



The Official Newsletter of the SENECA NATION



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A message from President Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.



Greetings!

On Wednesday evening, August 19th, 2020, we honored thirteen High School Equivalency Program graduates. The recognition ceremony was held at the Cattaraugus Community Center. Despite the difficulties with the COVID-19 restrictions, the determination of these graduates humbles me. A piece of paper does not make success. Success is what is inside each of us and inspires us to push through the obstacles we face. You have all proven to your families, your friends, your instructors and your community - you have what it takes to succeed. Most importantly,

you have proven your ability to succeed, to yourself, and you should be very proud of your accomplishment. Your Nation stands ready to help you, to encourage you and to support you. You have made us proud, and we cannot wait to see what you accomplish next. Nya:wëh for being a beacon of success.

On Thursday, August 20th, 2020, my staff and several other employees joined forces and delivered an unprecedented event for our Seneca elders. Due to the global pandemic, the Elders Summer Event, which is normally held at the Seneca Allegany Casino, had to be converted to a drive-through distribution event. The event took place simultaneously at three locations: the Allegany Community Center, the Buffalo Office and the Cattaraugus Community Center. One of the stops on the route was an opportunity to play a quick shell game – guessing which cup the ball was under. As this was a drive through event, the committee wanted to make sure our elders could participate, but remain in their vehicles. Participants received a hot meal, a few gifts and a door prize, if they had won one in the raffle that was conducted prior to the event. Bear in mind, this had never been done before, therefore required

planning, patience and perseverance to carry it out. I was fortunate to be able to be present at the Allegany site and visit with some of our elders as they passed through the line. I hope all those who were able to make it, enjoyed themselves!

As we all know, school will begin again in a matter of days, and right now there is still some uncertainty as to what the school day will look like. It may be a hybrid model with a few days of in-person learning and a few days of remote learning. It may be 5 days of completely remote learning. It may be different for different age students, even within the same household. Our families with school age children are faced with many challenges when it comes to this new, temporary, normal school day. Internet connectivity may be a problem for some, daily schedules will complicate learning, getting help with lessons or schoolwork will be difficult; and keeping students engaged with their learning will be a challenge. We must all stay committed to our children's education and make every effort to keep up, whatever path we're on. I encourage every parent to make a solid commitment to yourself and your family that you will not let this new school model deter your efforts to get your children the best

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

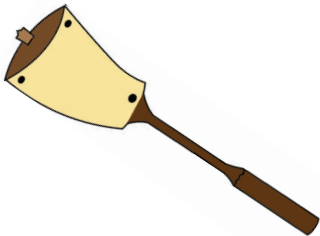
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education possible. Our Education Departments are also working diligently to create a plan to provide as much assistance as possible in the coming days. We hope to have learning pods established at our buildings to facilitate tutoring, provide Internet connectivity, and assist with homework help. Be on the lookout for more information from the Seneca Nation Education Departments and your local school districts.

If you are planning to travel outside of our immediate area to other states, as a public safety measure, I ask that you please strongly consider self-quarantining upon your returning to your home. If you must travel, the CDC and the state of New York both recommend self-quarantining for fourteen days when you return. I ask this so your loved ones and other members of the community remain as protected and safe as possible. Now is not the time to let our guards down, when it comes to this global coronavirus pandemic. Before we know it, flu season will be upon us and it will be even more important to continue with all established safety protocols. On the news, recently, I heard them referred to as the “3 W’s”: WASH your hands, WATCH your distance and WEAR a mask. Each time we practice these three actions - we are protecting our lives and moving another step away from this deadly coronavirus.

Respectfully,
Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.

Seneca Nation of Indians

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Clerk - Bethany Johnson

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

EXECUTIVE ORDER
Exclusion-Cedric Cobb

WHEREAS; The Seneca Nation has the inherent right to exclude individuals from the territory of the Seneca Nation who cause harm or pose a threat to the health and safety of the Seneca Nation and Nation members; and

WHEREAS; The Seneca Nation Council has adopted laws prohibiting the sale, possession, manufacture, and use of illegal narcotics within the territory of the Seneca Nation; and,

WHEREAS; Certain Individuals who are non-members of the Seneca Nation have been identified by both Nation members and Seneca Nation Law Enforcement as involved in the sale, manufacture or distribution of illegal narcotics within Seneca Nation Territory; and

WHEREAS; The President of the Seneca Nation has the authority, pursuant to the Constitution of the Seneca Nation, to enforce the laws of the Seneca Nation; and

WHEREAS; It has been determined that Cedric Cobb, DOB 01-19-86 is a non-member of the Seneca Nation; has been convicted of several felony counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance; is suspected of being currently involved in the sale of illegal narcotics; and

WHEREAS; Cedric Cobb has no right to be present within the Seneca Nation Territory, and his continued unauthorized presence poses an immediate threat to the health and safety of the Nation and its members;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED THAT; Cedric Cobb is hereby excluded from all Nation Territories, effective immediately, and be it

FURTHER ORDERED that any member of the Seneca Nation who is determined to have knowingly harbored or assisted Cedric Cobb to remain on or return to the Seneca Nation Territory in violation of this Order shall be charged in the Nation's Peacemakers Court with aiding and abetting in the violation of this Order. Penalties may include withholding of Nation Annuity payments; and be it

FURTHER ORDERED that in the event that Cedric Cobb refuses to leave the Seneca Nation Territory once directed to do so, Seneca Nation Law Enforcement is authorized, and directed to remove him from Seneca Nation Territory and to continue to remove him, should he return to the Territory.

Dated: July 30, 2020



Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.
Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr., President



BRADLEY GABEL
BANNED FROM ALL NATION TERRITORIES

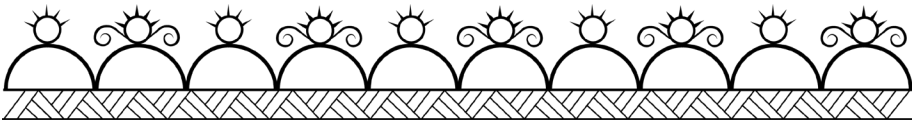


**BRADLEY GABEL, A NON-MEMBER OF
THE SENECA NATION**

Be advised any member of the Seneca Nation who is determined to have knowingly harbored or assisted Bradley Gabel to remain on or return to the Seneca Nation Territory shall be charged in Peacemakers Court with aiding and abetting in violation of this Order. Penalties may include withholding of Annuity.

**IF YOU SEE HIM ON TERRITORY
CONTACT SENECA NATION MARSHALS AT
532-3040 OR 945-2779**

**REPORT ALL SUSPECTED DRUG
ACTIVITY TO THE SENECA NATION
MARSHALS AND PRESIDENT'S OFFICE**





Bethany Johnson, Clerk
ALLEGANY TERRITORY



Marta Kettle, Deputy Clerk
CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY

Ashley Warrior – Executive Secretary
Leslie Cooke – Administrative Assistant (Notary Public)
Tammi Stafford – Administrative Assistant (Notary Public)

Business Permit Office
Dana Maybee: Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm

NATION I.D. CARDS
Both offices are now scheduling appointments for members who need to update their picture for their Nation ID cards.

CLERK FORMS
You can mail completed forms along with a copy of your photo identification as proof of identify if you are unable to obtain a

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

notary to: Seneca Nation of Indians, 90 Ohi:yo’ Way, Salamanca NY 14779.
All forms are available online at www.sni.org under Clerk’s Office documents.

RELEASE OF MINORS TRUST FUND
In order to begin receiving Minor Trust Fund disbursements. A member must be at least 18 years old and submit the following documentation:

- Application for Release of Minors Trust
- High School Diploma / GED
- Financial Literacy Certificate

If you need to obtain a Financial Literacy Certificate please contact the Seneca Nation Education Department for details.

DIRECT DEPOSIT OF ANNUITY AND/OR ELDERS PAYMENTS
If you would like to sign up for Direct Deposit of your Annuity and/or Elders Check, you will have to complete the form. The form is available on the web at www.sni.org under Documents/Clerk’s Office / Direct Deposit forms or at the Clerk’s Office.

- All direct deposit forms MUST have attached a voided check or deposit slip (start-up checks will NOT be accepted).
- Members must be at least 18 years old to sign up for Direct Deposit
- Minors are NOT eligible for Direct Deposit

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

BURIAL FUND
A Burial fund has been designated to pay for funeral expenses up to \$7000 for enrolled members. For additional details, please contact the Clerk’s Office during regular business hours.
If after hours or on weekends, please contact Bethany Johnson, Clerk (716)-474-6361 or Marta Kettle, Deputy Clerk (716)-474-5403.

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

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

Public Comment

30-Day Public Comment Seneca Nation of Indians Underground & Above-Ground Storage Tank Act

Please be advised that the following business located within the Seneca Nation Territories, more particularly on the Allegany Territory, has submitted an application to install/operate an Above/Under Ground Storage Tank for the purpose of petroleum products. This notice will allow for a 30-day public comment period in accordance with the Above/Under Ground Storage Tank Ordinance, enacted by Seneca Nation Council on September 22, 1997.

