



# The Official Newsletter of the SENECA NATION



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## A message from President Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.



### Greetings!

Sending out a special CONGRATULATIONS to all of our 2020 Seneca high school and higher education graduates. I realize your ceremonies have had to be adjusted to work around the COVID-19 global pandemic we are all facing; but nonetheless, I hope you have been celebrating your accomplishments. Now, on to the next phase in your life. Blaze your own trails and make your communities proud!

Iroquois Post #1587, on the Cattaraugus Territory, recently received a grant from the NDN Collective COVID-19 Response Project. The project is designed to provide immediate relief, provide gap services and distribute resources for veterans whom have suffered economic hardship during this global pandemic. The Iroquois Post #1587 has developed a food pantry and will team up with the Seneca Nation Veterans Affairs Office to coordinate deliveries of food packages to any of our veterans whom are in need, at no cost to the vets. For additional information, or to see if you are eligible, please contact the Seneca Nation Veterans Affairs Office at (716) 532-4900, X5536 or Iroquois Post #1587 at (716) 532-1587.

The Allegany Community Center and the Cattaraugus Community Center both opened on June 22nd, on a modified basis. For the time being, only SNI community members will be allowed to use the facilities, provided they participate in prescribed safety measures upon entering the buildings. For safety reasons, we're also asking that there be no loitering in the community centers. Anyone interested in using these facilities may call and book a one hour time slot: for **Allegany**, call **(716) 945-8119**; and for **Cattaraugus**, call **(716) 532-8450**. The outdoor

swimming pools at the ACC and the Saylor Building both opened on July 1st, from 11:30am to 7:00pm. The William "Gumps" Abrams Memorial outdoor lacrosse box, in Steamburg, turned their lights back on for nightly access, on June 22nd.

Also, the Steamburg Community Center Fitness & Gym (SCC) re-opened on July 6th, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 9:00am to 5:30pm. **By calling (716) 354-4665**, you may reserve a one-hour time slot. Highbanks Campground opened their swimming pool, beginning June 26th, from 12:00pm to 8:00pm. **For more information, please call (716) 354-2177**. Bear in mind, with any of our community services and/or enterprise's opening protocol, we must all continue to wear face coverings and practice social distancing of 6-feet apart from all persons whom do not live in our homes. Although our community centers will be operating with adjusted hours, our Summer Youth Program for 2020, has been cancelled. We must not risk our children's health and well-being, in these unprecedented and uncontrollable times; especially since new information is uncovered every day, about how this virus effects children.

If you've driven around in the Sunfish area

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

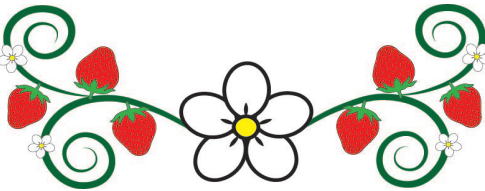
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President Armstrong with grand daughter Madalynn Armstrong, Class of 2020. Ja:goh Madalynn!

lately, you may have noticed a large field of white corn sprouting up. This particular piece of property was the homestead of the late Eugene John, Sr., prior to the Kinzua Dam removal and has not been farmed for over 50 years. Gakwi:yo:h Farms has leased the property and has begun to revitalize large scale agriculture on our Allegany territory, once again. The corn seed they have planted is over 100 years old. During this time of COVID-19, the farm became an essential department for the nation and will

11:00am to 1:00pm. If you are interested in volunteering at the farm or learning more about their multi-faceted agriculture operations, **please call: (716) 532-3194.**

Ever since this global pandemic hit, it has forced some of our departments and enterprises to become more creative and re-engineer how they deliver services, etc. One way that the Seneca Iroquois National Museum has adjusted to their temporary closure, is by providing virtual tours and

continue to grow and distribute fresh produce and protein to our communities. This is their busiest time of the year, next to maple season. Gakwi:yo:h Farms also has a fresh produce mobile food market. They will be set up on Tuesdays at the Allegany Seneca Strong parking lot from 11:00am to 1:00pm; and on Thursdays at the Saylor Building from

short videos of our museum, on-line. You can find out more information by visiting their Facebook page at: Seneca-Iroquois National Museum. Also, if you visit their website, at: **www.senecamuseum.org**, you will find their on-line shop. In the shop, you can order anything from beadwork to stone or antler carvings. They also have beautiful cornhusk dolls, water drums, horn rattles, jewelry, original artwork, books and select attire. **To find out more, please call: (716) 277-5580.**

Please know that we will continue to work towards re-opening services and programs in the safest possible ways, so our lives can all return to a safe normal. We should all remember that, while our neighbors are in varying phases of re-opening their communities, this virus has not gone away. Remember to check on our elders, wash your hands frequently, wear a face covering in public and maintain six feet of distance from anyone who does not live in your household.

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

FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER



Nya:wëh sgë:no',

As summer hits full stride I hope all are safe and healthy enjoying the balmy heat. On July 8th, the Nation leadership hosted the first Financial Q&A session in recent history. It was an exciting interaction with the community here and far away. The virtual session was interactive and many good questions were answered. I was able to provide definitions for our investment strategies and managing

partners. Including definitions of accounts restrictions of funds and plans for future debt restructuring/payoffs. The video link can still be accessed at **<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/8710684466598136070>** , you will have to enter your name and email address to view. I hope all that attended took away some hard factual truths of the nations current financial picture and the forecasts of the short and long term future.

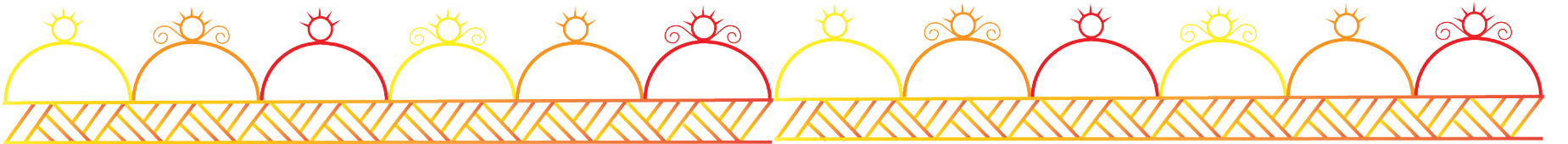
The idea was to reinforce the feedback we the nation have been hearing and showing the transparency of the nation and the treasury of our beautiful nation. As questions and fears arose we felt it necessary to host and potentially continue to have these question and answer sessions. Many ideas came from the session and will be considered and potentially implemented moving forward.

With that I'd like to thank each and everyone that virtually attended. Marilyn Anderson, Sherri Bragg, Sally Blacksnake, Patricia Canfield, Eva Capasso, Jill Crane, Linda Crouse, Jorda Garrow, Rosalind Ground, Arthur Hill, Geraldine Huff,

Alyana Jimerson, Amy Jimerson, Carrie John-Leary, Jaimye Kelly, Ryan Kennedy, Marta Kettle, Michele Keyes, Carlyn Larkin, Cari Lobaugh, Leslie Logan, Richard Lukonaitis, Donna Jean Maybee, Alana McClune, Robert Mele, Amy Mohawk, Judy Olson, Stefanie Olson, Tassy Parker, William Passerotti, Valerie Seneca, Natalie Stahlman, David Santana Sr, Jessica Seneca, Jeanette Shinnors, Kerstine Shinnors, Allen Silvernail, Rebecca Sowrey, Kira Steinwandt, Margaret Thompson, Asha Veeraswamy, John Waterman, Stephen Watt, Ramona Williams, Sheila Cooper, Darlene Miller and Deon Pierce. Please forgive me for any spelling mistakes.

While the gaming operations continue ramping up, their financial forecasts indicate that it will take time for all the amenities and cash flow to fully recover. Much work has been put in buffering the nation and gaming for a slow ramp up but as more information comes I will keep you all posted.

**Stay safe, stay strong and stay informed,  
Matt**







Bethany Johnson, Clerk  
ALLEGANY TERRITORY



Marta Kettle, Deputy Clerk  
CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY

CLERK’S OFFICE HOURS

Although our doors are open, entry into our office continues to be temporarily closed. Staff can assist at the doorway of both offices, Monday through Friday; 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. We are providing limited services, please call our office for more information.

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

Allegany Clerk’s Office Staff  
Bethany Johnson, Clerk (Notary Public)

Geraldine Huff, Executive Assistant (Notary Public)  
Sue Case, Enrollment Officer  
Alana McClune, Enrollment Assistant (Notary Public)  
Kathleen “Yomie” Hill, Administrative Assistant

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

Cattaraugus Clerk’s Office Staff  
Marta Kettle – Deputy Clerk  
Kelly Mohawk – Deeds Recorder  
Ashley Warrior – Executive Secretary  
Leslie Cooke – Administrative

Assistant (Notary Public)

Business Permit Office

Dana Maybee is in office on Tuesdays 8:00am - 4:30pm

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.

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

ADDRESSES

Please remember to keep your address current with the Clerk’s Office. This includes changes with custody of minor children or legal guardians (Court orders).

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

Welcome our recent enrollments to the Seneca Nation!

Due to Covid-19, the in person requirement for enrollment has been temporarily suspended, therefore we are asking parents who recently have or will be having their child(ren) enrolled and wishes to have their child(s) pictures included in future editions of the SN Newsletter, please email a picture to: [Alana.McClune@sni.org](mailto:Alana.McClune@sni.org) or [Mkettle@sni.org](mailto:Mkettle@sni.org)



Ruby Serenity Miracle Joy Frierson, Bear Clan  
Daughter of Crystal Ruiz  
Enrollment Date: March 14, 2020



Somiyah June Chamas, Turtle Clan  
Daughter of Adrienne L Cook & Nicholas Chamas  
Enrollment Date: July 11, 2020



Kyrin Ryan & Kanoah Milan Martinek, Turtle Clan  
Twin sons of Hazel Hathaway & Ryan Martinek  
Enrollment Date: June 13, 2020





# Annuity check distribution schedule (Fy 2019-2020)

REVISED May 9, 2020

**WHEREAS**, the Nationwide Coronavirus Pandemic has resulted in unforeseen and extraordinary financial impacts on the Seneca Nation’s revenue sources; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nations Council must act to protect the financial stability of the Seneca Nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Seneca Nation Councilors and Executives are vested by the Seneca Nation Constitution with the responsibility to act in the best interests of the Seneca Nation and our People; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Nation Council repeals CN: R-09-21-19-09 approving the fiscal year 2020 annuity distribution schedule; and be it also

**WHEREAS**, the Nation Council adopted resolution CN: R-09-21-19-09 which sets forth the Annuity Distribution Schedule for fiscal year 2020 prior to the Pandemic; and

**RESOLVED**, the Nation adopts the amended FY 2020 Annuity Check Distribution Schedule reducing the monthly annuity to \$500 per eligible Seneca Nation Member, effective July 2020.

