center Facebook page, Seneca Nation Media Facebook page, & www.SNI.org. Return completed forms to the SCC at 1200 Central Road Steamburg, NY 14783 or by email to Rachael.Bryan@sni.org. If questions call SCC at 716-354-4665. Nya:weh!

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November's Book is...

Little Fires Everywhere
by Celeste Ng

"Utterly engrossing, often heartbreaking, deeply empathetic." —The New York Times Book Review

Author of *EVERYTHING I NEVER TOLD YOU*

Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng

Elena Richardson is a woman who plays by the rules in her suburban town of Shaker Heights. When Mia, an artist and single mother with a mysterious past moves into one of Elena's properties, Elena's world is upended with drama.

This novel explores the weight of identity and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster.

For more info, virtual access, or to reserve a copy of the book, call or email:

Jennifer Stebbins
716.532.5583 ext. 5433
jstebbins@senecahealth.org

NATIVE connections
Honor your journey.

SENECA NATION HEALTH SYSTEM

Next Newsletter Deadline:

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

(Next issue to be dated Friday, December 11, 2020)

December 2020

AOA Nutritional Menu	AOA Daily Trips Allegany Territory	AOA Daily Trips Cattaraugus Territory	USDA Schedule
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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	1 Hot ham and cheese sliders Cauliflower Peach Crumble	2 Crispy Breaded White Fish Fillet, Steamed Carrots, Boiled Baby Red Potatoes, Peanut Butter Chocolate Rice Krispy Treat	3 Traditional Meal Green Bean Soup Garden Salad Dinner roll Vanilla Pudding	4 Sites CLOSED <i>For SN Birthday</i>
	NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic			
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	Call In Orders until further notice	Call In Orders until further notice	Call In Orders until further notice	
7 Spaghetti & meat sauce With Broccoli And Mini Breadsticks Cinnamon Peaches	8 Pork Roast Sweet Potatoes Berry Crumble	9 Meatloaf with Gravy Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables Poke cake	10 Christmas & Birthday Ham, Mashed Potatoes Green Beans, Pumpkin pie	11 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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Cattaraugus - call to place your order for timely delivery	Delivery to Oaktree & Newtown	Delivery to Indian Hill & Pinewoods	Delivery to Ozarks, Gowanda & Dayton	Delivery to Irving
14 Chicken Noodle Soup Pudding Fruit cup Crackers	15 Garden Burger Baked Beans Warm Cinnamon Applesauce	16 Stuffed Shells Served with Green Beans Dinner roll Chocolate pudding	17 Ranch chicken Green Beans Rice Tropical Fruit Cocktail	18 Oven baked Pork Chop Served with Applesauce and steamed Carrots Breadsticks
	NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic			
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Allegany - call to place your order for timely delivery	Delivery to Sr. Complex & Salamanca	Delivery to Jimtown	Delivery to Steamburg & Kill Buck	Delivery to Olean
21 Macaroni & Cheese With stewed tomatoes Blueberries Chocolate Cake	22 Brunch Ham, Egg & Cheese Breakfast Biscuit Fruited Jello	23 Salisbury Steak & Gravy Over brown rice Roasted Cauliflower Oranges & pineapple	24 Sites CLOSED <i>For Christmas</i>	25 Sites CLOSED <i>For Christmas</i>
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Call In Orders until further notice	Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm		
28 Beef Stroganoff with Noodles Roasted Brussel Sprouts Orange Slices	29 Chicken Broccoli Rice Casserole Green Beans Peanut Butter Cookie	30 Ham & Scalloped potatoes Steamed Broccoli Pear Crisp	31 Beef & Vegetable Soup Side Salad Chocolate Pudding	USDA PROGRAM: Call 716-532-1028, Ext 5446 Seneca Nation Area Office for the Aging Menu: SUBJECT TO CHANGE
NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic				
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Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	No Distribution Inventory Day	

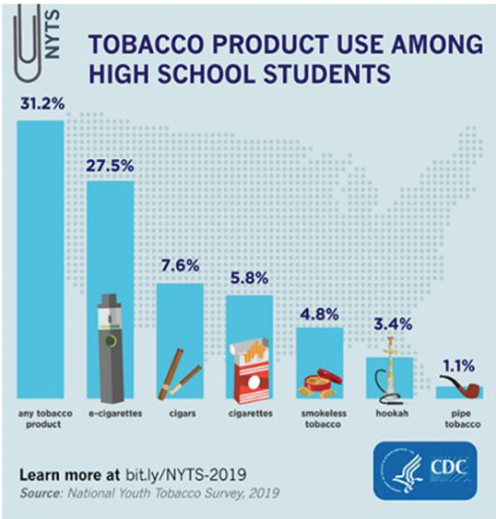
E-cigarettes and Youth

Submitted by Traci Wind, Health Educator, CHWC

Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are battery-powered devices that can deliver nicotine and flavorings to the user in the form of an aerosol. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), “E-cigarettes came onto the market in the United States in 2007, and by 2014, they were the tobacco product most often used by youth. In 2020, about 3.6 million youth nationwide reported currently using e-cigarettes, including 1 in 5 high school students.”