Travis Heron
Kill Buck Outlet
6650 Rte. 417
Salamanca, NY 14779
Allegany Territory
Community: Kill Buck

All comments must be submitted in writing to the Clerk of the Nation at the following address:
Seneca Nation of Indians, Bethany Johnson, Clerk
90 Ohiyo’ Way
P.O. Box 231
Salamanca, NY 14779
Begin – August 14, 2020
End – September 14, 2020

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 or Mkettle@sni.org



Callum Lee DePonceau (Turtle Clan)
Son of Cheyenne & Louis DePonceau
Enrollment Date: August 8, 2020



Everett Coby John Barker (Hawk Clan)
Son of Kylee M. John & Dylan Barker
Enrollment Date: August 8, 2020



Atreyu Shayne Lamb (Wolf Clan)
Son of Ashlen Kettle & Simon Lamb
Enrollment Date: August 8, 2020



Prim Christine Williams (Turtle Clan)
Daughter of Sierra Parker & Jordan Williams
Enrollment Date: August 8, 2020



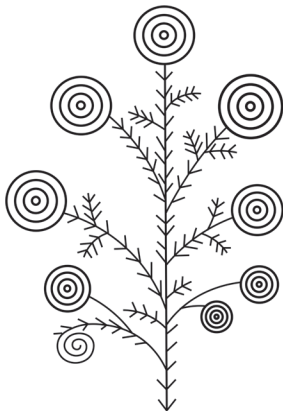
Romari Lee Laury (Turtle Clan)
Son of Erica John & Jerome Laury
Enrollment Date: August 8, 2020



Devin Ray Bomberry Jr (Heron Clan)
Son of Brooke A. Williams & Devin Bomberry
Enrollment Date: July 11, 2020



Benjamin Allan Chamberlin (Deer Clan)
Son of Rena L. Phearsdorf & Christopher Chamberlin
Enrollment Date: July 11, 2020



PUBLIC NOTICE

PURSUANT TO SECTION IV OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SENECA NATION, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BIENNIAL GENERAL ELECTION OF THE SENECA NATION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020.

Voting shall take place on the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories. Polls shall be open from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm on this date.

Pursuant to Section X of the Constitution of the Seneca Nation, every member of the age of twenty-one (21) years and upwards, who shall not have been convicted of a felony, shall be competent to vote at all elections and shall be eligible for any office.

Pursuant to Section I of the Constitution of the Seneca Nation, *on or before the 15th day preceding the biennial election, all candidates shall file with the Clerk of the Nation their name and office, and no further candidate shall be allowed to file for office after the 15th day preceding the biennial election.* Therefore, all candidates must file with the Clerk at the Seneca Allegany Administration Building, Allegany Territory, no later than 12:00 midnight on Monday, October 19, 2020.

Bethany Johnson, Clerk August 2020
Seneca Nation of Indians

Council opens to limited public

As the situation with the COVID-19 has been changing almost daily, it has presented new and unique challenges for the Seneca Nation. We are concerned about the well-being and safety of everyone. It will remain our utmost priority; therefore the Regular Session of Council will be open to limited general public with the option to participate via a go to webinar platform.

Social Distancing will be in place for the Executives and Councillors, they remain at their respective territories during Council. All normal Clerk's Office protocols such as video recording will remain in place and will be available for viewing once it is deemed safe. **Please remain safe and healthy!!!**

NCAI advocates for Iroquois Nationals

Submitted by Tina Abrams

In my role as Northeast Area VP of NCAI I was able to advocate and obtain a letter of support from various native organizations in regards to the denial of Iroquois Nationals to participate in the World Games next year.



National Congress of American Indians



NIGA
NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING ASSOCIATION



NATIVE AMERICANS IN PHILANTHROPY



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF URBAN INDIAN HEALTH



Transmitted electronically

August 11, 2020

José Perurena López
President
International World Games Association
Avenue de la Gare 12
1003 Lausanne
Switzerland

Dear President López,

On behalf of the undersigned Tribal organizations, we write to request that the Iroquois Nationals lacrosse team be deemed eligible to compete in the 2022 World Games in Birmingham, AL. Despite representing the sovereign Nations that comprise the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and placing third in the men’s world championships, the International World Games Association (IWGA) has made the incorrect determination that the team is not qualified to compete. The Haudenosaunee—a confederacy of six Nations: Seneca, Onondaga, Mohawk, Oneida, Tuscarora and Cayuga—*invented* the game of lacrosse and revere it as a medicinal game gifted from the Creator. In addition to being played for enjoyment, recreation, healing, and dispute settlement, it holds deep spiritual meaning and significance. It is fundamentally unjust that the Nations who gifted the Creator’s Game to the world are being denied the opportunity to compete on the world stage and in our ancestral lands. In recognition of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy’s sovereign status, we urge you to reconsider this decision.

Tribal Nations have existed on this continent since time immemorial, predating the formation of the United States. Our governments have been recognized over hundreds of years by world powers through a variety of means, including treaty-making. The Haudenosaunee Confederacy is one of the first and longest-lasting participatory democracies in the world. It entered into treaties with the Dutch, French, and English—all prior to the United States becoming a nation. As the United States was founded, it looked to the Haudenosaunee Confederacy’s Great Law of Peace in forming a political union and drafting its constitution, which acknowledges and affirms Tribal sovereignty. Tribal Nations, including the six Nations of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, have endured centuries of attempts to erase our governments, traditions, and identities. We remain political powers, retaining our inherent sovereignty, and engaging in diplomatic relations with the United States and internationally.

The Iroquois Nationals are a member in good standing of World Lacrosse and have been recognized as a member nation by the Federation of International Lacrosse since 1987. Among nation competitors in the Lacrosse World Championship, only the Iroquois, Canadian, American and Australian teams have ever placed in the top four. Even the IWGA’s website recognizes that the team, “represents the Iroquois Confederacy in international competitions.” The Iroquois Nationals are competing throughout the world on behalf of the six sovereign Nations of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. They are a symbol of the strength and resilience of all of Indian Country—the very survival of our cultures. It is unclear, then, why the team should be prevented from competition at the 2022 World Games.

We are encouraged by the recent joint statement indicating that the IWGA and its partners are currently considering whether to change the format of the 2022 World Games in order to include the Iroquois Nationals. We stress, however, that this is not an issue of inclusiveness, but rather one of respect for the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the long history of self-government by the Nations it comprises. As Leo Nolan, Executive Director of the Iroquois Nationals, has stated, “This is more than a game. It is our heritage, our history, our medicine and our sovereignty.” Please count our organizations as partners in your efforts to better understand the unique circumstances and history of Tribal Nations, sovereignty, and our story of perseverance against the greatest of odds. As the United States and other nations are engaged in a reckoning with the injustices of the past, the IWGA and its partners have the opportunity to be on the right side of history. We urge you to commit to a more honorable and just global community— in the world of sports and beyond.

Sincerely,

United South and Eastern Tribes Sovereignty Protection Fund (USET SPF)
National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)
National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA)
Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA)
Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST)
Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP)
The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED)
National Council of Urban Indian Health (NCUIH)



Seneca Nation working with Crime Stoppers WNY to keep territories safe from illegal drug activity

The Seneca Nation has enlisted the help of a strong partner in its ongoing efforts to keep the Seneca people and Seneca territories safe from the dangers of illegal drugs.

The Nation announced that it is working in partnership with Crime Stoppers WNY to help address concerns about illegal drug activity on Nation territory. Crime Stoppers serves Erie, Niagara, Orleans, Genesee, Wyoming, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Allegany counties, and assists law enforcement agencies in their efforts to apprehend wanted individuals and getting tips on expected and unsolved crimes.

“The Seneca Nation wants to see those who try to poison our territories and our people brought to justice. They are not welcome here,” said Seneca Nation President Rickey Armstrong, Sr. “Our community has lost far too many lives to substance abuse and those who prey on our people. By working in partnership with Crime Stoppers WNY, we are adding another layer of protection to our territories, and providing our people another resource in keeping our home and our families safe.”

Crime Stoppers allows for anonymous reporting of suspected crimes and offers cash rewards for information leading to arrests.

Armstrong urged members of the community to use the Crime Stoppers tip line at (716) 867-6161 or the “Buffalo Tips” app to report criminal activity on Seneca Territory. A report form is also available on the Crime Stoppers website at <https://www.crimestopperswny.org/>.

The partnership with Crime Stoppers is just the latest step the Nation has taken to combat activity on its territories. On July 30, President Armstrong issued an Executive Order banning a suspected drug dealer from all Seneca Territory. The individual, a non-Seneca Nation member, has several felony convictions of criminal possession of a controlled substance and is suspected of being involved in the sale of illegal narcotics.

“The fight against illegal drugs is a constant, all-consuming battle, and Seneca Territory should not be a safe haven for these soul-less evildoers,” President Armstrong added. “As citizens, our role is to be vigilant and watchful, and to share information with our law enforcement partners. By working together, we can hopefully bring an end to this terror through the law enforcement and judicial systems that are meant to protect all of us.”



CRIME STOPPERS
867-6161



**STOP THE SUPPLY
STOP THE DEMAND**

**TURN
IN A
DEALER.**

**EARN^{UP TO}
\$2500
CASH REWARD**

**HELP STOP
THE VIOLENCE**

**GET THE
“BUFFALO TIPS” APP
OR CALL 867-6161**

EARN^{UP TO} \$7500
FOR TIPS ON HOMICIDES
SHOOTINGS & ILLEGALLY POSSESSED GUNS



CRIME STOPPERS
“BUFFALO TIPS” APP
GET IT ON Google Play
Download on the App Store

Seneca Gaming Corporation’s Christina Jimerson honored

Buffalo Business First 2020 Women of Influence "Behind the Scenes" Award Recipient
Reprinted from: <https://www.salamancachamber.org/news>



NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK: (August 17, 2020) Christina “Chrissy” Jimerson, Seneca Gaming Corporation’s Executive Director of Compensation and Total Rewards has been honored as a Buffalo Business First 2020 Women of Influence “Behind The Scenes” Award Recipient.

“I am humbled and honored to be selected and recognized by the distinguished group of women leaders who comprise the award’s selection committee,” said Christina Jimerson, Executive Director of Compensation and Total Rewards, Seneca Gaming Corporation.

Christina Jimerson is the very definition of a Woman of Influence! She began her career with Seneca Gaming Corporation (SGC) in 2003 and worked her way through the department from Human Resources Coordinator all the way to Director of Benefits. Jimerson was also elected to the Seneca Nation Council in 2012. In 2016, Christina finished out her 4-year term as a Councilor, received her MBA from Canisius College, was honored as part of the “Native American 40 under 40” class from the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, and asked by then Seneca Nation President Todd Gates to serve as his special advisor.