Annuity Check Distribution Schedule (FY 2019-20)												
	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.
Adult Check Amount	\$ 708.33	\$ 708.33	\$ 708.34	\$ 708.33	\$ 708.33	\$ 708.34	\$ 708.33	\$ 708.34	\$ 708.34	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Minor Check Amount	\$ 354.17	\$ 354.17	\$ 354.16	\$ 354.17	\$ 354.17	\$ 354.16	\$ 354.17	\$ 354.17	\$ 354.16	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Minor Trust Amount	\$ 354.17	\$ 354.17	\$ 354.16	\$ 354.17	\$ 354.17	\$ 354.16	\$ 354.17	\$ 354.17	\$ 354.16	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Deadline for Enrollment, Voluntary Assignment, Court Orders & Other Annuity Assign	9/30/19	10/31/19	11/29/19	12/31/19	1/31/20	2/28/20	3/31/20	4/30/20	5/29/20	6/30/20	7/31/20	8/31/20
Council Date:	10/12/19	11/9/19	12/14/19	1/11/20	2/8/20	3/14/20	4/11/20	5/9/20	6/13/20	7/11/20	8/8/20	9/19/20
Annuity Checks Mailed	10/21/19	11/18/19	12/16/19	1/17/20	2/24/20	3/23/20	4/20/20	5/18/20	6/22/20	7/20/20	8/17/20	9/21/20
Annuity Check Date	10/23/19	11/20/19	12/18/19	1/22/20	2/26/20	3/25/20	4/22/20	5/20/20	6/24/20	7/22/20	8/19/20	9/23/20
* Deadlines @ Noon												
Revised May 9, 2020												

## Registration update

In the best interest of Public Health and Safety of the Nation and its members, the **in-person** registration requirement for the remainder of the 2020 Calendar year is temporarily waived due to the Covid-19 pandemic for all members residing **Off-Territory**.

*\*This waiver applies to those who completed their registration for the 2019 calendar year.*

However, you are required to mail in your registration form to the Clerk’s Office no later than December 31, 2020.

**All On-Territory** Members must register according to policy before December 31, 2020

## Participate in virtual online GoToMeeting for Council meetings

To Participate in Virtual Online GoToMeeting for Council Meetings The Seneca Nation will be utilizing the virtual online platform GoToMeeting for enrolled members to have safe access and be able to participate in a Council meeting.

- To participate, interested enrolled members will need access to a computer, tablet, or smartphone, as well as a valid email address, to sign up.
- Enrolled members must send an email to request access to: **SNGotomeet@sni.org**

- information when registering online.
- The registration link will also include a system requirement check to ensure that your device is compatible with GoToMeeting.
  - Once registered, another email will be sent with a link to the online Council session, which will go live at the scheduled time.
  - A download may be required to install the GoToWebinar app for a more interactive experience.

Please check your system compatibility ahead of time and follow the directions in the Help/Support section of GoToMeeting’s website for any technical issues with the platform. Contact your internet service provider for any connectivity issues you might experience.

Subject Line – “Put meeting name & date”

I would like to register to participate in the meeting stated above.

My Information is:

Name

Enrollment #

Telephone #

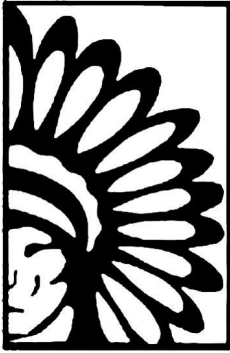
- An email will be sent to you for registration purposes upon verification.
- Please follow the instructions and fill in all requested

By using this platform, you are agreeing to follow any rules of conduct or protocols established by the Seneca Nation Council. You are also agreeing to be recorded for the official minutes and transcripts required by the Seneca Nation Clerk’s Office.



# NCAI response to the Washington football team’s commitment to addressing name change

Submitted by Councillor Tina Abrams, NCAI Regional Vice President



WASHINGTON, DC | July 3rd- Today, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) welcomed the Washington NFL team’s announcement this morning of its plan to conduct a “thorough review” of the team’s name and mascot, which represents an important breakthrough for Indian Country in its longstanding effort to change the name and mascot.

“We are encouraged by the Washington NFL team’s announcement that it will conduct a ‘thorough review’ of the team’s name and mascot. This moment has been 87 years in the making, and we have reached this moment thanks to decades of tireless efforts by tribal leaders, advocates, citizens, and partners to educate America about the origins and meaning of the R-word,” said NCAI President Fawn Sharp. “NCAI looks forward to immediately commencing discussions with the league and team

about how they will change the team’s name and mascot, and a prompt timetable for doing so. Indian Country deserves nothing less. The time to change is now.”

NCAI is the oldest, largest, and most representative national organization serving American Indian and Alaska Native tribal nations and their citizens, and has been leading Indian Country’s movement to eradicate offensive Native “themed” mascots from sports and popular culture for more than 50 years.

**UPDATE:** The Washington Redskins announced Monday that they will be retiring their nickname and logo after completing a thorough review that began on July 3.

"Today, we are announcing we will be retiring the Redskins name and logo upon completion of this review," the team said in a statement.

## President Armstrong shares a message on the potential renaming of the Washington Redskins:

"This change is long overdue. For generations, the Washington football franchise played on the largest of sports stages while identifying with an overtly racist and offensive name. Native people deserve better. There is absolutely no acceptable place in our society, much less



in the nation’s capital, for names and imagery that degrade, mock, and offend Native traditions, Native culture, and Native people. Whatever the team’s motivation, I am happy that the owners have finally gotten to a point where their fans in Washington, across the country and around the world can identify with a team whose name reflects something far more positive than the continued use of a shameful slur. I hope that the team will engage the Native American community in a meaningful way as they create a new identity. I also hope that other organizations and institutions at every level across the country heed the call for positive change and move swiftly to recreate their identities in ways that promote tolerance and understanding rather than perpetuate the pain and sting of degradation against Native people.”

## BYU adds Native American law professor to committee on racial equality and diversity

Michalyn Steele, a professor in the J. Reuben Clark Law School at BYU, is a member of the Seneca Nation

PROVO — BYU’s eight-member committee tasked with improving racial equality on campus and in the local community has grown to nine members.

Michalyn Steele, a professor in the J. Reuben Clark Law School at BYU, has been added to the committee, BYU spokesperson Carri Jenkins confirmed to KSL.com.

The committee was formed to "examine issues of race and

inequality" on campus and in the community; Steele’s appointment comes after calls for Native American representation on the committee. A member of the Seneca Nation of Indians of New York, Steele joined the BYU law school faculty as an associate professor in 2014.

"More information will be forthcoming about the committee and its goals," Jenkins added.

Farina King, a member of the BYU Native American alumni, wrote on a Change.org petition that originally called for Native American representation on the committee that BYU president Kevin Worthen had sent an email to alumni group members advising them of Steele’s inclusion on June 26.

Steele’s professional career included work at a Washington D.C.-area law firm that specialized in representation of native tribes and as a

trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice’s civil rights division. She was also a counselor to Larry Echo Hawk, the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, at the U.S. Department of Interior.

Steele received bachelor’s and master’s degrees in humanities from BYU, with an emphasis in English literature and Native American studies. She joins the previously announced eight-member committee. **For more info visit ksl.com.**



Community Service Announcement

Do you have Covid-19 questions or need information?

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

SGC Stakeholders Meeting

July 25, 2020 @ 10:00 AM  
Virtual Online GoToMeeting

Enrolled Seneca Nation members are invited to join the SGC Board of Directors and members of the Corporation’s management team to discuss updates of the gaming facilities and the ongoing financial health and well-being of the Corporation.

The meeting will be held utilizing the Seneca Nation virtual online platform GoToMeeting for the SGC Quarterly Stakeholders Meeting for enrolled members to have safe access.

-To participate, interested enrolled members will need access to a computer, tablet, or smartphone, as well as a valid email address, to sign up.

-Enrolled members must send an email to request access by Thursday, July 23, 2020 @ 10:00 AM to: SNGotomeet@sni.org

I would like to register to participate in the July 2020 SGC Quarterly Stakeholders’ Meeting.

My Information is:

Name

Enrollment #

Telephone #

-An email will be sent to you for registration purposes upon verification.

-Please follow the instructions and fill in all requested information when registering online.

-The registration link will also include a system requirement check to ensure that your device is compatible with GoToMeeting.

-Once registered, another email will be sent with a link to the online Quarterly Stakeholders’ Meeting, which will go live at the scheduled time.

-A download may be required to install the GoToWebinar app for a more interactive experience.

Please check your system compatibility ahead of time and follow the directions in the Help/Support section of GoToMeeting’s website for any technical issues with the platform. Contact your internet service provider for any connectivity issues you might experience.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michele Lang at (716) 501-2017.

Emergency Management releases Reverse Call Back Number amid COVID-19

This message is sent on behalf of the Emergency Management Office. Due to the high volume of messages being sent during this COVID-19 pandemic, our office receives numerous call backs from those who missed the call. In an attempt to alleviate these calls, a reverse call back number has been assigned. This number will allow those users that missed the call to call this number and hear the last message that was sent out. That number is 1-716-351-3013. Please save to your contacts.

If you have any questions or need to reach the Emergency Management Office, please call 1-716-532-8178 or dawn.stevens@sni.org

Cattaraugus Territory residents - Important WiFi service message from Seneca Solutions



As of Monday, June 29, users of the wireless network on the Cattaraugus Territory will need to register on a new authentication platform hosted by Tilson.

A user will be required to open a new browser on a computer, tablet, smartphone, or other connected to device at the USER’S HOME.

The user will be directed to a portal and upon visiting for the first time will be required to click on “REGISTRATION” under the email and password fields.

After selecting “REGISTRATION” the user will be asked to provide personal information, which includes: Name, email, unique password created by user, phone number, Tribal ID number, and address. Once the information is filled in, the user will click “REGISTER” below the data fields and will then be able to access the internet.

For any other new devices needed to be connected from the user’s home, the user will enter an email and password the user created when prompted on the new devices.

Tilson will have an active helpdesk available from 9am-5pm daily to address any user concerns. The helpdesk number is: 1-866-415-5191. If internet is available, users can contact Tilson by email at SenecaSupport@TilsonTech.com.





# Disability accepting paperwork only

By Leanna Leroy

Seneca Nation Disability Services will now be accepting recertification paperwork only. We will begin accepting paperwork starting **JUNE 1ST** with all necessary precautions in place!

**FIRST:** Call the office to arrange a pick up or to let us know if you are coming:

**Cattaraugus-** 716-532-4900 Ext 5152  
**Allegany-** (FRIDAYS ONLY 10am-2pm) 716-945-8163

PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDINGS!  
They are both closed to the public PLEASE CALL FIRST.

**SECOND:** When we are either picking up or you are dropping off please **WEAR YOUR MASKS!** We have gloves and sanitizer for extra protection.

**THIRD:** If you need a Notary for the paperwork Leanna LeRoy will be able to do those. Please call and let us know if you need that as well, so we can arrange for her to be where needed.

PLEASE STAY SAFE. STAY HOME. NYA:WĒH!

## UNCLAIMED FUNDS MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR YOU!

### ATTENTION SENECA NATION MEMBERS

NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER, THOMAS DINAPOLI, HAS A WEB SITE WHERE INDIVIDUALS CAN CHECK TO SEE IF THE STATE IS HOLDING ANY UNCLAIMED FUNDS IN YOUR NAME.

