



# The Official Newsletter of the SENECA NATION



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## A message from President Matthew B. Pagels



**Nya:wëh sgë:nö' gagwe:göh,**

If you didn't already know Punxsutany Phil saw his shadow on Ground Hog's Day, which predicts 6 more weeks of winter!! We are fortunate to have had a rather mild winter with only a couple significant snow events. The countdown to spring is here.

With the changing seasons I'm hopeful we will have some change in our numbers for COVID-19. Our 14-day snap shot shows we have seen another slight bump of positive cases. At a recent pop up testing event

EMS tested 204 individuals. This was the largest number tested since the start. The good news is that only 11 individuals tested positive.

Nya:wëh EMS for the outstanding job at each and every testing event! Please keep our numbers low by continuing to do your part to by following COVID-19 protocols, social distancing, mask wearing and hand washing. Keep your circles small by avoiding large gatherings. On the vaccination front our health department has administered 1,000 initial doses and 400 second boosters this month. We continue to receive a limited amount of primary or initial doses and will contact Indian Health Service to look into receiving more doses in the future. I believe the vaccine is a vital tool in fighting the virus. I know some members have concerns regarding the vaccine and should contact your health care provider for factual information. I understand this is a private and personal decision but it also plays a significant piece of the bigger picture in slowing the spread of the virus. You may also continue to join in the weekly virtual COVID-19 sessions for updated information.

The elders, our most precious teachers, are the most vulnerable population to the

disease. We are saddened to have lost some elders to this disease, some fluent speakers and influential leaders. Again, let's do our part by keeping our elders home and safe from exposure.

The Council and Executives are working on the seven-month budget to finish out the year. Fiscal presented the revenue and expenditures from March through September with adjustments made to Seneca Gaming and Entertainment due to the recent closure. Upgrades and repairs have been made to the systems damaged from the power surge and the facility opened ahead of schedule. Finalized budgets will be passed in March.



Looking forward, stay safe as surrounding businesses are opening up for the public and better weather is coming. Our greatest strength comes from us working together, we can lift one another by staying strong and healthy.

**Dah ne'hoh dih ae'**  
**Matt**

**Make sure to check out the UPDATED COVID-19 Response Hub!**

**<https://covid19.snigis.org>**

The COVID-19 Response Hub has been updated with a new look for better viewing on mobile devices and computers. It has the latest on testing events and statistics, as well as video PSAs and other important information

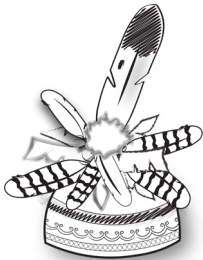
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Presidential Updates

Don't forget to follow & subscribe to the Seneca Media & Communications Center YouTube Channel to watch President Pagels' up-to-date virtual messages!


President Matthew B. Pagels has been addressing important Nation news, the status of all things COVID-19 related on our Territories and everything in between over the course of the last few months via short video clips that are posted to the Seneca Media & Communications Center YouTube channel and other SNI media outlets. So, if you're looking for the most up-to-date Nation news, make sure to tune in!

You can also access the Presidential Updates here:

- SNI Official Newsletter website:  
[www.sninews.org](http://www.sninews.org)
- The Nation's main website:  
[www.sni.org](http://www.sni.org)
- Seneca Media Facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/senecamedia](http://www.facebook.com/senecamedia)
- Seneca Nation COVID-19 Response Hub  
[covid19.snigis.org](http://covid19.snigis.org)
- Seneca Nation Twitter account  
[@theSenecaNation](https://twitter.com/theSenecaNation)

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
Continuation of Exclusion for  
Cedric Cobb, Bradley Gabel and Ariel Eyoto

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, use and manufacture 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 Nation law enforcement as involved in the sale, manufacture and/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, the following individuals, Cedric Cobb, Bradley Gabel and Ariel Eyoto have been previously banned and excluded from the Seneca Nation Territory and therefore have no right or permission to be present within the Seneca Nation Territory;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED THAT,

the Exclusion Order issued by President Rickey Armstrong Excluding Cedric Cobb, Bradley Gabel and Ariel Eyoto are continued in full force and effect; and be it

FURTHER ORDERED,

that any member of the Seneca Nation who is determined to have knowingly harbored or assisted any individual who is the subject of a Seneca Nation Exclusion Order to remain on or return to the Seneca Nation Territory with violating such 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 any individual who is the subject of a Seneca Nation Exclusion Order and who refuses to leave the Seneca Nation Territory or who returns to the Seneca Nation Territory in violation of such Exclusion Order may be removed from Seneca Nation Territory immediately by Seneca Nation Law Enforcement, who are authorized to enlist the assistance of outside law enforcement to enforce this Order;

FINALLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED,

THAT THE EXCLUSION OF CEDRIC COBB, BRADLEY GABEL AND ARIEL EYOTO SHALL BE CONTINUED UNTIL LIFTED BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT.