Jimerson rejoined the Human Resources team as the Executive Director of Compensation and Total Rewards in 2018. In her role, Christina oversees Compensation, Benefits, and Human Resources Information Systems (HRIS). She is engaged in all areas of HR and

influences decisions across the Human Resources enterprise. She further directs the planning, design, implementation, compliance, communication, and administration of corporate-wide compensation and benefits programs. While maximizing total compensation value and responsibly managing Seneca Gaming Corporation’s investment in its team members, she ensures that all of these programs support the corporation’s strategies, business objectives, and talent acquisition and retention goals.

Her advocacy for the Seneca Nation of Indians led to her election as a Councilor from 2012-2016, the

Legislative branch of the Seneca Nation government. In this position, she also served as the Tribal Council and Executive Liaison for the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act. During her tenure on the council, she served on several committees including Budget and Finance. As a Councilor, she often traveled to

Washington, D.C. to speak with elected officials about matters important to the Nation, including advocacy for the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act, which passed in 2014. Additionally, Jimerson also served as the alternate delegate for the Seneca Nation at the National Congress of American Indians. Her commitment to community affairs continues with her position as second vice president of the Board of Directors of the Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA), a national organization dedicated to growing tribal economies and strengthening tribal finance policy, and serving on the Brooks-TLC Hospital Board of Directors where she is a member of the Finance Committee.

“We are thrilled that Christina has been recognized. Seneca Gaming Corporation is honored to have her as part of the team that she serves every day,” said David Sheridan, Interim CEO & CFO, Seneca Gaming Corporation. “We have known all along that she is a Woman of Influence and determination.”

“Chrissy is a great asset to our team and we are excited that she has been honored by Buffalo Business First,” said Meghan Smith, Corporate VP of Human Resources, Seneca Gaming Corporation. “She is a fierce and consistent advocate for her community and the corporation.”

During her 13 years in the Seneca Gaming Corporation Human Resources Department, she has been a driving force behind the success of the department serving the entire corporation with over 3,700 employees spread across four properties throughout western New York. She is committed to serving the corporation and her community. In addition to her MBA, Christina also has a B.S. in Health Services Administration from the State University of Fredonia in New York. Jimerson is an incredible asset to her local community, the corporation, and to advocacy for the world at large.



Community Service Announcement

Do you have Covid-19 questions or need information?

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

Video chat Seneca Language Lessons via Skype

(Allegany)

Submitted by Ja:no's Bowen

Novice Low/Very Beginner Conversational Seneca class via Google Classroom:

https://classroom.google.com/c/MzA1OTExMzA3NjFa?cjc=bxtd7n6

This is an intro level course, and you can complete the work at your own pace. In order to attend, click on the Google Classroom link listed above.

Ja:no's Bowen, the instructor will post video lessons and assignments weekly. The class just began in this format, so videos will be posted weekly starting on Monday, August 24, 2020.

You will need a computer, smart phone, or tablet with an activated microphone, and Internet service.

You will need the following materials to assist you with your work:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1DvvskyOuEDd1TTCJNQzL4xsQelX-uoUVINj9f7L7A8Cw/edit?usp=sharing

If you have any questions, please contact: janos.bowen@sni.org

Novice Mid – High Level Conversational Seneca class

Wednesdays 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.

Seneca Nation of Indian Federal Credit Union releases new hours

Please be advised that the SNIFCU will be open 9am to 4pm, Monday through Friday, starting Monday, August 3rd 2020.

Masks are mandatory for all customers entering the credit union offices, and please observe and use the social distancing boxes outlined on the floors. Our transaction slips are also located on the desks outside our office doors for customers to fill out before entering.

If you are interested in applying for a loan, please do so over the phone by calling (716) 532-8179 for the Cattaraugus Office, or (716) 945-8510 for the Allegany Office.


Come to the Training and Employment Resource Center

We can help you obtain your HSED, High School Equivalency Diploma

Provide various work readiness workshops, Resume writing, customer service, working with difficult people, interview skills, appearance and attire, soft skills.

Give me a call to start your steps to the future!
716-945-8120 ext. 3058
Allegany Territory
Ask for Tari

STEAMBURG COMMUNITY CENTER



NEW HOURS

MONDAY 9AM-8PM

WEDNESDAY 9AM-8PM

FRIDAY 9AM-5:30PM

CALL TO RESERVE YOUR FITNESS & GYM TIME SLOTS TODAY. (716) 354-4665. *BEGINNING 8/10/2020*

Starting a home daycare?


TRIBAL Block Grant


May be able to help you

Contact Caitlin John

SALC Block Grant Coordinator

@716-945-5035 x 3309





In order to collect child care subsidy payment

You must be a licensed home facility

A relative provider

Taking care of relative children in their home


Must be OCFS licensed by NYS

We can get you set up with the mandatory trainings

We can assist with paying for trainings

We can help pay for items needed for your home to pass inspection

CALL TODAY



Introducing the Roadhound: Distracted Driving Deterrent

Submitted by Benjamin Anderson, SNDOT

Many of you may have noticed a new device floating around town along roadsides advising drivers not to text while driving.

This device is called the Roadhound Electronic Roadsign, by Berkely Electronics. The device is equipped with new state of the art radar detection equipment designed to detect the use of a mobile device in oncoming traffic.

When the system picks up any use of mobile electronics in a passing vehicle, it flashes a small light at the bottom of the sign. DON'T WORRY. The system is not recording, or reporting! It is simply there to remind drivers to focus on the road and not their mobile devices.

This unique system was purchased entirely with funds remaining from a State Farm grant that the Seneca Nation's DOT received to help deter the use of cellphones while driving. If you have any questions about the Roadhound System, or if you have a good idea of where it could be stationed for a period, please contact the Seneca Nation DOT.



Disability is taking new applications

We are now accepting new applications. Feel free to call us to set up an appointment 716-532-4900 Ext. 5152 to speak with Ashley Kettle

The Allegany office is now open back to normal hours of FRIDAYS 10am-2pm

Both Offices are still doing all social distancing protocols. Please call us to set up any appointments 716-532-4900 Ext 5152 or Allegany Office 716-945-8163

We will come to your vehicle for you to submit any paperwork. Disability Committee will also resume regular scheduled meetings. (Every Third Wednesday of the month)

Nya:wëh

SENECAS STAY SAFE!!

The SNI Probate Code Frequently Asked Questions...

Submitted by Luana Jimerson

FAMILY ISSUES

- Question:

If I am adopted out, can I still inherit from my biological family in an intestacy?
- Answer:

No. You can only inherit from your adopted family in an intestacy. If your biological family wants you to inherit from their estate, they must do a will.
- Question:

If my siblings and I have different fathers and our mother dies without a will, who inherits her estate?
- Answer:

If she is legally married, her surviving husband will inherit 50% of her estate. The remaining 50% of her estate will be equally divided among all her surviving children. If she owned land, her surviving husband must be enrolled to inherit any of her land.
- Question:

If my step parent or foster parent dies without a will, can I inherit from his or her estate?
- Answer:

Only if you have been legally adopted by your step parent or foster parent. If your step parent or foster parent wants to make sure you inherit from his or her estate, he or she must do a will.

NEXT ISSUE WILL CONTAIN FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS PERTINENT TO ESTATES HANDLED BY A TEN DAY FEAST.

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POLICE REVIEW MEETING

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2020 GRAND HALL (SAAB)
4:30 - 6:00 PM


The City of Salamanca and the Seneca Nation invites Seneca community members to participate in the Salamanca police review meeting.

This is an opportunity to voice any concerns and issues regarding fair and effective service by Salamanca Police Department.


Police and Salamanca officials will be joined by Seneca Nation officials to accept questions and comments.




10 TIPS FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS




Seek support from other caregivers. You are not alone!




Take care of your own health so that you can be strong enough to take care of your loved one.




Accept offers of help and suggest specific things people can do to help you.




Learn how to communicate effectively with doctors.




Be open to new technologies that can help you care for your loved one.




Watch out for signs of depression and don't delay getting professional help when you need it.




Caregiving is hard work so take respite breaks often.




Organize medical information so it's up to date and easy to find.



Make sure legal documents are in order.



Give yourself credit for doing the best you can in one of the toughest jobs there is!



CaregiverAction.org

(/sites/default/files/10%20Tips%20for%20Family%20Caregivers.pdf)

1. Seek support from other caregivers (/forum). You are not alone!
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3. Accept offers of help (/defining-help-you-need) and suggest specific things people can do to help you.
4. Learn how to communicate effectively (/resources/how-talk-your-doctor) with doctors.
5. Caregiving is hard work so take respite breaks (/respite-time-out-caregivers-part-1) often.
6. Watch out for signs of depression (/caregivers-and-depression) and don't delay getting professional help when you need it.
7. Be open to new technologies (/https://caregiveraction.org/tech) that can help you care for your loved one.
8. Organize medical information (/https://my.backpackhealth.com/join/caregiver) so it's up to date and easy to find.
9. Make sure legal documents are in order (/legal-documents-checklist).
10. Give yourself credit for doing the best you can in one of the toughest jobs there is!

If you have questions or concerns pertaining to care giving, please call Gail Kennedy, Options Counselor, at the Seneca Nation AOA at (716) 945-8991

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Come apply at 3674 Administration Dr. Call 716-945-8120 for an appointment. Class is limited to 8 people. Face masks are required and social distancing is practiced. Screening will take place on arrival.



Seneca Veterans

Please Remember to Call the Seneca Nations Tribal Advocate Program (TAP) if you find yourself in need of assistance during these difficult times.

TAP offers an Emergency Food Pantry Items to individuals and their Households once every 30 days, if needed. If the income eligibility guidelines AND residency requirements are met, a food package will be issued.

Applications will be conducted over the phone to comply with social distancing measures.