FUNDS COULD BE A REFUND FROM K-MART, PAY PAL, MEDICAL INSURANCE, ETC. THERE ARE SEVERAL SENECA NATION MEMBERS LISTED.

- **New York State has \$16.5 billion in unclaimed money**
- **No fee to reclaim funds**
- **Most claims can be submitted online**



To see how much unclaimed funds you may have, go to:

**osc.state.ny.us**

# Seneca Transit System to resume services

Submitted by Sharon Ray, Acting Director

Public Notice Resumption of Seneca Transit System Service including service between Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories-effective July 13, 2020

Please be advised that the Seneca Transit System will resume regularly scheduled transit service, including service between the Cattaraugus and Allegany Territories on July 13, 2020. Current STS service which provides loops on each Territory will be suspended on July 13, 2020, as well.

The Seneca Transit System bus schedule is posted for review at the Seneca Transit System website, [www.senecatransit.com](http://www.senecatransit.com).

Riders on the Seneca Transit System will continue to be required to wear face coverings before boarding the system. You will not be allowed to board the bus if you are not wearing a face covering. The Seneca Transit System will continue to suspend the collection of fares until further notice.

If you have any questions or would like further information, you may contact the following:

**Sharon Ray**  
**Acting Director, DOT**  
**Seneca Nation of Indians**  
**Phone: 716-945-1790**

# Iroquois Post #1587 Receives NDN Collective COVID-19 Response Project Grant

SENECA NATION TERRITORIES – On May 28, 2020, Iroquois Post #1587, was awarded a grant from the NDN Collective COVID-19 Response Project.

This project is designed to provide immediate relief to some of the most under served communities in the country. The main objective is to distribute resources to front line response organizations, native nations and individuals and to provide gap services for veterans whom have suffered economic hardship during the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Iroquois Post #1587 has developed a food pantry and will team up with our Seneca Nation Veterans Affairs Office to coordinate deliveries of food packages to any of our veterans whom are in need. This service is at no cost to our veterans.

“We will work together to keep our Veterans & their Families Safe through this Pantry Project!”

If you are a Seneca Nation veteran and are interested in receiving services from this project, please contact the Seneca Nation Veterans Affairs Office for delivery arrangements at (716) 532-4900, X5536, or Iroquois Post #1587 at (716) 532-1587.





# Notice to Seneca Nation Employees on Layoff:

Submitted by Rosanna Jackson, Assistant HR Director

The Seneca Nation hopes all of our employees are well and are practicing all safety precautions for you and your family. We would like to send an update on the new protocols for when you return to the workforce. Please be reminded that when a department starts to reopen, not all employees may be called back at the same time. Recalled employees:

- Will need to complete a Drug/Alcohol pre-screen.
- Will be given a two-week notice, by immediate supervisor – then will be contacted by the HR department to schedule the pre-screen and paperwork.
- With a temperature above 100.4 degrees will be instructed to leave the building and contact their medical provider immediately.
- Will be asked if you experienced any of the following COVID-19 symptoms in the past 14 days: Fever, cough, shortness of breath, or at least two of the following symptoms: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain,

## Training & Employment Resource Center opens to clients

Submitted by Sharon Patterson

The SN Training & Employment Resource Center employees have returned to work. We will be taking the appropriate measures to stop the spread of the Coronavirus. Employees will be wearing facial masks, cleaning hands often and as recommend, covering coughs and sneezes, cleaning surfaces regularly (and more if needed) and keeping social distancing when possible.

Initial contact with clients will only be via telephone at this time. Your counselor will be contacting you to discuss your IPE and determine how they can proceed with your plan. (If your contact phone number has changed since our last contact please call your counselor so they can get your updated phone number.)

Once you have reviewed your plan with your counselor, he/she can find out if the training facility, class, etc. is accepting clients at this time. Some facilities may offer on-line courses so all those factors have to be researched.

We will be looking for guidance from the Seneca Nation when we can continue face to face meetings. We ask when that happens that you please wear a face mask to your appointment for the safety of you and our employees.

Department transports will not be available at this time but we are monitoring the current events and we will let you know when we will begin. The Seneca Transit System is currently running but passengers must wear a face mask to ride in order to protect you and the driver. The Seneca Transit System is currently NOT charging for transports. Please find attached their schedule which goes into effect on Monday, July 13, 2020.

We look forward to speaking to you soon. Stay healthy and safe! Nya:weh.

Vocation Rehabilitation Team  
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headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell.

- Will be asked, within the past 14 days have you tested positive for COVID-19 or have knowingly been in close contact with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19, or who has had symptoms of COVID-19.
- Should stay up to date and adhere to recommendations put forth on the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website.

All employees are required to complete a temperature screen upon entrance to SN buildings, wear a mask during work hours, maintain social distancing, and practice any and all precautionary measures established by the President’s Executive Orders and Memorandums.

As always, wash your hands, clean and disinfect, wear your mask in public, be mindful of your surroundings, and STAY SAFE! If you have any questions, please contact your respective HR office for further clarification.

## SINM discusses war clubs

Submitted by Hayden Haynes

In case you missed it, the Museum has added another short video with the Museum Director- Dr. Joe Stahlman discussing war clubs in the collection. This is only a small portion of what the Museum houses.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram and stay updated for future videos. We also welcome suggestions if you wish to see something from our collection. E-mail us at [snim@sni.org](mailto:snim@sni.org).



### SENECA NATION CATTARAUGUS LIBRARY

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**MONDAY - FRIDAY**

**OPERATION HOURS: 8:00am - 4:30pm.**

**CURBSIDE DELIVERY: 10:00am - 2:00pm.**

**Online Catalog: [www.ccls.org](http://www.ccls.org)**

**Please Call Ahead to Make Requests for Books/Movies.**

**Patron will call at time of Pickup.**

**Remain in Car & Staff will bring materials out.**

**NO FAXING/SCANNING Available.**

**3 Thomas Indian School Drive Irving, NY 14081**

**Phone:716-532-9449**



# Hemp Logo Contest Winner Announcement

By Jessica Crouse, Hemp Compliance Administrator

A Hemp Compliance Department Logo Contest was made open to the Seneca Nation and surrounding communities this past May. There were a number of entrants with renderings done both digitally and hand-drawn. It was hard to decide among the carefully created entries. Yet, through a consensus of Seneca Nation Executives and Council, a winner was chosen. And through their generous donations, a prize of \$700.00 was garnered.

**CONGRATULATIONS** go out to Garrick Jimerson! He is of the Beaver Clan and resides on the Cattaraugus Territory. He has a background in photoshop from Erie Community College and is thankful to the Seneca Nation Higher Education Program for supporting his classwork. Furthermore, he also has a burgeoning business that encompasses design and acrylic wraps, G n G Wraps & Designs. Keep up the great progress and work, Garrick!

The Hemp Compliance Department will now incorporate this logo into our uniform, letterheads, and for other official purposes. For the department now has the Hemp Producer Applications open on a rolling basis and look forward to what the future holds! Furthermore, Seneca Nation is thankful for all the wonderful renderings done by our talented and diverse community!

For application information or to learn more about the program, please feel free to contact:  
**Jessica Crouse; Gahnonih, Deer Clan – Hemp Compliance Administrator**  
**Email: Jessica.Crouse@sni.org**  
**Phone: (716) 945-1790 extension #3039**

## Summer Food Service

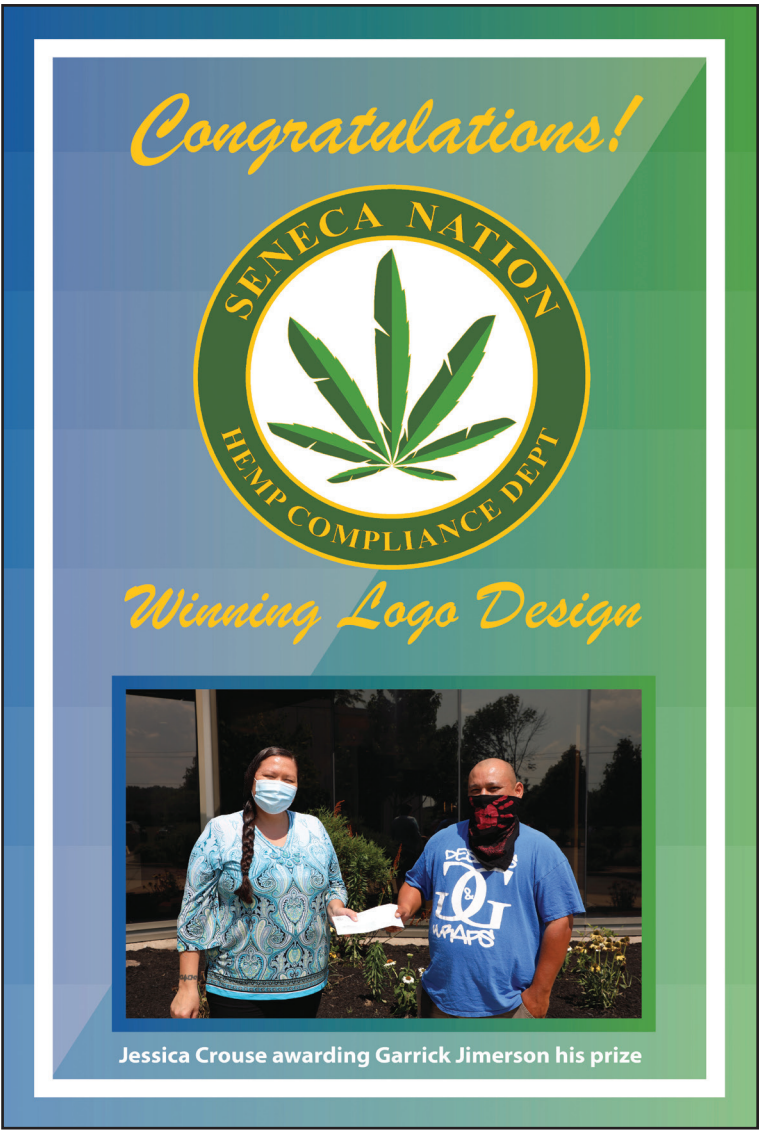
Tri-Districts: Gowanda, Lake Shore, Silver Creek meal distributions

<b>Gowanda:</b>	July 6th -August 26th, Mondays and Wednesdays. Front Circle –10am—12noon.
<b>Lake Shore:</b>	July 9th -August 27th, Mondays and Thursdays. JT Waugh and ECLC/Education between 9am - 11am.
<b>Silver Creek:</b>	July 13th -August 28th, Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Elementary bus loop. 8:30 - 9:30am.

Food service is available for any child 18 and under. It is also available for anyone between 19-21 who are determined by state or local agency to be mentally or physically disabled. Children do not have to attend the school where they choose to pick up meals. Each district will provide 6 days worth of meals (breakfast and lunch).

### Seneca Nation Education Department

**Phone:** 716-532-3341  
**Contact:** Trudy Jackson or Amy White



Jessica Crouse, Hemp Compliance Admin & winner Garrick Jimerson receiving his prize money. The winning graphic is pictured above.