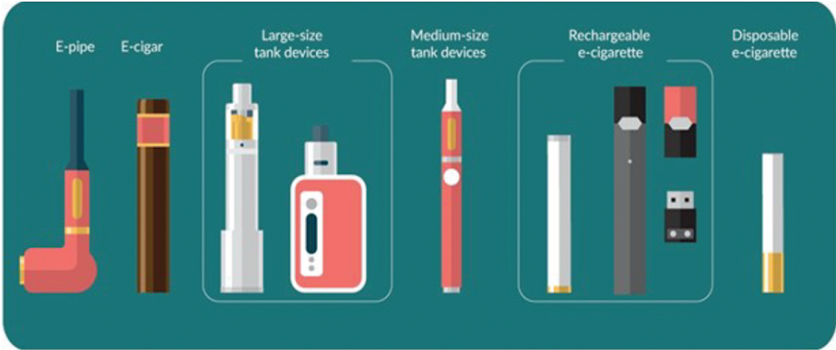
E-cigarettes are known by many different names including: “e-cigs,” “e-hookahs,” “mods,” “vape pens,” “vapes,” “tank systems,” and “electronic nicotine delivery systems.” E-cigarette products can also be used as a delivery system for marijuana and other illicit drugs.

Defective e-cigarette batteries have caused fires and explosions, some of which have resulted in serious injuries. In addition, children and adults have been poisoned by swallowing, breathing, or absorbing e-cigarette liquid. According to the manufacturer, a single JUUL pod contains as much nicotine as a pack of 20 regular cigarettes.



PARENTS CAN:

- Learn about the different shapes and types of e-cigarettes. Some look like regular cigarettes, cigars, or pipes and others resemble pens, USB sticks, and various everyday items.
- Talk to their children about the risks of e-cigarette use and state expectations to say tobacco-free.
- Set a positive example by being tobacco-free.



For assistance with quitting, <https://teen.smokefree.gov> walks young people through the steps to quit and also offers a free texting program to provide continued encouragement along the way. You can also contact our Health Educators—Traci Wind at the Community Health & Wellness Center 716-532-8223 ext. 5268 or Robin Crouse at Lionel R. John Health Center 716-945-5894 ext. 3240 for any other questions.

Sources: https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/fact_sheets/youth_data/tobacco_use/index.htm
<https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/features/back-to-school/protecting-young-people-from-e-cigarettes/index.html>

Simply HR ~ October

New Hires

Alicia Nicholas
Clinical Nurse RN, CIRHC
October 5, 2020

Emily Nephew
Admin. Assistant, Allegany Seneca Strong
October 19, 2020

Brittany Seneca
Clinical Care Coordinator, CIRHC
October 19, 2020

James Rozen
Helpdesk/PC Specialist, CIRHC
October 19, 2020

Congratulations on your new positions!

Tips to Help You Get Active

Benefits: Regular physical activity improves health, mood, and quality of life. Being more active may help you manage your weight.

Starting Physical Activity: Healthy adults should aim for at least 150 minutes of physical activity each week. You can pick an aerobic activity and a strengthening activity you enjoy, start slowly, add a little at a time, set goals, stay motivated, and overcome roadblocks.

Keep Moving: Tracking your progress can help you keep moving. Be safe-start slowly, drink plenty of liquids, and talk with your health care professional if you have a health problem or an injury. Choose activities you enjoy and try new ones. Reward yourself.

Source: niddk.nih.gov/health-information/weight-management/tips-get-active

NOTICE:
Seneca Nation Health System
will be closed:

Friday, December 4th
Seneca Nation Birthday

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

Soap is a

Superpower

Washing your hands with
SOAP and **WATER** for at least
20 seconds is the best way to
fight COVID-19.

Visit our website:
www.senecahealth.org



Hahji', se:gëh hi:gë:h neogë'?	My Older Brother, you see that deer?
Ke'gë:', se:gëh ně:gë:h o'so:ön?	My Younger Sister, you see this turkey?

Onödowa'ga:' Gawë:nö' Pronunciation Key					
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The purpose of the Allegany Language Department, *Ögwaiwanösde' Ögwawënö'*, is to promote conversational Seneca language use at the Seneca Nation.

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:
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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

Wear Face Covering Over Nose and Mouth

Maintain Distance From People Outside Your Circle.

STAY AT LEAST **6 FT** APART

#SenecasStaySafe

Seneca Nation Offices & Buildings will be CLOSED:
Friday, December 4th for Seneca Nation Birthday.