Tribal Advocate Program

Cattaraugus: 716-532-1028
Allegany: 716-945-2655

Iroquois Post 1587

Covid-19 Crisis: Pantry Delivery Project

If you do not qualify or you need additional pantry items, TAP will forward Veteran to Ronald Cook or Tisheena Jimerson to complete a Delivery Request.

StaySafeStayStrong

Tisheena Jimerson, Director SN Veterans Dept. 716-532-4900 x5536

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4 Click JOIN MEETING



5 Type in the meeting extension



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6 Type your name and age



That's it! You're in!

Having trouble accessing the meeting? Get in touch with Jennifer at: 716.532.5583 ext. 5433 or JStebbins@senecahealth.org



SENeca NATION HEALTH SYSTEM

Seneca Nation AOA Farmers' Market Coupons!



Eligibility:

- 60 years of age or older; AND
- Monthly income is at or below:
 - \$1,968/month(One-Person Household)
 - \$2,658/month(Two-Person Household); or
 - \$3,349/month(Three-Person Household)

Rules:

- Proxies may pick-up vouchers on behalf of Elder provided Elder has signed a statement designating that individual as proxy
- A valid Power of Attorney may sign for checks and pick up books on behalf of an Elder.
- Booklet of five (5) \$4.00 checks worth \$20.00
- For use at authorized vendors and farm stands participating in the program, and not at grocery stores
- Used to buy locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables
- Look for the brightly colored Farmers Market sign saying "We Gladly Accept Farmers' Market Checks"
- Checks cannot be used after 11/30/2020
- Checks are worth \$4.00. Farmers will not give change
- Coupons may be redeemed by caregivers

Starting 07/13/2020 coupon booklets may be picked up between 1pm-5pm at the Allegany Elder Center or the Wini-Kettle Senior Center. Please call in advance.

Masks and social distancing are required

In an effort to maintain health and safety, the AOA is accepting electronic signatures for Elders who wish to receive Farmers Market Coupons through the mail.

Follow this link to APPLY ON-LINE:
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For More information contact us at:
Cattaraugus Territory: 716-532-5777 or
Allegany Territory: 716-945-8414



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HOURS OF OPERATION:
MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8:00AM - 4:30PM

TRIBAL ADVOCATE OFFICE
ALLEGANY TERRITORY
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SALAMANCA, NY 14779

Contact: *Melissa Oldshield @ ext. 7902*
or *Rae Lynn George @ ext. 7901*

phone: 716-945-2655 OR 716-945-1790



Construction Technology Program recognizes six graduates

By Nancy Toth, T.E.R.C.



The Seneca Training Center, Construction Technology Program, a program directed by the Training and Employment Resource Center recognized six trainees on Thursday, August 20th at a celebration held in the amphitheater area of the Onohsagwe:de’ Cultural Center on a beautiful sunny day.

The trainees were able to continue their learning in the midst of COVID-19 and followed safety guidelines issued by the Seneca

Nation and CDC. In the early stage of the program, they acquired certification in Forklift Operator, Scaffolding and Flagging, instructed by Julius Wright from Local Laborers 621. At the conclusion of the program, they earned a certificate from BOCES in basic electrical, plumbing and carpentry; OSHA 10 and Blueprint Reading.

The graduation program speakers were Chief of Staff, Kerry John, Deputy Chief of Staff Eliot Jimerson, speaking about their careers in the respective carpentry and operator’s engineers trades; Chris Austin, Carpenter’s Team Leader, Mark Printup, Local 17 International Union of Operators Engineers Local 17 were invited guests offering words of encouragement and advising the group to make the most of the opportunities that come before them.

President Armstrong and Treasurer Pagels were unable to attend and sent their congratulations and best wishes. Instructor Dan Macakanja presented the trainees with certificates. A boxed lunch was provided following the ceremony.

Pictured above: Parker Jimerson, Macey Van Every (advanced trainee), Jacob White, Jay Nosie, Brantson Thompson, Darien Jimerson
Standing behind them are Councillors and Executive staff.

Gakwi:yo:h Farms welcomes twenty-five Red Angus COWS

By Tami Watt, Editor

OHI:YO’- Gakwi:yo:h Farms has recently welcomed twenty-five Red Angus cattle to their growing livestock operation. The Seneca Nation has revamped an old dairy farm located on Sullivan Hollow in Great Valley, NY, formerly ran by late Phil Attea.

Project Manager, Gordon Brown, and staff have been busy preparing the site for livestock once again, clearing the land and installing fencing around the perimeter was a must before arrival of the herd. One look at the layout and the former owners knew it would make a good fit for the livestock to roam and graze.

Of the twenty-five cows in the herd, sixteen are females, nine are males. They have also acquired eight calves and seven piglets. According to Brown, the small herd is for sustainability and to provide quality meat to the community from certified organic animals. Cattle mature quicker than bison. Beef can be prepped and processed when the are cows mature, usually within one to two years.

Red Angus cows are known to be docile, good mothers, and good at converting their feed into high quality meat.

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, Gakwi:yo:h Farms planned to sell and supply quality organic meat to both the community and local restaurants and supermarkets. Now, Brown and Seneca Nation Executives are rethinking how the meat will be distributed in uncertain times. Brown is hoping to be able to provide meat to Seneca elder and members in need if the pandemic worsens.

In addition to the Red Angus cows, the farm also raises and breeds a herd of fifty-six bison. Currently, the bison are located at a farm in Machias, NY but will soon find their permanent home in the Sunfish area in Steamburg, NY along Old Rt.17 at the old John farmstead pre- Kinzua era by the end of the year.



Brown has faced unexpected challenges farming during a pandemic. Materials to build fencing have come in short supply and demand has raised prices. Each season, the farm relies on volunteers to aid in planting, growing, and harvesting, however, this year volunteers have been asked to stay home or make an appointment to aid only when needed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Volunteers and community members whom wish to aid at harvest time will be asked to follow social distance protocols. Groups and families will be allowed to be come together to harvest.

Gakwi:yo:h Farms has also planted more corn this year in an effort to provide a nutritious traditional staple to the community in the midst of uncertainty. They have successfully planted over twenty-five acres of corn between Allegany and Cattaraugus. Please be on the look out for a social distance husking bee at the end of the season.

Seneca Elder's Summer Event

This year the Seneca Elder's Summer Event was a drive-thru distribution in an effort to keep members safe from COVID-19. Social distancing protocols and PPE were in effect as the President's Office and Nation Executives handed out a meal, prizes, and gifts. The Clerk's Office was also present to assist with registration.

The successful events took place on both territories on Friday, August 21st at the Allegany Community Center and the Cattaraugus Community Center. Cars lined up the road at both events to in anticipation for prizes and good food!



September 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
<div>Seneca Nation Area Office for the Aging Menu:</div> <div>SUBJECT TO CHANGE</div> <div>Note: Please enjoy a ½ pint milk served with each meal!</div>	<div>1</div> <div>Salisbury Steak & Gravy Brown Rice Roasted Cauliflower Oranges & Pineapple</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Grilled Chicken Caesar Wrap Broccoli Salad Dinner roll Jello</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Traditional Butternut Squash Soup Side Pork Biscuit Melon & Whipped Topping</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Beef Stroganoff with Noodles Roasted Brussel Sprouts Orange Slices</div>
	NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic			
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	Call In Orders until further notice			Cattaraugus - call to place your order for timely delivery
<div>7</div> <div>CLOSED For Labor Day</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Roasted Stuffed Pepper Harvest Salad Strawberries Ice cream</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Boiled Dinner w/Cabbage, Rutabaga, Potatoes & Carrots Strawberry Poke Cake</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Vegetable Pizza Side Salad Roasted Brussels Sprouts Fruited Jello</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Chicken & Biscuits, Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Angel Food Cake w/Vanilla Ice Cream</div>
	NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic			
	NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic			
	Delivery to Oaktree & Newtown	Delivery to Indian Hill & Pinewoods	Delivery to Ozarks, Gowanda & Dayton	Delivery to Irving
<div>14</div> <div>Beef Tacos Steamed Mixed Vegetables Coleslaw Fresh Melon</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Lemon Chicken Green beans Brown Rice Mandarin Oranges</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Crispy Breaded Fish Fillet Herbed Summer Squash Boiled Baby Red Potatoes Peanut Butter Chocolate Rice Krispy</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Birthday Sausage Rigatoni Broccoli Dinner Roll Birthday Cake</div>	<div>18</div> <div>CLOSED For Ogwe'o:weh Day (Federal)</div>
NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic				
NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic				
Allegany - call to place your order for timely delivery	Delivery to Sr. Complex & Salamanca	Delivery to Jimtown	Delivery to Steamburg & Kill Buck	
<div>21</div> <div>Macaroni & Cheese Zucchini & Squash Blend Cinnamon Pears</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Brunch Breakfast Plate Scrambled Eggs Breakfast Meat Toast & Fruit</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Grilled Chicken Strawberry Poppy Seed Salad Dinner roll Ice cream</div>	<div>24</div> <div>BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich French Fries Peas Oatmeal Cookie</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Ham & Scalloped Potatoes, Cauliflower Dinner Roll, Green Beans Strawberries w/whipped Cream</div>
NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic				
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Call In Orders until further notice	Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm
<div>28</div> <div>Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Roll Cinnamon Pears</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Toasted Tuna Melt Sandwich Carrot Raisin Salad Grapes & Oranges</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Chicken Salsa Rice Bake Side of Red bell pepper sticks and Hummus Brownie</div>	AOA Menu: For Allegany please call 716-945-8414 For Cattaraugus call 716-532-5777 to make a reservation or cancel a meal by 9:30am the day prior to the meal	USDA PROGRAM: Call 716-532-1028, Ext 5446
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Roswell Park’s Dr. Rodney Haring joins national COVID-19 Native expert panel

Group of experts work to ensure diversity/inclusion within COVID vaccine clinical trials

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Dr. Rodney Haring PhD, MSW, Seneca. Dr. Haring is Director of the Center for Indigenous Cancer Research of the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.(Photo: Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center)

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

- New Native Expert Panel formed to guide COVID-19 Prevention Network
- Panel will advise researchers conducting clinical trials of COVID treatments
- Goal: Ensure that Indigenous communities are educated on, included in trials

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center’s Rodney Haring, PhD, MSW, Director of the Center for Indigenous Cancer Research, has been named to the COVID-19 Prevention Network (CoVPN) Native Expert

Panel, formed by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID).