## Drive thru produce distribution

Any interested enrolled Members from the Cattaraugus Territory Community.

**TIME: 10:00AM**  
**JULY 2020 DATES: 2nd, 16th & 30th**  
**WHERE: Supp. Services Building**  
**210 Thomas Indian School Dr. – ext.**

**\* 22lbs. Box of Fresh Produce - WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!!!**

Pull up in vehicle anytime after 10:00am those days and the building staff will load the box of produce to your vehicle.

CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY ADVOCATE PROGRAM  
210 Thomas Indian Building – Ext.  
Irving, NY 14081

## Reminder:

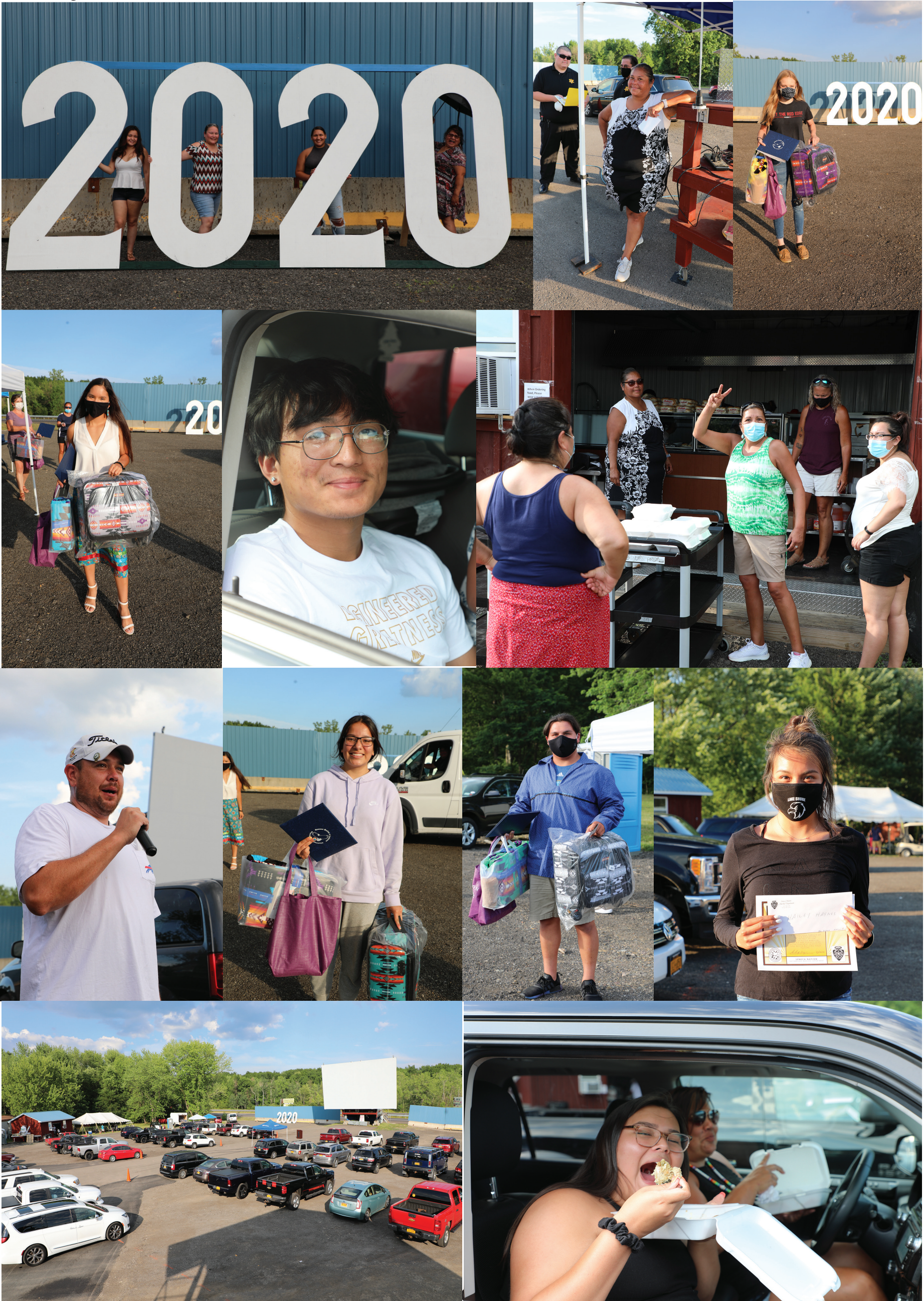
Next Deadline to submit is July 21st  
Edition scheduled for July 30th

Check us out online at:  
**www.sninews.org**

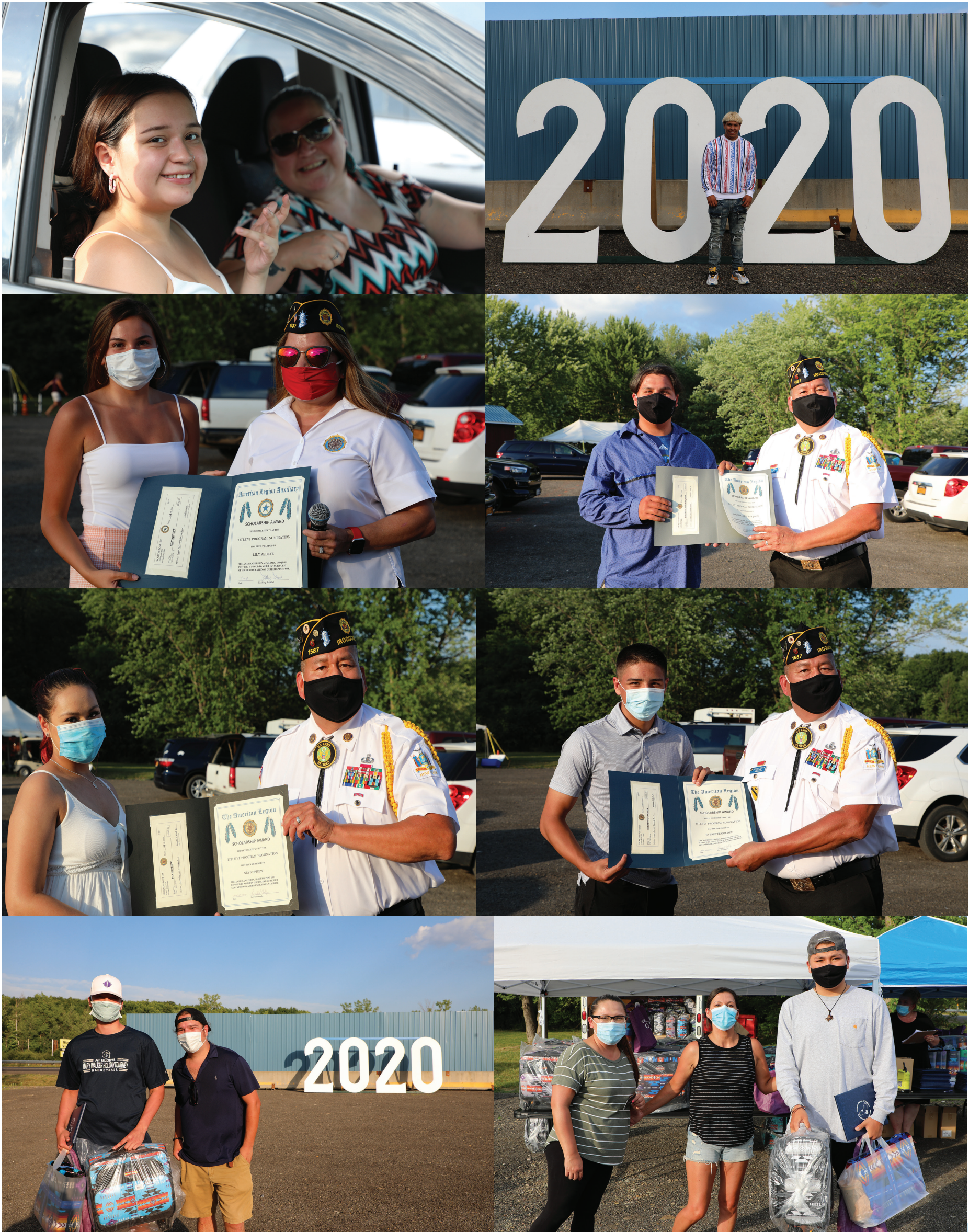


# Education Dept. (Catt Territory) holds Tri-District Senior Dinner

Photos by Seneca Media







**Ja:goh to the Class of 2020!**  
A social distance Senior Dinner, hosted by the Seneca Nation Cattaraugus Education Department, was held on July 10th at a the Big Indian Drive- in Theater in Irving, NY. The Cattaraugus Education Department hosted 75 Seniors from three main school districts; 30 Seniors from the Gowanda district were recognized as well as 12 from Silver Creek, 30 more from the Lakeshore District and 3 from outside districts.

**American Legion Scholarship:** Everette Golden, Hogaiyo: Vincent John, Nia Nephew.  
**American Legion Auxilary Scholarship:** Lily Redeye, Alexis Balestrieri  
**Seneca Nation Marshals Community Outreach Scholarship:** Silver Creek – Nia Nephew, Lake Shore – Hailey Haynes, Gowanda – Lily Redeye



President Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.

STATE OF THE SENECA NATION ADDRESS

SUMMER OF 2020



*Nya:wěh sgě:nö' gagwe:gö́h,*

As I have been gathering my thoughts to address the members of the Seneca Nation and report on the state of our nation, it is unavoidable to acknowledge the difficult times we have all been experiencing. I'm humbled by the spirit of hard work and perseverance which I have witnessed from the moment all of our lives were impacted by the global coronavirus pandemic taking place in the world. First and foremost, I would like to commend the Seneca Nation workforce for their cooperation and willingness to step up and contend with what has been a set of unprecedented circumstances. I am proud to say we have a team of very capable, thoughtful and dedicated employees whom shifted into emergency management mode, to coordinate manpower and other resources, to ensure we met the needs of our community. Please continue to care for one another, and to check on elders and neighbors, while practicing a safe social distance. I ask that you bear with us and know that we are all going to get through

this by remaining strong and united.

Over the years, the Seneca Nation has become an economic force to be reckoned with. We are one of the largest employers in the Western New York and Southern Tier regions. We have gone through many social and financial transformations; and I'm sure there will be many more to come. As a safety precaution, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we temporarily suspended operations of our gaming enterprises. This was done to protect our members and to drastically reduce the number of outsiders entering our territories. While our gaming enterprises supply a major portion of the nation's annual revenue, we have other sources of income, which allowed us to sustain modified essential services for our members. For future economic and development planning, we now have two sites added to our land base. In Irving, we have the parcel of land known as Hanover Field. In the city of Buffalo, we have a one-acre parcel, located at 180 Perry Street, with plans to construct our fifth gas station and convenience store, the Buffalo Creek One Stop. We are also visualizing additional properties to convert for providing health services for Senecas residing in the city of Buffalo. We will continue to work together, to produce projects which will enhance the Nation's economy by supplementing casino revenue.