Last month the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), established the CoVPN — a unified new clinical-trials network aimed at recruiting volunteers to sign up for large-scale Phase 3 trials

of COVID-19 investigational vaccines and monoclonal antibodies. The CoVPN is a unit of “Operation Warp Speed,” the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services initiative to deliver 300 million doses of a COVID-19 vaccine by January 2021.

Dr. Haring, an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians, Beaver Clan, is one of a dozen individuals from

Indigenous Nations across the United States to sit on the new panel, which is led by Dr. Dave Wilson, a scientist from the Dine’ Nation who serves in the National Institutes of Health’s Tribal Health Research Office. The Native Expert Panel aims to ensure that diversity and education are included in the review of clinical trials, examine how clinical trials are conducted from Nation to Nation and delve into research and ethics that surround pharmaceutical collaborations and tribal governments and provide guidance on what materials are best suited to accomplish meaningful partnerships.

“Through our work at Roswell Park and the Center for Indigenous Cancer Research, we look at the way science is conducted in Indigenous communities and nations,” said Dr. Haring, who is also a faculty member in Roswell Park’s Office of Community Outreach and Engagement. “I hope this panel will view the COVID-19 trials through a similar lens. All too often, Indigenous populations are left out of trials, so inclusion

is of utmost importance. We need to learn whether the science will work in diversified communities.”

The CoVPN Native Expert Panel is hosted by Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Washington.

About Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center is a community united by the drive to eliminate cancer’s grip on humanity by unlocking its secrets through personalized approaches and unleashing the healing power of hope. Founded by Dr. Roswell Park in 1898, it is the only National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center in Upstate New York. Learn more at www.roswellpark.org, or contact us at 1-800-ROSWELL (1-800-767-9355) or ASKRoswell@RoswellPark.org.

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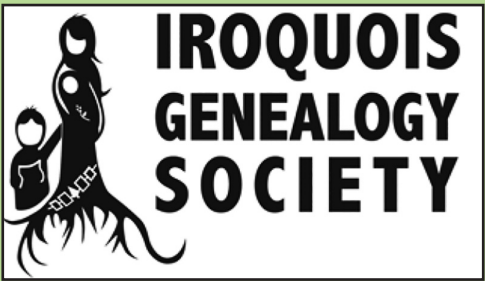


IGS Monthly Meetings – September 2020

Submitted by Leatha Jimerson

We will have a monthly meeting on September 10th at 6 pm at the Cattaraugus Community Center, MPR room. The presentation will given by Leatha Jimerson regarding her great-grandfather, Fillmore Jackson. Fillmore was a minister at the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church on the Cattaraugus Territory.

We will practice social distancing at our



September meeting. Please bring your own snack and beverage. Please wear a face mask, this is required.

Please bring any family genealogy questions you may have.

In the meantime, check out our website, www.iroquoisgenealogysociety.org We are also on Facebook: Iroquois Genealogy Society.

Please stay safe and healthy!

We hope to see you there!

Strawberry Moon Festival: Artpark dedicates Native American Peace Garden

The event was emceed by Dr. Joe Stahlman, director of the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum. It was held in lieu of the planned two-day Strawberry Moon Festival due to the pandemic

By Jmaloni | Sat, Aug 1st 2020 | Reprinted from wnypapers.com



Artpark & Company welcomed members of the local and Western New York Native American communities to Lewiston for a ceremony celebrating the official opening of the Peace Garden.

The lower park (Fourth Street) site was created over the course of June and July. It is designed in the sacred shape of the Turtle, and will serve as a place for people from all Four Quadrants of the Medicine Wheel to come in unity and friendship.

A press release explained, “The vision is to wake up and share old traditions and Native knowledge systems; to offer visitors a place to reflect, renew, discover and relax in a peaceful setting; and act as an ongoing Strawberry Moon Festival/Native American land-based classroom with a variety of teaching sessions for all ages, such as drum, dance and storytelling; as well as art classes, beading and indigenous plant and medicines lessons within the serene setting. It is meant to be an inclusive place where everyone can come and nourish their minds, body and soul.”

The concept and initial design of the garden is the brainchild

of Michele-Elise Burnett of Kakekalanicks Consultancy. It was brought to life by a Native American team from the Tuscarora Reservation made up of Bryan Printup (who finalized the design), Rene Printup-Rickard, Vince Schiffert and Violet Printup.

Saturday’s event was emceed by Dr. Joe Stahlman, director of the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum.

He acknowledged a two-day Strawberry Moon Festival had been planned for 2020 before

the coronavirus pandemic began in March.

“As we have seen the year unfold, we have just gradually lost control over certain aspects of our life. I feel really blessed that everyone decided to come here for this peaceful unveiling – with a limited program,” Stahlman said. “It really means a lot, because we couldn’t let this year go by without celebrating this unveiling.”

Jordan Smith, of the Mohawk Nation, offered a thanksgiving address. He presented a pair

of songs as Tuscarora youth Mackenzie Smith and Violet Rickard accompanied him with women’s dance around the Turtle.

Richard Hamell, professor emeritus of Monroe Community College, gifted a wampum belt to Artpark & Company Executive Director Sonia Kozlova Clark. Tuscarora singer/songwriter Darryl Tonemah shared Native American stories and performed a series of songs.

Burnett is in Canada and was unable to attend the ceremony due to border restrictions. However, she was still able to participate. From Queenston, she paired with drummers and singers for a Strong Women song to honor all women and Mother Earth. Artpark patrons watched from across the Niagara River.

Smith read remarks from Burnett. She was quoted as saying, “Today we have much to celebrate. We celebrate the significant achievements and contributions by indigenous peoples. We celebrate our diverse, deep-rooted culture, traditions and heritage. We celebrate walking together as indigenous peoples. We celebrate the strides, which



Richard Hamell presents a wampum belt to Sonia Kozlova Clark.

are helping pave the way to create a cross-cultural society that is built on respect, integrity and friendship. We celebrate us. And today we celebrate the inaugural unveiling of the Native American Peace Garden at Artpark.”

She also wrote, “This garden is more than a place to reflect and take in the beautiful settling along the Niagara River. It is an outdoor classroom led by native elders, knowledge-keepers, storytellers who will share their traditions, cultural, knowledge through various workshops and teachings. It will strengthen our connections to Mother Earth through honored and traditional stories and songs all about cultivating and learning about Native American plants and their medicines. It is a place to remind us to be grateful and to honor and respect one another, and all living things.

“This is our new history going forward with platforms where we can tell our stories from our

lens. It is also the beginning of a friendship between Artpark and the native communities of Western New York. Collectively, we are creating, designing and curating programs that will convey the meaning – depth – substance and significant contributions of native cultures to American history and society. Inclusion of native history has been virtually absent. There has been little evidence of the important historical and contemporary events, including native peoples’ involvement, knowledge and perspective, and little or no integration of those events into the larger narrative of American history. Together, we will broaden the limited views held about native peoples with platforms such as this garden.

“This Native American Peace Garden confirms and reinforces Artpark’s intention to reawaken the spirit of solidarity among friends who once forged history together.”

Clark said, “I’m so honored and, on behalf of Artpark board of directors, I wanted to thank this community – all of us coming together in this process. Michele-Elise Burnett has been our guide – my teacher – in understanding the presence and the culture and the lives of our neighbors – and the meaning of this land. I’m very grateful for our neighbors, our community, our brothers and sisters, from Tuscarora and Iroquois nations for sharing this land with us.”

She added, “The process of building this garden is just another step in a long process that started years ago, when one of our board members at Artpark, Seymour Knox IV, introduced me to Michele-Elise Burnett, the great curator and scholar of the Native American culture on the other side of the border. It took a few years for us to actually come up with a concept that would make sense.”

After partnerships on music, dance and theater in recent

years, the Strawberry Moon Festival debuted, and “Here we are now with our new garden, and a new place for sharing; a new place for learning, for reflection,” Clark said. “So much more is to come in this physical space. We will do workshops; we will do more engagement opportunities in the seasons to come; more performances.

“And here we are to congratulate you all on this great step – and all these faces that are amazing to see beyond our masks. We persevered; and we have the summer, and we have this opportunity for sharing.”

Source:

<https://www.wnypapers.com/news/article/featured/2020/08/01/142639/strawberry-moon-festival-artpark-dedicates-native-american-peace-garden?fbclid=IwARoEwwC2Q2t8oCdGmpx4W3yJLtJ3PwI9JG-4yIoirpx8u-gG7L8Im2pn8hA>

New Indigenous Officiating Committee To Strengthen Indigenous Voices In Lacrosse

Herbie John, Cattaraugus Territory, Turtle Clan was chosen to be a member of the Indigenous Officiating Committee. The recognition of Herbie’s attributes to the game is a great honor to his family and hometown friends. Herbie referees in the OLA, FNLA, ECBL and USBOXLA and travels the eastern seaboard and across the country to referee and coach Haudenosaunee Youth.

Reprinted From The Ontario Lacrosse Officials Association | August 12, 2020 | Submitted by Sylvia Patterson



ONTARIO—For the first time ever, the Ontario Lacrosse Officials Association (OLOA) has established an Indigenous Officiating Committee to engage members of the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit (FNMI) communities as part of their restructuring and forward pathway.

“We need to attract more Indigenous officials to the game to provide balance, teachings, the true passion and spirit of the game,” explained Herbie John of the Seneca Nation. John is an Ongwehonwe referee and one of several Indigenous people from all walks of lacrosse coming together to help lead the OLOA forward. John is actively involved in both Canadian Lacrosse and USBOXLA. He is quick to share his experiences with players, coaches, referees and fans alike—always clear that he is there with the purpose of staying involved in the game and growing as an official. John’s efforts and passion for officiating are not unrecognized. “Herbie brings an energy to the arena that is unrivalled and shares his passion with everyone.” said Adam

Gardner of USBOXLA. “Having him on the ‘third team’ is truly advantageous”. John aspires to referee in the National Lacrosse League and hopes that through this collective effort, more First Nations, Métis, and Inuit will have that chance.

This newly formed committee will survey all aspects of officiating in lacrosse and provide findings and direction to the OLOA executive. The committee will also look at creating tangible solutions to aid in the recruitment, development and retention of Indigenous officials, expanding the footprint of the OLOA in the lacrosse community.

“The OLOA has been conducting a thorough review of how we serve the game of lacrosse and officials within the sport,” said Ian Garrison, an advisor to the OLOA. “As the Iroquois Nationals’ fight for inclusion in the World Games came to the forefront, we looked at how we can support them and realized one way is in our own backyard. We can tweet, sign petitions and share our support, which we will continue to do, but let’s be better. Let’s take this to the next level. Let’s realize that this game is a gift from the Creator and that we have an underrepresentation from our Indigenous

partners. The more our officials know about the true essence of the game the better we can all be. We have been asking ourselves, why don’t we have a greater number of Indigenous officials within our association? What are we missing?”

Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Famer and OLOA Indigenous Committee member Frank Roundpoint looks at the proximity of certification clinics to Indigenous Territories and an active recruiting campaign targeted at former players. John agrees, and highlights that “it’s nobody’s fault that we lack indigenous referees, we have to find it within and realize the importance of giving back to the game.” These are the very conversations that will aid in the change being sought.

John Szabo of the Cayuga Nation sees this as an important step but is quick to acknowledge that this is about more than just officiating. “We need to look at the abuse officials and the effect this has on our registration numbers,” he said. Szabo has travelled across the globe

working all levels of lacrosse from amateur to world championships and has seen the acceptable treatment of officials in some places and the not so acceptable treatment in other places, including Ontario. “We need to address this,” confirms Szabo.

While this committee will look at the representation of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples in officiating, Herbie John sees this as something bigger.

“Our people say ‘our game’ this and ‘our game’ that but it has really evolved to be everyone’s game. This isn’t about ‘Indigenous’ or ‘Canadian’ or ‘American’—this is about the game and what we can all bring to the table; to unify as one. That is what will keep officiating going strong.”

It is our hope that John’s words will serve to take the game of lacrosse to new heights.

Leaders of ‘We Build The Wall’ Online Fundraising Campaign Charged With Defrauding Hundreds of Thousands Of Donors

Brian Kolfage, Stephen Bannon, and Two Others Alleged to Have Funneled Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars From the Organization to Kolfage; All Four Defendants Allegedly Profited From Their Roles in the Scheme

Reprinted from justice.gov | August 20, 2020 | Submitted by Lucille White

Note from a concerned community member: This article would be of interest to our Seneca Community as I am aware that our nations oppose the building of this wall as it divides several native nations who have members on both sides of the border.

Audrey Strauss, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and Philip R. Bartlett, Inspector-in-Charge of the New York Field Office of the United States Postal Inspection Service (“USPIS”), announced the unsealing of an indictment charging BRIAN KOLFAGE, STEPHEN BANNON, ANDREW BADOLATO, and TIMOTHY SHEA for their roles in defrauding hundreds of thousands of donors in connection with an online crowdfunding campaign known as “We Build the Wall” that raised more than \$25 million. The defendants were arrested this morning. KOLFAGE will be presented today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Hope T. Cannon in the Northern District of Florida. BANNON will be presented today in the Southern District of New York. BADOLATO will be presented today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Thomas Wilson in the Middle District of Florida.

SHEA will be presented today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Kristen L. Mix in the District of Colorado. The case is assigned to U.S. District Judge Analisa Torres in the Southern District of New York.

Acting U.S. Attorney Audrey Strauss said: “As alleged, the defendants defrauded hundreds of thousands of donors, capitalizing on their interest in funding a border wall to raise millions of dollars, under the false pretense that all of that money would be spent on construction. While repeatedly assuring donors that Brian Kolfage, the founder and public face of We Build the Wall, would not be paid a cent, the defendants secretly schemed to pass hundreds of thousands of dollars to Kolfage, which he used to fund his lavish lifestyle. We thank the USPIS for their partnership in investigating this case, and we remain dedicated to rooting out and prosecuting fraud wherever we find it.”

Inspector-in-Charge Philip R. Bartlett said: “The defendants allegedly engaged in fraud when they misrepresented the true use of donated funds. As alleged, not only did they lie to donors, they schemed to hide their misappropriation of funds by creating sham invoices and accounts to launder donations and cover up their crimes, showing no regard for the law or the truth. This case should serve as a warning to other fraudsters that no one is above the law, not even a disabled war veteran or a millionaire political strategist.”

According to the Indictment[1] unsealed today in Manhattan federal court:

Starting in approximately December 2018, BRIAN KOLFAGE, STEPHEN BANNON, ANDREW BADOLATO, and TIMOTHY SHEA, and others, orchestrated a scheme to defraud hundreds of thousands of donors, including

donors in the Southern District of New York, in connection with an online crowdfunding campaign ultimately known as “We Build The Wall” that raised more than \$25 million to build a wall along the southern border of the United States. In particular, to induce donors to donate to the campaign, KOLFAGE repeatedly and falsely assured the public that he would “not take a penny in salary or compensation” and that “100% of the funds raised . . . will be used in the execution of our mission and purpose” because, as BANNON publicly stated, “we’re a volunteer organization.”

Those representations were false. In truth, KOLFAGE, BANNON, BADOLATO, and SHEA received hundreds of thousands of dollars in donor funds from We Build the Wall, which they each used in a manner inconsistent with the organization’s public representations. In particular,

KOLFAGE covertly took for his personal use more than \$350,000 in funds that donors had given to We Build the Wall, while BANNON, through a non-profit organization under his control (“Non-Profit-1”), received over \$1 million from We Build the Wall, at least some of which BANNON used to cover hundreds of thousands of dollars in BANNON’s personal expenses. To conceal the payments to KOLFAGE from We Build the Wall, KOLFAGE, BANNON, BADOLATO, and SHEA devised a scheme to route those payments from We Build the Wall to KOLFAGE indirectly through Non-Profit-1 and a shell company under SHEA’s control,

among other avenues. They did so by using fake invoices and sham “vendor” arrangements, among other ways, to ensure, as KOLFAGE noted in a text message to BADOLATO, that his pay arrangement remained “confidential” and kept on a “need to know” basis.

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KOLFAGE, 38, of Miramar Beach, Florida, BANNON, 66, of Washington, D.C., BADOLATO, 56, of Sarasota, Florida, and SHEA, 49, of Castle Rock, Colorado, are each charged with one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud and one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering, each of

which carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. The statutory maximum penalties are prescribed by Congress and are provided here for informational purposes only, as any sentencing of the defendants would be determined by the judge.

Ms. Strauss praised the outstanding investigative work of the USPIS and the Special Agents of the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York. She also thanked the U.S Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Florida for their assistance.

The case is being handled by the Office’s Public Corruption Unit. Assistant United States Attorneys Nicolas Roos, Alison G. Moe, and Robert B. Sobelman are in charge of the prosecution. The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations. The defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Source:

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-sdny/pr/leaders-we-build-wall-online-fundraising-campaign-charged-defrauding-hundreds-thousands>

Indigenous-Led Radical Registration Telethon

To Bring The Frontlines To The Polls

Groundbreaking Online Voter Registration Campaign, At Radicalizethevote.org, Will Build Centralized Indigenous Voter Registration List To Get Out The Vote In Record Numbers During Covid-19

Turtle Island (August 1, 2020) - This November the U.S. and Tribal Nations face one of the most important Presidential elections in recent history. However, COVID-19 has presented a massive challenge to traditional GOTV efforts and so Seeding Sovereignty has created an online campaign to **Radicalize the Vote** in order to inspire Indigenous and frontlines folks to register and vote. At the center of this campaign is a website that hosts the portal at radicalizethevote.org where we have Indigenous the process of voting to build a centralized Indigenous voter registration list. This is a coalition effort and we are elated to announce that our first Indigenous partner organization is the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). At this time, we encourage other organizations and Tribal Nations across the country to join this campaign to inspire their relatives and communities to get out the vote!

“This is Indian Country’s opportunity to be seen and be heard,” says Lycia Maddocks,

NCAI Vice President of External Affairs. “The decisions we make today will set the standard for how Native people are represented going forward. We must express the diversity, strength and resilience that we have and ensure that we take the lead on creating what the future looks like for the next Seven Generations. The power that we can be expressed through the Native Vote.”

To promote this unique Indigenous voter registration portal, we have organized a 12-hour online Indigenous Radical Registration Telethon scheduled for August 29th with an amazing line-up of Indigenous leaders, artists and culture bearers who will virtually attend the event to speak, sing and dance. The telethon will be broadcast through radicalizethevote.org and moderated remotely by

Indigenous hosts across the nation. A social media toolkit and educational resources are also available on the website to help all coalition members promote the event in their states and communities. An integral part of the telethon is our nation-wide digital youth street team that will promote the event in social media groups, pages, tribal message boards and peer to peer digital tools. Our digital youth street team will be led by our SHIFT Youth Interns, Carleigh Lameman (Navajo) and Keely Driscoll (Meskwaki and Winnebago) who are coordinating efforts to text, email and send social media reminders to encourage folks to mail in their ballot after registering.