Our gaming compact with the State of New York is due to expire in 2023. We have reached out to the state to re-establish negotiations, but have not yet received a response. We will continue to pursue the best possible outcome. Although it was necessary to shut down each of our gaming operations due to the global

pandemic, we are creating forward momentum in our phased re-opening plans for all of our establishments. I'm glad to report that all of our gaming enterprises have opened and are operating between 50%-60% capacity. Our re-opening protocol will continue to be mindful and conservative, as we move forward, so as to ensure the safety of all involved. Please keep in mind, it is forecasted to take approximately eighteen months to return to pre-COVID-19 level revenues. In the coming months, we will have a much clearer picture of how our gaming operations are doing. We should all be very grateful we are persevering and are moving towards a stronger economy.

In the fall of 2019, we announced that broadband internet service would be coming to the Cattaraugus territory. In partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), we entered into an agreement of shared costs to bring broadband to our territory, which USDA considers rural America. USDA determined that a large percentage of the country is not connected to the internet and over time, farming has become increasingly web-connected. We have made great strides with this project and the COVID-19 crisis has highlighted just how important this project truly is. To date, the Seneca Nation's Broadband Task Force has secured \$4,600,000 and the team recently applied for an additional \$700,000 through the USDA ReConnect 2 grant program. The task force has worked diligently on an engineering and design study to plan the details for the network. The new network will provide high-speed internet to all residents living on the Cattaraugus Territory. The Nation anticipates beginning construction as early as August 2020 and completing the project by the end of 2021. The construction phase will require installing forty-three miles of optical fiber along utility poles on territory. Once the optical fiber is installed, they will run connections to approximately one-thousand residences. In 2021, the focus will shift to the Steamburg Community. The Nation plans to engineer and design a network for Steamburg and the hope is that we would have a network completed by the end of 2022. This project will ensure that nearly 100% of Seneca members will have access to high-speed internet services, bridging the technology and information gap that so many of us have been facing. This project







will benefit the community by providing enhanced educational opportunities, advancing medical care services, providing businesses with the ability to operate more efficiently and promote economic development throughout the territory. Furthermore, this important project will provide a higher quality of life for all Cattaraugus Territory and Steamburg residents, and it will assist the Seneca Nation with continuing to provide many critical services to the community in the most efficient and reliable manner.



In March of 2020, we initiated a new source of elder funding via the Seneca Enhanced Elder Division (S.E.E.D.), which is managed by our AOA Program. Coincidentally, as AOA received the funding, COVID-19 hit and AOA primarily focused on home delivered meals to elders whom needed them. Services that will be available under S.E.E.D. will include Personal Care, Levels I and II, for elders whom would otherwise be referred to seek such services from the surrounding counties. AOA will be working closely with the private care provider and our Human Resources Department to recruit Senecas to provide this care to our elders. They are also in the process of contract negotiations with a long-term care facility to provide overnight care for our elders, so their caregivers may take a respite. This service will be available to those caregivers whom are providing round the clock in-home care to a loved one. AOA has had a minor home repair program in place for Elder’s homes; but S.E.E.D. funds

will be expanding that program to include minor home repairs to a caregiver’s home, where there is an elder in the residence. Lee Redeye, of Lippes, Mathias, Wexler, Friedman, LLP, will soon be under contract to provide assistance with writing a will and to assist with basic estate planning services to our elders. In addition, S.E.E.D. will be offering a Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) to elders whom do not qualify under the existing AOA grant program. A personal emergency response system is a pendant worn by an elder, which alerts emergency medical services, should an elder fall down. AOA will keep the community and our elders informed about their progress as they re-open and I strongly encourage our elders to take advantage of what they have to offer.

In the summer of 2019, as a Seneca Nation Capital Improvement Authority project, we began construction on the new fire hall for Seneca Fire-Allegany. The former fire hall was over forty-five years old and it would have cost more to make all of the necessary repairs, than it would have cost to build a new one. The new hall is 17,490 square feet, which includes a 5,500 square foot apparatus bay and a 2,000 square foot banquet room with seating for up to 160 people. The facility also contains five bunk rooms, five offices, male/female locker rooms and a commercial kitchen with a walk-in cooler and freezer. The new fire hall was officially opened, with a ribbon cutting ceremony, on November 22nd, 2019. Several of my staff are assisting Allegany fire hall leadership with developing a membership recruitment campaign, as well as recruitment open house events, in the future. In the spring of 2020, we launched Seneca EMS, a dedicated emergency medical service team for Seneca Nation. Seneca EMS provides the highest level of pre-hospital care during medical emergencies. There are two paramedic level ambulances housed at Seneca Fire Cattaraugus and one paramedic

level ambulance housed at the Allegany Fire Hall. Seneca EMS now employs paramedics trained to the highest level of pre-hospital medical providers. This includes administration of medications, IV lines, advanced airway management, resuscitation of patients and advanced life support. I’m very proud to have our emergency medical services developed to this level of pre-hospital care.

In closing, again, I would like to sincerely thank our Seneca Nation workforce for the great job everyone has done – from home deliveries to our elders, distributions to our community members and keeping essential services available. We’ve been able to provide our community members with social service supports, which were not available to our neighbors in the surrounding areas. I’m grateful we had some financial reserves, which sustained us and made it possible to continue covering our employee benefits and taking care of our members. We have all benefited from sound financial decisions, good policy decisions; and we all learned a lot. On a daily basis, we had to make sensible decisions and consider both the short-term and long-term impact of those decisions. So many of you have gone far above and beyond what your position called for; and I’m grateful to you for that. This global pandemic is not over yet, but we are making our way to the other side and we managed better than most. In the days ahead, our energy will be focused on moving forward and rebuilding our economy. I must admit, living through these unprecedented times of COVID-19 presented many challenges and every day we faced unknown factors. No doubt, the lives of our members that it stole, will have a lasting impact in our communities.

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





# Ja:goh Salamanca City Central High School Class of 2020

## 134th Commencement Ceremony

On the evening of Friday, June 26, 2020, Salamanca City Central High School held their 134th commencement ceremony at the Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center. A few highlights from the ceremony include Ganö:nyö:k by Kaihalla George, greetings from High School Principal Mr. Christopher Siebert and President Rickey Armstrong, Sr., a message from Board of Education President Mrs. Theresa Ray and a message from Salutatorian Jordan Ray along with the presentation of diplomas, handed out by Mrs. Theresa Ray. Congratulations to the class of 2020.

We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

For more information about the class of 2020 and to view a complete list of awards and accomplishments from the evening, check out the latest edition of *The Pow Wow - Class of 2020 Graduation issue* at [https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded\\_file/793555/Powwow\\_Issue\\_June-July\\_2020.pdf](https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/793555/Powwow_Issue_June-July_2020.pdf).



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# Seneca Nation Housing Authority care package distribution for Allegany & Cattaraugus territories

*Photos courtesy of Seneca Media*

On June 26, 2020, the Seneca Nation Housing Authority held a care package distribution on both the Allegany and Cattaraugus territories. Care packages included 1st aid kits, sanitizer, laundry items, masks, etc. Also included was a free lunch for members of both territories. **Nya:wëh Seneca Nation Housing Authority!**



# Seneca Nation COVID-19 Task Force hosts mask and sanitizer giveaway for both territories

*Photos courtesy of Seneca Media*

On July 09, 2020, the Seneca Nation COVID-19 Task Force held a drive-thru only mask & sanitizer giveaway for both the Allegany and Cattaraugus territory community members. **Nya:wëh Seneca Nation COVID-19 Task Force!**





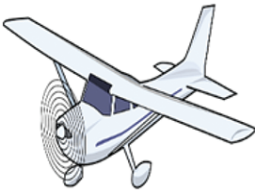
# Aerial Mosquito Spraying

Submitted by Environmental Health, SNHS

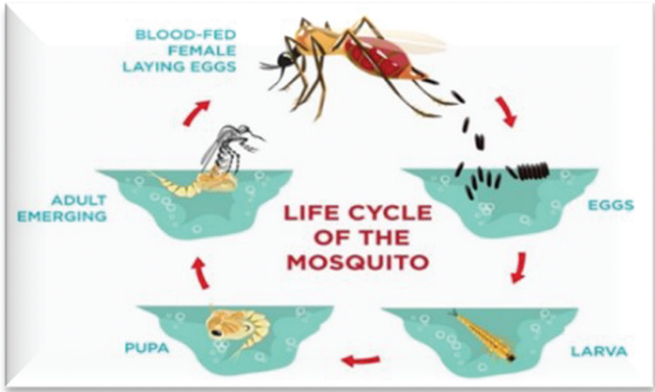
In an effort to reduce the mosquito population in the area, the Nation contracted Lowville-based Duflo Spray-Chemical to apply an adulticide through aerial spraying. This mixture of spray is considered a space spray and is targeted to kill only those annoying mosquitoes. Aerial spraying can be effective in reducing mosquito populations but it does not eliminate all mosquitoes.



**Aerial spraying will occur on an evening between July 13<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup>.** The exact date of the spraying event will depend on mosquito population numbers and weather conditions. The announcement of the date of the aerial spray event covering both Allegany and Cattaraugus Territory will occur on WGWE and through the Seneca Media Facebook page. **FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL Environmental Health 716-945-5894.**



Diluted Kontrol 30-30, which contains permethrin, is the product used in the spraying. EPA-registered insecticides have been studied for their effectiveness and safety. There is no evidence that aerial spraying will exacerbate certain health conditions such as asthma or chemical sensitivity. No special precautions are recommended however, residents can reduce exposure by staying indoors during spraying.



**Prevent mosquito bites and transmission of vector borne diseases:**

- ✓ **EMPTY OR REMOVE CANS, BUCKETS, OLD TIRES, POTS AND OTHER CONTAINERS THAT HOLD WATER.**
- ✓ **KEEP GUTTERS CLEAR FROM DEBRIS AND STANDING WATER.**
- ✓ **REMOVE STANDING WATER AROUND STRUCTURES AND FROM FLAT ROOFS.**
- ✓ **CHANGE WATER IN PET DISHES DAILY.**
- ✓ **Maintain backyard pools and/or hot tubs.**
- ✓ **Individuals are encouraged to limit outdoor activities around dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.**
- ✓ **When outdoors, people should wear long pants, long sleeves, shoes and socks.**
- ✓ **Use DEET mosquito repellent on your clothes**

Source: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

# Food Preservation – Ways to Preserve Food at Home

Submitted by Robin Crouse, HOPE Unit, LRJHC

There has never been a better time to stock up on food for your family. Home food preservation helps you stock up and save money, whether you are growing your own food or buying in bulk. It is also a good way to control what is in your food!

Some food preservation methods are old, like cool storage, while others are new, like freeze-drying and vacuum sealing.

Mixing food-preserving methods is ideal because each method gives a different flavor and texture. Different foods also store better one way versus another. Storing food doesn't need to be complicated, but you want to follow good practices to avoid foodborne illness.

**1. Minimal Processing – Root Cellars and Cool storage**  
Cool storage and room temperature storage are the easiest home food-preservation options. This includes cool, dry storage, such as an unheated pantry or porch and root cellaring, cool, damp storage.

Root Cellars type storage may include root cellars, unheated basement space, crawl space, in ground “clumps” (holes or trenches for food storage).