Though our portal is set up for nationwide registration,

our focus is on seven states where Indigenous people have the ability to shift the vote this year. Arizona, Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, North Carolina, Wisconsin, and Utah are states that, together, encompass over one million Indigenous voters and where their vote can flip the state either way. The states of New Mexico, Alaska, Oklahoma, and South Dakota are also important as their population shares are more than 10% Native American/Alaska Native. Lastly, we are encouraging Indigenous folks to vote in district four of Iowa where Sioux City is located and where the Indigenous population can make a difference at the polls.

“Radicalize the Vote is a response to a political system that has never worked for Indian Country and why we must Indigenize Congress and implement better systems; Systems for true sovereignty, systems for reconciliation and systems for an Indigenous-led regenerative economy that go way beyond the Green New Deal.” - Sikowis, SHIFT Director, Seeding Sovereignty,



Plains Cree/Saulteaux

Radicalize the Vote has the ability to make historic change and we invite all Indigenous and ally organizations and Tribal Nations to help with this effort. The idea to Radicalize the Vote comes from the power at the frontlines where Indigenous Peoples have long stood to protect their lands, their bodies, and their sovereignty. This culture of resistance is a major aspect of the Indigenous lived experience and a huge motivator to incite political engagement.

Beyond merely influencing the 2020 election, Indigenous voter turnout has the potential to shift political engagement in the country for years to come. This effort is proudly organized by Seeding Sovereignty’s SHIFT team. SHIFT stands for Seeding the Hill with Indigenous FreeThinkers and is Seeding Sovereignty’s political engagement program focused on empowering Indigenous voices, values and leadership; Particularly womxn, youth, LGBTQIA+, and Two Spirit-

folx during this critical 2020 presidential election and beyond. We rally behind Indigenous-led environmental and climate justice movements as the fight for land sovereignty is at the center of every issue we face. Protection and land stewardship is a longstanding force that incites grassroots action and political engagement, which catalyzes real, lasting change. Founded in 1944, the National Congress of American Indians is the oldest, largest and most

representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization in the country. NCAI advocates on behalf of tribal governments and communities, promoting strong tribal-federal government-to-government policies, and promoting a better understanding among the general public regarding American Indian and Alaska Native governments, people and rights. For more information, visit www.ncai.org. For more information go to: radicalizethevote.org

Letter to the Editor:
Submitted by Gary Gunton

Just think if America took down all the statues and flags that Native Americans didn't like. I would like to say something to the people that acknowledge the Civil Rights Act of 1964. How would they or anyone like to live in Salamanca and be surrounded by Cattaraugus County in New York State as a Native American. The Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968 set forth a proper procedure to obtain legal jurisdiction through a Special Election Title 25 Section 1326. It still to this day is being violated by Salamanca police, Cattaraugus County sheriffs and the New York State troopers and all judges and lawyers. I agree with protesting for training of the whole judicial system on the civil rights on all Indian territories. Since Title 25 Section 232 (Criminal) and 233 (Civil jurisdiction), were vengeful and unconstitutional, also further attempt of assimilation of New York State Native Americans. Criminal jurisdiction can still be maintained with Federal Law Title 18, Section 1153. The United States Supreme Court explains some of these issues, reference: July 2020, the state of Oklahoma.

Final Thought

Citizens are told ignorance of the law is no excuse. Lawyers don't even know all the different laws. Why are police and judges allowed to violate federal and constitutional law without punishment? Their behavior flies in the face of the Declaration of Independence, Pledge of Allegiance and the Treaty of 1794. People like that disgrace the US flag more than protester's do, because it violates their sworn oath to uphold the law (all laws, not just the ones they want to) and severely destroys our trust and respect in them. I believe that everyday news shows that!



Do you want to publish a letter to the Editor?

Mail to: 90 Ohi:yo' Way, Salamanca, NY 14779 or email sninews@sni.org

Please remember to be safe and stay at posted speed limits

SLOW DOWN JIMTOWN!

A public safety initiative has been founded by Jimersontown community members & the Seneca Nation. Please adhere to all speed limits, laws, road signs, & be cautious. This is where we bike, walk, run, & play! Let's ALL make an effort to keep our kids SAFE!



Next Newsletter DEADLINE: Tuesday, September 1, 2020

Next issue to be dated September 11, 2020



Renegade Mobile Market

The Renegade Market on wheels!

Gakwi:yo:h Farms will be visiting both territories to bring you a variety of fresh, locally grown produce. Meet us at the designated stops to get your fresh veggies, berries, and Gakwi:yo:h Farms products.



Tuesdays & Thursdays
Allegany & Cattaraugus

Seneca Strong **Saylor bldg.**
parking lot **parking lot**

11:00-1:00 pm

Social distance protocols in effect
Masks must be worn at location
Maintain 6 ft. apart

Starting July 14th

Rain or Shine



For more info call
Leroy Henhawk at
716-244-0493
or
Tina Square at 315-296-8284

Employment Opportunity on the Cattaraugus Territory


Looking for a reliable in-home care person to assist with the care of my elderly parents. Wages based on experience and qualifications. Part or full-time employment available. Must have reliable transportation and references.

For more information, contact
Michael A. John at (716) 549-1610



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SURROGATE'S COURT

IN THE MATTER

OF

THE ESTATE OF BRENDA JIMERSON

NOTICE OF HEARING
FILE # I-0805-20C

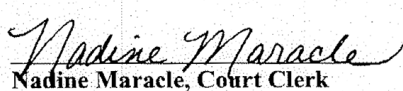
TO: Christa Jimerson: 12452 Rt. 438 Irving, NY 14081
 Angela Rea: PO Box 326 Salamanca, NY 14779
 Jeremy Jimerson: 13032 Rte 438 Gowanda, NY 14070

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Christa Jimerson petitioned this court for Letters of Administration for the Estate of Brenda Jimerson. A hearing is scheduled for Monday the 21st day of September, 2020 at 10:00 am at the Seneca Nation of Indians Judicial Court Building, 2 Thomas Indian School Drive, Irving, New York 14081, located on the first (1st) floor. Please bring with you any and all documentation that you have in regards to this estate.

***YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR MAY RESULT IN A WAIVER TO YOUR RIGHTS IN THIS CASE. THE DATE OF THE HEARING IS NOT SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNLESS YOU CONTACT THE COURT IN WRITING WITHIN (5) DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE.**

***Petitioner –** You are further notified that you must post this notice in three (3) public places within the Nation. The notice shall be posted no less than ten (10) calendar days before the time of the hearing. On or before the time set for the hearing, the petitioner or the Clerk, as the case may be, shall file his or her affidavit and certified mail receipts with the Court verifying compliance with the notice requirement.

8/16/2020
Date


Nadine Maracle, Court Clerk
Cattaraugus Territory

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For Sale Cattaraugus Territory

Land in prime location on Brant-Reservation Road. SNI Maps and Boundaries estimates acreage to be about 11 acres. Fenced pasture. Bounded by small creeks on two sides. Wooded section. New metal outbuilding. Two sheds. Historic one-hundred-year-old house included as-is. \$99,900.00. Contact Martin Seneca. (716) 560-2931.



Moving?

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

Call us at 716-945-1790, or email sninews@sni.org.

LRJHC Diabetes Unit Community Garden

Submitted by Robin Crouse, HOPE Unit, LRJHC

Nya:weh Sge:no!

If any of you have had an appointment at LRJHC, you may have noticed our “free veggie” cart in the hallway where you get your temperature taken.

Jody LaMarca, Nutritionist, and I, Robin Crouse, Health Educator, have worked hard at planting, maintaining and harvesting six garden beds so we could supply free produce to our patients that come into the Health Center.

Many times during this process I have thought about my Hakso:d, Harold “Mike” Maybee. He was truly a Master Gardener. When I was a kid he had a huge garden. I also remember hating to go out and weed it! But, it fed all of us and now when I look back I am so grateful for what he did for our family.

Gardening does take some work, but in the end it is a great accomplishment being able to help sustain people in a healthy way.

Our garden did very well! For example, in the past months we have given out 106 Zucchini, along with yellow squash, green beans, 3 types of tomatoes (beef steak, cherry & Roma), hot peppers, green peppers, cukes and herbs (cilantro, basil, & rosemary) .

One of our beds yielded 45 bulbs of different types of garlic. After we harvested the garlic we planted different types of lettuce seeds, spinach and arugula which all did very well and is still producing.

We look forward to next year and hope to get more people in our community interested in gardening!!



NOTICE:

Seneca Nation Health System
will be closed:
Monday, Sept. 7th ~ Labor Day
Please make sure to schedule your appointments and order prescriptions ahead of time.

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.

<u>Cattaraugus: 532-5582</u>	<u>Allegany: 945-5894</u>
Barb Nephew, ext 5293	Yvonne Sweet, ext. 3279
Kerry Kennedy, ext. 5227	Jody LaMarca, ext. 3242
	Robin Crouse, ext. 3240

SNHS Employee Spotlight

Amanda Isaac is a patient registration clerk, located at the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Health Center. She has held this position for one and a half years.



We asked her what she likes best about her job and she said “I like how busy it can be. I like to see all the new patients and returning patients.”

She was born in Six Nations, Ontario, Canada. She also says “I am Six Nations Mohawk. Bear Clan.”

We asked what she likes to do in her

spare time. She said “I like photography and editing photos and I like to woodburn. And I love to watch my my kids and grands play sports.”

We asked her to tell us something interesting or extraordinary about herself that she’d like people to know. She says “I live in Newtown with my husband Roy and 8 of our 10 kids. I have 1 grandson and 2 granddaughters.”

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

Simply HR ~ July

New Hires
Amanda Hogand
Health Information Tech., LRJHC
July 7, 2020

Annmarie Hadley
Medical Unit Clerk, CIRHC
July 20, 2020

Kelsey M. Lay
Addiction Counselor, CHWC
July 20, 2020

Deborah Tharnish
Pharmacy Technician, CIRHC
July 27, 2020

Congratulations on your new positions!

Non-Contact Infrared Thermometers

Measuring a person’s temperature can be done in several ways. One method to measure a person’s surface temperature is with the use of non-contact infrared thermometers (NCITs). NCITs may be used to reduce cross-contamination risk and minimize the risk of spreading disease. While typically 98.6°F (37.0°C) is considered a “normal” temperature, some studies have shown that "normal" body temperature can be within a wide range, from 97°F (36.1°C) to 99°F (37.2°C). Before NCITs are used, it is important to understand the benefits, limitations, and proper use of these thermometers. Improper use of NCITs may lead to inaccurate measurements of temperature.

Benefits of NCITs

- Non-contact approach may reduce the risk of spreading disease between people being evaluated
- Easy to use
- Easy to clean and disinfect
- Measures temperature and displays a reading rapidly
- Provides ability to retake a temperature quickly

Limitations of NCITs

- How and where the NCIT is used may affect the measurement (for example, head covers, environment, positioning on forehead).
- The close distance required to properly take a person’s temperature represents a risk of spreading disease between the person using the device and the person being evaluated.

Proper Use of NCITs

The person using the device should **strictly follow the manufacturer’s guidelines and instructions for use** for the specific NCIT being used. The manufacturer’s instructions for use typically include the following information and recommendations for proper use:

Preparing the Environment and NCIT:
The use environment may impact the performance of the NCIT. Instructions will typically include recommendations for optimal use, such as the following:

- Use in a draft-free space and out of direct sun or near radiant heat sources.
- Determine if conditions are optimal for use. Typically, the environmental tem-

perature should be between 60.8-104 °F (16-40 °C) and relative humidity below 85 percent.

- Place the NCIT in the testing environment or room for 10-30 minutes prior to use to allow the NCIT to adjust to the environment.

Cleaning Between Uses:

For cleaning NCITs between uses, follow the instructions in the Cleaning and Disinfecting section of the product instructions. Most NCITs should never be immersed in water or other liquids.

Preparing the Person being Evaluated:

- In preparation for taking a temperature measurement with an NCIT, the person using the NCIT should typically ensure that
- The test area of the forehead is clean, dry and not blocked during measurement.
 - The person’s body temperature or temperature at the forehead test area has not been increased or decreased by wearing excessive clothing or head covers (for example headbands, bandanas), or by using facial cleansing products (for example cosmetic wipes).

Using the NCIT:

As previously noted, the person using the device should strictly follow the manufacturer’s guidelines and instructions for use for the specific NCIT being used. In particular, the following are typical instructions for NCIT usage.

- Hold the NCIT sensing area perpendicular to the forehead and instruct the person to remain stationary during measurement(s). (See Figure 1)
- The distance between the NCIT and forehead is specific to each NCIT. Consult the manufacturer’s instructions for correct measurement distances.
- Do not touch the sensing area of the NCIT and keep the sensor clean and dry.

Are Infrared Thermometers Accurate:

Reprinted from *Family Medicine*, June 5, 2020

The short answer from a family medicine specialist:



Q: I’ve had my temperature checked with a hand-held thermometer for work or when entering a building during coronavirus, but is it actually accurate in detecting a fever?

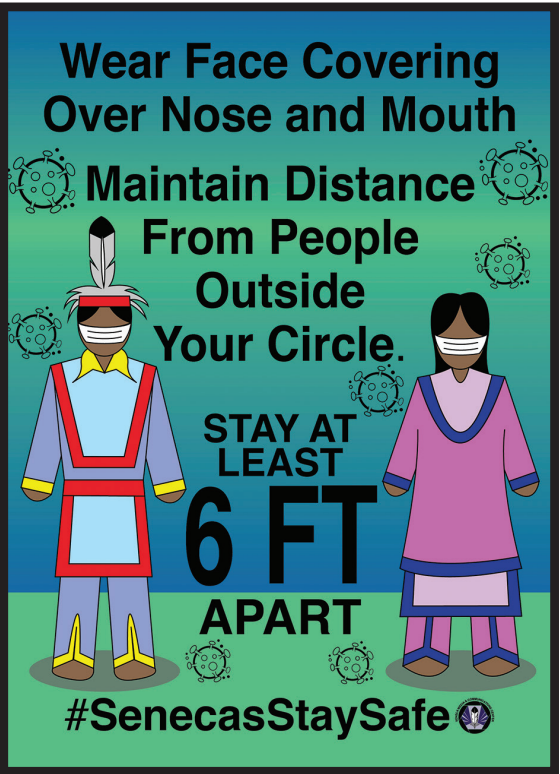
A: With the spread of COVID-19, many hospitals and businesses have started to implement temperature screenings for employees, patients and customers using infrared thermometers. These devices offer efficiency, safety and accuracy in detecting fevers in large groups of people.

Research has shown that, when used correctly, infrared or no-contact thermometers are just as accurate as oral or rectal thermometers. No-contact thermometers are popular among pediatricians, as kids often squirm around when trying to get a temperature read, but it also holds true in mass temperature screenings. The device offers safety to both parties while providing a quick and accurate read.

Of course, when available, an internal thermometer is the gold standard in healthcare, but due to COVID-19 and the need to quickly mass test, a no-contact thermometer has become the standard. The operator needs to follow the device’s protocol and it won’t pick up a fever on someone who has taken fever-reducing medication. But with many establishments now requiring temperature checks, these hand-held thermometers are proving to be safe, quick and accurate while helping to reduce the spread of coronavirus.

– *Family medicine specialist Neha Vyas, MD.*

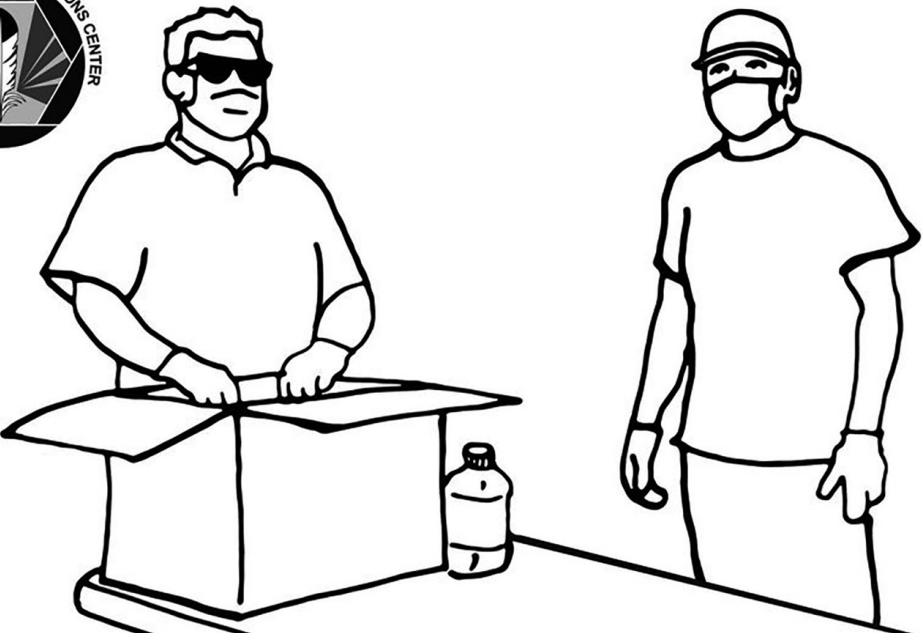
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Looking for activities to do with the family?

Download these coloring pages and many more from the Seneca Media & Communications Center Facebook Page. Share them using the hashtag #SenecasStaySafe

Be Safe. Wear a Mask.

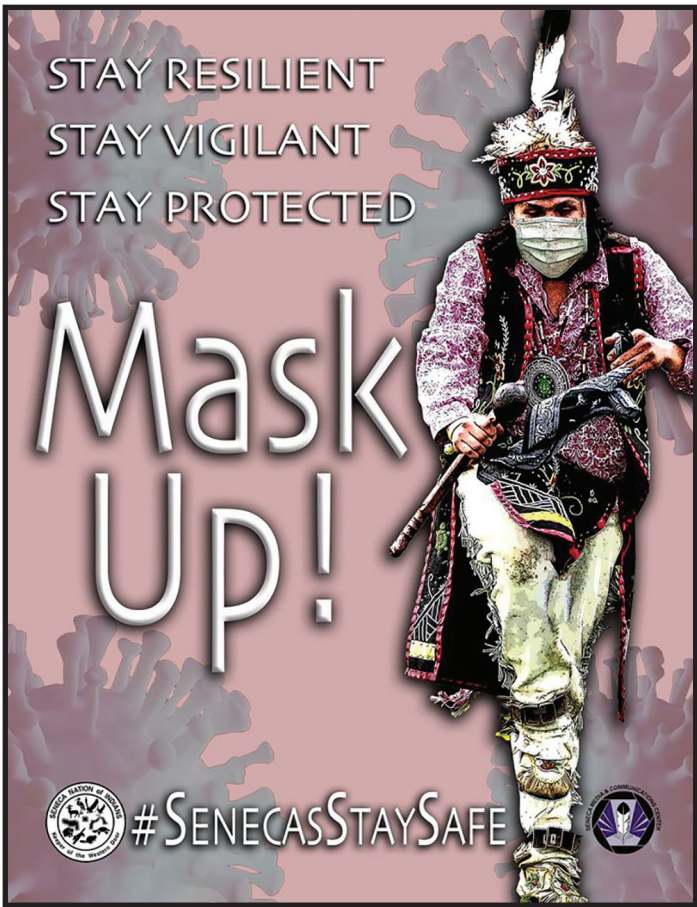


Everyday Heroes



#SenecasStaySafe

We all need to keep doing our part to keep our communities safe as COVID-19 cases continue to rise all over. Masks, social distancing, and proper hand washing are still important and proven ways of reducing transmission. When you're in public spaces or around people outside of your household, mask up! #SenecasStaySafe



UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:
Seneca Nation Offices & Buildings will BE CLOSED:

Monday, September 7, 2020
for Labor Day

AND

Friday, September 18, 2020
for Ogwe'o:weh Day (Federal)