Good candidates for root cellar storage are potatoes, carrots,

cabbage, beets, apples, onions, squash and garlic.

## 2. Drying/Dehydrating

Food drying is one of the oldest home food-preservation methods. Food can be dried using commercial dehydrators, solar dehydrators, baking sheets in oven or air drying/hang drying.

Store dehydrated foods in a cool, dry location in an airtight container for longest shelf life.

Foods that dehydrate well are fruits, vegetables and jerky.

## 3. Canning – Water Bath Canning, Steam Canning & Pressure Canning

Home canning is the heat processing of food in glass jars for preservation.

Water Bath Canning uses a large stockpot or kettle with a lid. Jars sit in a canning rack so they are not directly in contact with the bottom of the pot, and are covered with at least 2 inches of water.

Water bath canning preserves high acid foods such as fruits, jams, tomatoes, pickles and relishes.

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Steam Canning uses a special canner that heat processes with steam, but not under pressure. It’s safe for use with high acid foods.

Pressure Canning must be done in a pressure canner, which processes foods using high temperature, high- pressure steam. A pressure canner is not the same as a pressure cooker, although some pressure canners can also be used for pressure-cooking. Check the owners’ manual. And be careful!

Pressure canning is used for low acid foods such as beans, carrots, corn, meats, soups and sauces.

4. Vacuum Sealing

Vacuum Sealing is the process of removing air from a bag then sealing the bag with a vacuum sealing machine.

A reason to vacuum seal foods is to extend shelf life by eliminat-

ing dehydration and freezer burn.  
Vacuum Sealing Shelf Life:

- Meats – 2-3 years
- Ground Meat - up to 1 year
- Fish – up to 2 years
- Produce – 2 1/2 years
- Cheese – 6 months

For preserving vegetables this way, blanching (scalding vegetables in boiling water for a short period) is necessary for all vegetables to be frozen.

For more information on blanching or other food preserving methods, please contact Jody LaMarca, Nutritionist or Robin Crouse, Health Educator at LRJHC, 945-5894 or Barb Nephew, Nutritionist at CIRHC, 532-5582.

\*Source: commonsensehome.com/home-food-preservation/

Simply HR ~ May

New Hires

Jacquelyn Lay  
Admin. Assistant—Seneca Strong, CHWC  
May 4, 2020

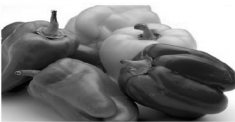
Gregor Duszkievicz  
IT Report Writer, Saylor Building  
May 11, 2020

Congratulations on your new positions!

## Veggie Bucks Are Here!

Earn Veggie Bucks after completing your appointment with the following:

- Medical
- Dental
- Diabetes Educators
- Nutritionist
- Health Education
- BHU



Contact the following staff once your appointment is completed to pick up your Veggie Bucks! You must be 18+ years.

Cattaraugus: 532-5582  
Barb Nephew, ext 5293  
Kerry Kennedy, ext. 5227

Allegany: 945-5894  
Yvonne Sweet, ext. 3279  
Jody LaMarca, ext. 3242  
Robin Crouse, ext. 3240



## My Health Journey and Medicare for American Indians and Alaska Natives

### Steps to sign up for inpatient and outpatient health care coverage

#### What is Original Medicare?

Original Medicare covers Medicare Parts A and B. If you are eligible for Medicare, consider signing up for hospital coverage (Medicare Part A) and medical insurance (Medicare Part B). Together, Medicare Parts A and B help cover your inpatient and outpatient health care costs.

##### Medicare Part A: Hospital coverage

Medicare Part A covers hospital expenses, such as inpatient care, skilled nursing care, nursing home care, hospice care, and home health services.

##### Medicare Part B: Medical Insurance

Medicare Part B covers doctor visits, medical equipment, and treatment ordered by your doctor. Medicare Part B also covers a full range of preventive services to help keep you healthy by identifying medical issues earlier when treatment is most effective.

#### Open Enrollment Period for Medicare Health and Prescription Drug Plans

Mark your calendar with these important dates! You must sign up for Medicare through the Social Security Administration at [www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare](https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare) during the Medicare Open enrollment period, October 15 – December 7. This period may be the only chance you have each year to make a change to your Medicare health and prescription drug coverage.

October 1	Start comparing your coverage with other options. You may be able to save money
Mid October–Early December	Change your Medicare health or prescription drug coverage for the next year, if you decide to. Be sure to check the open enrollment end date.
January 1	New coverage begins if you made a change. New costs and benefit changes also begin if you keep your existing Medicare health or prescription drug coverage and your plan makes changes.

##### Medicare Part D: Prescription Drug Coverage

In addition to Original Medicare, you can also sign up for Medicare Part D for prescription drug coverage at <https://www.medicare.gov/part-d>

#### Find out if You Qualify for Medicare

You can qualify for Medicare based on your age or disability status.

**For age eligibility, your Medicare enrollment period** begins 3 full months before and ends 3 full months after the month of your 65th birthday. For example, if your birthday is July 4, you must enroll between April 4 and October 4. If you don't enroll during this time, you may have to pay a late enrollment penalty.

**If you have a disability** and qualify for Medicare, you can enroll at any age.

#### How much does Medicare Part A Cost

**If you or your spouse paid Medicare taxes while working for a certain amount of time**, you usually do not pay a monthly premium for Part A coverage, known as premium-free Part A.

**If you aren't eligible for premium-free Part A**, you may be able to buy Part A. In most cases, if you choose to buy Part A, you must also have Part B and pay monthly premiums for both.

**Part A penalty:** If you aren't eligible for premium-free Part A, and you don't buy Part A when you're first eligible, your monthly premium may go up 10%. See Medicare and You Handbook for more details.

#### How much does Medicare Part B Cost?

**The standard Part B premium** depends on your modified adjusted gross income, as reported on your IRS tax return from 2 years prior to your enrollment. **Some people who get Social Security benefits will pay less than the standard amount.** Social Security will tell you the exact amount you'll pay for Part B.

**Part B penalty:** Unless you sign up for Part B during a special enrollment period or when you first become eligible, you may have to pay a late enrollment penalty for as long as you have Part B. Your monthly premium for Part B may go up 10% for each full 12-month period that you could have had Part B, but didn't enroll.

#### Medicare savings plans:

You can get help from your state paying your Medicare premiums. In some cases, Medicare Savings Programs may also pay [Medicare Part A \(Hospital Insurance\)](#) and [Medicare Part B \(Medical Insurance\)](#) deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments if you meet certain conditions. For more information: <https://www.medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/help-paying-costs/medicare-savings-program/medicare-savings-programs.html>

#### Learn More About Medicare


Learn more about Medicare enrollment, benefits, coverage, and costs:



- Review the Medicare & You 2018 handbook: <https://www.medicare.gov/Pubs/pdf/10050-Medicare-and-You.pdf>
- Ask for information from your Indian health program, visit [www.medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov), or call 1-800-633-4227

#### Sign up for Medicare

- Sign up for Medicare through the Social Security Administration: [www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare](https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare)
- Call 1-800-772-1213
- Ask your Indian health program for assistance

**For more information please contact Patient Benefits at LRJHC or CIRHC.**

 **HealthCare.gov**

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### Reminder: Beulah Watt Family Reunion

The Beulah Watt Family Reunion scheduled for July has been **canceled** due to COVID-19 and will resume next year. Be Safe, Stay Healthy and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2021!

### Employment Opportunity Receptionist Needed

We need a receptionist who will provide general office support with a variety of clerical activities and related tasks.

- 40 hrs/wk
- Full Time
- Mon-Friday
- 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Benefits available
- Position located in Salamanca, NY

For more information or submit your resume to:  
**office@gtsenterprises.net**

### Seneca Nation Cattaraugus & Allegany Libraries Open For Limited Service

Open Monday - Friday  
OPERATION HOURS: 8am - 4:30pm. | CURBSIDE DELIVERY: 10am - 2pm.  
**Online Catalog: [www.ccls.org](http://www.ccls.org)**

- Please call ahead to make requests for books/movies.
- Patron will be given a scheduled time to pickup material.
- Curbside Delivery Pickup will be at front Entrance of Library.
- Remain in Car & Staff will bring materials out.
- NO FAXING/SCANNING available.

**Cattaraugus: 716-532-9449 | Allegany: 716-945-3157**

### Seneca Clubhouse Virtual Hangouts

**Sick of sitting at home with nothing to do? US TOO!**  
**The Seneca Clubhouse is hosting virtual events every day of the week.**  
**All youth ages 12 - 17 are welcome!**

When: MONDAYS Health & Wellness, WEDNESDAYS Cultural teachings Life skills, FRIDAYS Guest speakers. For more information and to request access call: 716.532.5583, ext. 5433 or fill out a form on the Clubhouse web page: [senecanativeconnections.org/clubhouse](http://senecanativeconnections.org/clubhouse)

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### PERSONALS

#### Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for their kind words, flowers, donations of food and just their presence there. It meant a lot to know how much he was loved.

**From the family of Marta Nephew**  
*(Submitted by Judy Nephew)*

#### Happy Birthday!

To my big sister.  
**Happy Birthday Rachel!!!**  
Have a great day!  
Luv ya, Frank  
*(Submitted by Frank Ireland)*



#### Congratulations 2020 High School Graduates - Liv John & Terrence Haring!!

Proud of you both for your accomplishments!! The future awaits - live your best lives!! And always remember how much we all love you!!

Love,  
Mom, Biz, Todd, Bre, Emberly & Harper  
*(Submitted by Irene Wheeler)*

#### Thank You

Thank you/ Nya:wëh/Gracias to ALL my friends/amigas and relatives for all your Happy Birthday wishes. Now I cannot tell everyone I am 70. It was so enjoyable and fun to read all those cards. You all brought back memories of the fun times I had at different times in my life with you all. I put that gold 80 on my door to remind me of my age when I run out the door.  
Hasta la vista!

**From Gloria Nephew**



**Next Newsletter DEADLINE:**  
**Tuesday, July 21, 2020**  
Next issue to be dated July 31, 2020



### Happy 5th Birthday Emberly Iris Abrams!!

(July 19th) - You  
make out hearts  
smile!!! We love  
you to infinity &  
back!! Good luck  
in Kindergarten!



Love,  
Gramma, TT, Todd  
& Biz, Mommy,  
Harper & Granny  
(Submitted by Irene  
Wheeler)

### We lost our gentle giant July 5, 2020.



We thought of you  
today but that's  
nothing new.  
We thought of you  
yesterday. And  
the day before that. We often speak your  
name. Now all we have our memories.  
And a picture in a frame. We're not apart.  
Because every time we think of you.  
You're always in our heart.  
Love you. **Rest in Peace Tyty**

Love,  
Aunt Mar and family  
(Submitted by Frank Ireland)

### Look who's gonna be teenagers!

Happy 13th Birthday Todd & Elizabeth  
Green! (July 31st). So grateful to be your  
mom - you give me twice the love, hugs &  
stress....I mean smiles! :)

Love you to infinity & always!  
Xoxo, Mom (Submitted by Irene Wheeler)



## 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](mailto:dgrood62@yahoo.com)  
Submitted by Marilyn Anderson



The past few weeks have been charged with the pain of racial injustice. As Indigenous people some of us understand how hurtful discrimination has been and continues to affect us every day. Some of us have reacted with anger but as Christians we are taught “you shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:38). It takes time to change attitudes and it will take patience and faith to help make our world better for the seven generations to come. We need to pray for peace for our people and the world.

July is a time for planning summer picnics, going to parades and fairs – but this summer is different. We are experiencing changes in our daily lives that we never expected. Kids are home because there are no summer programs or jobs. Parents are home because they are unemployed. Our anxiety levels are high because we do not know what the future holds for us. Again, prayer can help us to get through this crisis.

The Four Corners church has resumed Sunday services at 9 a.m. – wearing masks and without coffee time! It is reassuring to hear the good news that our faith has for us. If you have not already reached out to your source of spiritual strength, do it now. Your life will be enriched. Feel free to contact Pastor Rood by phone or e-mail if you have any questions about the church or if you need spiritual guidance. Peace be with you.



## Statement from New York State Fair Director Troy Waffner

Submitted by Mary Jacobs

July 06, 2020, Governor Cuomo announced that the 2020 Great New York State Fair would be canceled to ensure the health and safety of New Yorkers and all fairgoers. This is the second time in the Fair’s long history that it has been necessary to cancel the State Fair: the first was during World War II, and today in 2020, due to the Coronavirus pandemic. In both cases, the cause was just and proper: to protect people.

We are proud to put on the Great New York State Fair and provide a showcase for the best of New York agriculture, but our number one concern is always the health and safety of our fairgoers, vendors and staff.

Those who bought tickets for this year’s Fair during our special sale will be able to use them next year or get refunds, with details to come on that. Last year’s purchased tickets that would have been honored this year will be honored in 2021. Vendors who sent in deposits will receive full refunds.

We dearly wish we could hold the Fair this year and know that one day soon we will come out of the darkness. When we do, the things we enjoy and the people we love will be there. This is a difficult chapter in our history, but it is only one chapter and the next chapter will be our best ever. We will see you next August. Until then, stay safe and be strong.

- Troy





# Armstrong Responds To ‘Red Raider’ Counter Petition

By Cameron Hurst | Jun 30, 2020 | Reprinted from the Post-Journal

The conversation surrounding the longtime name of Jamestown High School’s mascot has once again caught the attention of the Seneca Nation of Indians leader.

Rickey L. Armstrong Sr., in his second stint as the nation’s president, issued another written statement to The Post-Journal in response to the creation of a counter petition that began circulating last week, pushing back against a movement to change the name of the “Red Raider.” As of Monday afternoon, 1,100 people had virtually signed the Change.org petition, “Keep the Red Raider name the same!”

“We understand that people feel passionately about how they identify with their school,” Armstrong said. “However, I believe that many of those same people would not want to purposely offend an entire population of people, any more than they would want to have their own heritage degraded.”

In his statement Armstrong re-emphasized the nation’s willingness to partner with the community.

“As I’ve said before, the path forward begins with dialogue, respect and understanding,” he added. “The Seneca Nation is open to participating in that important dialogue with any and every community that is willing to have an open mind.”

The statement from Armstrong comes nearly two weeks after initially supporting a movement to change the mascot name started by local organizer Autumn Echo that was borne out of conversations with friends who had expressed concerns with the name that spread into discussions with the Jamestown Justice

Coalition.

In his initial statement, he said, “Seneca and Native American culture are reflected in the names of countless streets, towns and locations throughout Western New York. Unfortunately, we also see the continued use of names and imagery, particularly in athletics programs, that degrade, mock, and offend Native traditions, Native culture, and Native people. The time for change has long since arrived, and the call should be heeded.”

Echo’s Change.org petition, “Remove racist name & imagery from Jamestown Public Schools athletic teams” had reached over 830 virtual signatures, while physical signatures were collected at the coalition’s final “Justice June” rally on Sunday at Dow Park.

“We caught some attention

from alumni of JHS who are very passionate about their school pride, which is fine,” Echo told the crowd on Sunday. “It is fine to have pride in your school and your accomplishments. But, it is not OK for your school pride to be more important than respecting different races and cultures ever.”

Melissa Paterniti, a 1993 graduate who organized the counter petition, disagrees, telling The Post-Journal that the school’s nickname has never meant to degrade any person or culture.

“When I think of Jamestown ‘Red Raiders,’ I think of pride, integrity and strength and hard work,” she said.

“The word ‘Pride’ goes in the sentence. When you look at a Jamestown Red Raider football player, what does it say on their jersey? ‘Raider Pride.’”

Dispute over the “Red Raider” name is not new: former state Education Commissioner Richard Mills had urged school board presidents and superintendents to change their school’s mascot and nickname if it uses Native American symbols, according to an April 6, 2001, article that ran in The Post-Journal.

The district began to phase out a Native American character portrayal beginning in 2012 that, according to research by the Fenton History Center, began appearing in JHS yearbooks in 1981. By 2015, all district athletic teams began using a capital ‘J’ with a feather at the direction of former Superintendent Tim Mains.

Jamestown Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Bret Apthorpe, whose retirement is effective today, previously stressed the need for a dialogue in a June 19 story in The Post-Journal.

“For me, it has to be part of a much larger conversation on this topic,” he said. “I really do appreciate the awareness ... To me, people have opened their eyes and ears and they want to participate a part of that conversation that we need to have as a community.”

A similar dispute over the same mascot name and similar imagery is also going on in Bellefonte, Pa., according to The Lock Haven Express. Lawn signs supporting the name staying the same began appearing on residents’ property last week.

According to MascotDB, an online mascot database, there are 488 schools in the country that use the name “Raiders,” not including the 99 who use the nickname “Red Raiders.”



Charla Bach Obituary

1946 - 2020

Reprinted from the Olean Times Herald | July 07, 2020. Submitted by Melissa Bach

SALAMANCA - Charla Bach, 73 but young at heart, died early Monday morning (July 6, 2020) at Absolut Care of Allegany, following a long illness.

Born Oct. 18, 1946, in Salamanca, she was the daughter of the late Glen T. Jimerson and Grace Crowe. She was married to William J. Bach, who predeceased her in 1993.

She was an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians and the Deer Clan.

Charla worked for the Seneca Nation of Indians for several years, and was a pioneer in the women's movement, being elected as the first woman poormaster. She was the first Seneca Nation Bingo Manger in Steamburg.

In addition, she was a harness racehorse enthusiast and a member of the Michigan Harness Horseman's Association. She was also the owner and operator of CB's Bar and Club.

Charla was known as the "master beader" of the Allegany Territory. She taught many people her passion of beading, moccasins, and traditional dress making. Her work was seen and worn by many. She especially took great pride in beading traditional regalia for her community.

She was an avid bowler and played softball with the best of them. She was a faithful armchair Buffalo Bills fan and enjoyed watching the boys and her granddaughter play lacrosse. Charla enjoyed her rides

through the Amish country and making new friends.

Surviving are her beloved daughters, Melissa, Glenda and Melinda; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and her dog, Isabelle.

She was predeceased by her sisters, Diane and Carol Jimerson; and brother, Warren Jimerson.

Friends called & visted at the family home, 8337 Old Route 17. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Thursday (July 9, 2020) at the family home by members of the Coldspring Longhouse officiating. Burial was in Memorial Heights Cemetery, Jimersontown.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the



O'Rourke & O'Rourke Inc. Funeral Home, 25 River St., Salamanca.

E-condolences can be sent to [orourke.orourkefh@gmail.com](mailto:orourke.orourkefh@gmail.com) or posted to [facebook.com/onofh](https://facebook.com/onofh).

To Plant Memorial Trees in memory, please visit <https://sympathy.legacy.com/en-us/funeral-flowers/gallery/?type=obituary&p=196455424&pn=charla-bach-funeral&affiliateId=3050&pm=240>

Bringing the Natural World to the Virtual World:

Ganondagan Reinvents Iconic July Festival for Virtual Global Audience

*Iroquois Social Dancers, Artisan Demonstrators, and Storyteller Filmed Against Ganondagan’s Natural World for “Virtual Ganondagan Summer Experience”*  
By Amy Blum

Victor, NY— Not to be daunted by the coronavirus-necessitated cancelation of its Indigenous Music & Arts Festival, Friends of Ganondagan has announced its first “Virtual Ganondagan Summer Experience,” July 23-25, the dates of originally scheduled festival, filmed outdoors at Ganondagan State Historic Site’s natural world.

Programming will be a viewable through a combination of Facebook Live and YouTube. On Friday, July 24, the popular Bill Crouse (Seneca) and the Allegany River Dancers will be performing in their traditional regalia outdoors in front of the Bark Longhouse, viewable on Ganondagan’s Facebook Live at 11 am.

**During the weekend of July 25-26 and beyond—and viewable/sharable on YouTube—will be:**

- Storyteller Perry Ground (Onondaga) telling traditional water being stories,

filmed at Ganondagan’s picturesque Trout Brook

- Lacrosse player/stickmaker William (“Snooky”) Brooks (Seneca) joined by Ganondagan Site Manager Peter Jemison to discuss lacrosse stick-making, filmed in Ganondagan’s lush woods
- Artisan Ronnie Reitter (Seneca) demonstrating traditional cornhusk doll-making, filmed at the Three Sisters Garden

- Artisan Bill Crouse (Seneca) demonstrating water drum and gustoweh (Haudenosaunee men’s traditional headdress) making

“Despite the cancelation of this year’s festival, it was important that we continue sharing our cultural experiences,” explained Friends of Ganondagan Executive Director Meg Joseph. “Not only does our reinvented programming offer a sampling of our popular festival presenters and performers, it also supports Haudenosaunee artists by providing a platform for their talent and skill. With a virtual presence, we hope to reach an even greater audience to share the living culture and natural world of Ganondagan.”

**All programming is free.** For more information, email [info@ganondagan.org](mailto:info@ganondagan.org). Virtual programming is made possible by funding from the New York State Council on the Arts.





# Ganondagan Announces Thursday, July 2 as Re-opening of Seneca Art & Culture Center and Bark Longhouse

*Reduced capacity and additional adjustments made to ensure health and safety*  
*By Amy Blum*

Victor, NY— Ganondagan State Historic Site Manager Peter Jemison (Seneca) announced the re-opening of the Seneca Art & Culture Center and the Seneca Bark Longhouse for Thursday, July 2, as per guidelines by Governor Cuomo and New York State. Going forward, open hours will be **TUESDAYS-SATURDAYS, 9 am - 4 pm.**

“The Ganondagan experience might look a little different with new safety procedures in place, but the meaningful experience of Seneca culture will be the same,” said Jemison. “As we reopen the Seneca Art & Culture Center and the Seneca Bark Longhouse, we ask the public to work together with us to keep Ganondagan a safe space for yourself, for all visitors, and for our staff.”

### Ganondagan Visitor Guidelines:

- 1. All visitors over the age of two are required to wear face masks covering their nose and mouth at all times in the Seneca Art & Culture Center and the Seneca Bark Longhouse
- 2. Social distancing tape has



- been installed in designated areas
- 3. Hand sanitizer stations are available throughout the Seneca Art & Culture Center
- 4. A plexiglass shield has been installed at the admission desk
- 5. The Children’s Room and Gift Shop are temporarily closed

### Exhibit Gallery:

- 1. Hand sanitizers stations are at the gallery entrance and exit
- 2. Gallery movement has been converted to a one-way movement experience
- 3. Gallery admission is limited to 10 people at a time (larger family groups at staff discretion)
- 4. Ganondagan Cultural Interpreters wearing social distancing monitors, will

- be available for questions
- 5. As a safety precaution, some hard to clean, interactive exhibits have been modified or temporarily closed off

### Seneca Bark Longhouse:

- 1. Visitors will meet Ganondagan Cultural Interpreters in one of two 10x10 tents outside the west entrance to the Bark Longhouse
- 2. Guests will visit the Bark Longhouse exhibit in a one-way movement experience
- 3. Plexiglass shields will hang in front of exhibit areas, protecting cultural objects
- 4. Ganondagan Cultural Interpreters will be available for questions in outside tent areas

Trails remain open from dawn to dusk for hiking and enjoying the natural world. Hikers and nature enthusiasts are reminded to respect social distancing while enjoying Ganondagan State Historic Site.

Any questions, email [info@ganondagan.org](mailto:info@ganondagan.org)



# Potholes gone as State Thruway repaving ends on Seneca Nation territory

*By Jane Kwiatkowski | Jun 30, 2020 | Reprinted from the Buffalo News*

The extensive rebuilding of a four-mile stretch of the New York State Thruway that runs

through the Seneca Nation's Cattaraugus Territory has been completed, the New York

State Thruway Authority said Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

over when repairs could be made, casino revenue and land rights.



*A \$21 million milling and repaving project on the New York State Thruway on the Seneca Nation's Cattaraugus Territory has been finished. The speed limit on what had been a pothole-filled four-mile stretch of the highway has been increased from 45 mph to 65 mph.*  
*By John Hickey/Buffalo News*

The stretch of Thruway between Exit 57A at Eden-Angola and Exit 58 at Silver Creek had been so full of potholes that the speed limit was reduced from the usual 65 mph to 55 mph and even 45 mph in spots.

But now that the \$20.8 million repair project is finished, motorists can travel 65 mph, the Thruway Authority announced.

The highway had deteriorated for years while the Thruway Authority and the Seneca Nation squabbled

Repairs started last fall and the contractor, Union Concrete and Construction Corp. of West Seneca, had crews working six days a week.

Crews used approximately 125,000 tons of asphalt pavement and more than 20,000 tons of gravel subbase to rebuild the roadway in both directions down to the concrete base. The project also included the replacement of more than 3.75 miles of guide rail, drainage improvements and new roadway striping for enhanced visibility.



# Seneca Nation member selected for State Senate Veterans Hall Of Fame

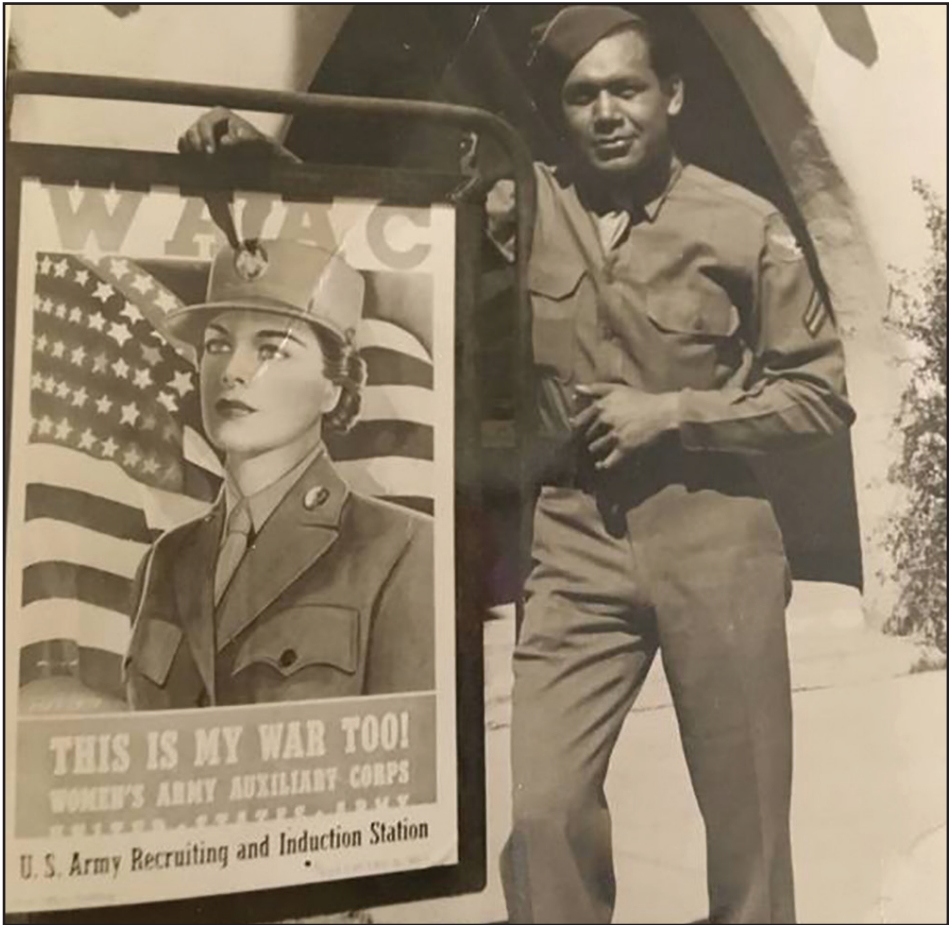
Reprinted from the OBSERVER | June 30, 2020

Ralph Elliot Bowen, Jimersontown resident and Seneca Nation member and a sergeant in the U.S. Army Air Forces during World War II, has been selected for induction into the New York State Senate’s Veterans Hall of Fame by Sen. George M. Borrello. Mr. Bowen, the last surviving World War II veteran from the Seneca Nation’s Allegany Territory, was an aerial gunner who fought in the European Campaign and helped liberate France and Europe from Nazi occupation.

*“Just weeks after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, a young Ralph Bowen showed up at a U.S. Army recruiting office in Buffalo and enlisted. He didn’t know what dangers awaited him, he only knew America needed his help in combating the forces of tyranny and oppression that were threatening the liberty of people around the world,”* said Senator Borrello. *“Trained as an aerial gunner, he and members of his squadron had the dangerous mission of targeting factories, refineries, oil fields and other high-value assets despite challenging weather conditions and vast geographic distances.”*

The young airman would begin his overseas tour in Tunisia, North Africa for assignment as a gunner aboard a Consolidated B-24 Liberator heavy bomber. He was a member of the 15th Air Force’s 450th Bombardment Group, 723rd Bombardment Squadron, nicknamed *“the Cottontails.”* The unit would fly west across the Tyrrhenian Sea, Corsica, and Sardinia to French targets, northward over the Alps to Austria and Germany, and eastward over the Adriatic to the Balkans, Carpathian Mountains and Greece.

While flying combat missions in support of the invasion of Normandy and Operation Dragoon, the invasion of



southern France, he would achieve the rank of sergeant. Approximately six months after Germany’s unconditional surrender, Sergeant Bowen would return to the United States in November 1945 and be discharged at Fort Dix, N.J., concluding a tour of three years and 11 months.

He had earned aerial gunner wings, the Distinguished Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with four campaign or service stars, the World War II Victory Medal,

and the M-1 Rifle Marksman Badge.

Following his military service, Bowen would return home to Western New York, making significant contributions to the Seneca Nation and community while working for the Erie Railroad as a union laborer and ironworker.

In July 2019, he was presented with France’s highest award, the French Legion of Honor, for his role in liberating France from Nazi occupation. Bowen is the first Seneca and only the second

Native American to receive the appointment of Knight in the Order of the Legion of Honor.

Bowen, who turns 98 on August 8, is currently the oldest living member of the Seneca Nation. A member of the Snipe Clan, he was raised in the Coldspring community, Allegany Seneca Territory and now lives in Jimersontown. His service to the Seneca Nation includes five terms as Tribal Councilor as well as tenures as Peacemaker and Seneca Nation Surrogate Judge. He would also serve as Seneca Nation Marshal and pastor for the Red House Baptist Church. He is the father of Jacqueline, Rebecca and Dennis Bowen.

The New York State Senate Veterans’ Hall of Fame was created in 2005 to honor those veterans who have distinguished themselves in their military service and continue to devote themselves to serving their neighbors, communities and country – all qualities that define Mr. Bowen.

*“As our nation prepares to celebrate July 4th, the birth of America, we also remember all the courageous men and women throughout history who have risked their own lives for this nation and the ideals of liberty and opportunity upon which it was founded,”* said Borrello. *“Ralph Bowen is one of those extraordinary individuals. His life has been one of service, beginning with his valiant contributions in World War II and continuing with his decades of dedication to the Seneca Nation. He is tremendously deserving of the ‘Veterans Hall of Fame’ recognition, which will ensure his achievements and example endure to inspire others.”*

Borrello will honor Bowen at a special event later this summer.

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**2** Month in the middle of the year (4)  
**4** It moves sideways along the beach (4)  
**6** Mussels and oysters have these (6)  
**9** Fill this with sand at the beach (6)  
**13** Eyewear to stop water getting in (7)  
**15** Summer treat that comes in a cone (3, 5)  
**16** Something you do in water (4)  
**18** Body of salt water, smaller than an ocean (3)  
**21** Lunch in the park (6)  
**24** Sleeping in a tent (7)

25 Put this in your drink to make it cool (3)  
26 Make these at the beach with a bucket and spade (11)  
27 Cook outside on a grill (8)  
28 Surfers catch these (5)  
29 Opposite of cold (3)

1 You see these buzzing about (4)  
3 Creatures hide in these when the tide goes out. \_ \_ \_ POOL (4)  
5 The colour of summery skies (4)

7 Time off school (7)  
8 Season before autumn (6)  
10 Use this to get dry at the beach (5)  
11 A person visiting a place on holiday (7)  
12 Summery drink made from sour yellow fruit (8)  
14 Cool eye protectors (10)  
17 Toy flown at the end of a string on windy days (4)  
19 What some people wear to go in the sea (8)  
20 Footwear for warm weather (7)  
22 Smell these in gardens (7)  
23 The Earth circles this star (3)



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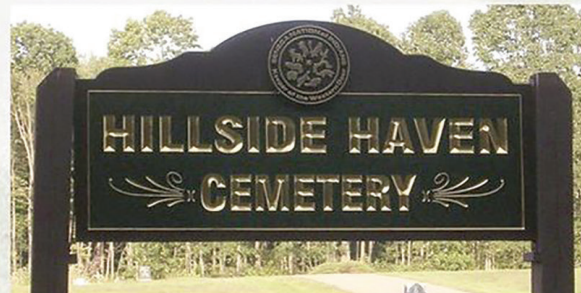
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**Nya:wëh**