Dated: January 26, 2021





Matthew B. Pagels, President  
Seneca Nation of Indians

FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER



Greetings,

I understand Punxatawney Phil and Dunkirk Dave may have had a difference of opinion recently, about how much more winter we can expect. Phil predicted six more weeks of winter; and Dave predicted an early spring. Either way, keep enjoying your outdoor winter activities and stay safe! For those looking for indoor activities, the ACC and CCC opened back up to Seneca Nation members and other natives on Monday,

February 3rd, after having been closed for about two months. Access to use of the facility, including the fitness room, is by appointment only. For the time being, they will be open Monday through Thursday, from 7am to 8pm; and on Fridays they will be open from 9am to 5:30pm. For Allegany, please call Kingsley Nephew at (716) 945-8119; and for Cattaraugus, call Brad John at (716) 532-8450.

In another bit of good news, the Salamanca School District has recently received interim guidance from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association to begin playing basketball for varsity, junior varsity and modified levels and high school bowling. In order to receive this interim guidance, approval was received

from a consortium of area county health departments; and the school district agreed to abide by their well-established COVID-19 safety plan. The entire process was a collaborative effort between administrators, athletes, coaches and parents. Unfortunately, spectators will not be allowed to attend any of the games or matches; but will be able to view them via Facebook live and other media outlets. The first games are scheduled for February 10th (see the Sports section). In addition, the Salamanca School District also participates in wrestling, cheer leading, unified basketball and unified bowling, which is designed for children with special needs, assisted by general education students; but those activities won't begin until a later date.

Over the coming months, little by little, our lives will be returning to normal. Maintain social distance, keep putting one foot in front of the other and remember to check in on our elders to see if they need anything.

Respectfully,  
Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.



Jaxson Ross  
Salamanca JV Basketball 2019





Marta Kettle, Clerk  
CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY



Bethany Johnson, Deputy Clerk  
ALLEGANY TERRITORY

Lori Waterman, Administrative Assistant / Receptionist  
Dana Maybee, Business Permit Officer

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

**Allegany Clerk’s Office Staff**

Bethany Johnson, Deputy Clerk (Notary Public)  
Charisse Ground, Executive Secretary  
Sue Case, Enrollment Officer  
Leslie R. John, Enrollment Assistant  
Kathleen “Yomie” Hill, Administrative Assistant  
Olivia John, Administrative Assistant  
Ryan Mohr, Receptionist

The Buffalo Office  
Buffalo Location - (716) 845-6304 or (716) 951-7555  
Buffalo Office works in Conjunction with the Clerk’s Office

Ramona Marion – Director  
Stephanie Maybee – Administrative Assistant  
Judson Logan - Tutor

533 Amherst Street  
Buffalo, NY 14207  
Monday-Friday: 8am-4:30pm

If you have any questions about the Annual In Person Registration please feel free to call the Allegany or Cattaraugus Clerk’s Office and we will be happy to assist you.

**ANNUAL IN PERSON REGISTRATION EXTENSION DUE TO COVID - 19**

At the Regular Session of Council on January 9, 2021 Council

**CLERK’S OFFICE UPDATE**

Due to concerns with the rise of COVID-19 cases on and near our territories, the Clerk’s Office will be closed to the General Public. We will remain open with a walk-up window for limited services. Our hours will be Monday through Friday; 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, on both territories. Clerk’s Office will no longer be open on second Saturday of the month until further notice.

We encourage members to bring their own pen if needed, as a safety precaution.

**NYA:WEH FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING**

**William Seneca Building – Cattaraugus Territory – (716) 532-4900 ext. 5000**

**Cattaraugus Clerk’s Office Staff**

Marta Kettle – Clerk  
Geraldine Huff, Executive Assistant (Notary Public)  
Kelly Mohawk, Deeds Recorder  
Leslie Cooke, Executive Secretary (Notary Public)  
Tammi Stafford, Administrative Assistant (Notary Public)  
Ashley Warrior, Administrative Assistant

approved a Resolution Extending the In-Person Registration Requirement due to COVID-19.

**WHEREAS**, the Seneca Nation Council established a general registration requirement for enrolled Nation members to qualify for annuity distribution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Seneca Nation’s Council has since acted on several occasions to amend the in-person appearance and registration requirement; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of public health and safety of the Nation and its members to extend the In-Person appearance registration requirement for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that all members who completed their 2019 & 2020 registration requirement, will be eligible to mail-in their completed registration form regardless if they are required to appear in person or mail in; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that effective January 1, 2021, members who did not meet the registration deadline of December 31, 2020 for the 2021 direct benefits distribution will be eligible for the January – June 2021 payment.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, this resolution will expire on July 1, 2021 and will revert back to Council Resolution R-02-11-17-06, accordingly, all members who have not registered by December 31, 2020 must register by June 30, 2021 to continue receiving direct benefit payments for July 2021- December 2021.

**SNI ID Cards**

We will NOT be taking pictures for SN Identification Cards. However, if you already have a picture on file, you will be able to purchase a card. Cost: \$7.00 and Seniors (60 & up) \$3.00.  
Our staff will be happy to assist you with your visit to the Office. Please practice social distancing if there is a line outside the door and always wear a mask/face covering.

**CLERK’S OFFICE FORMS**

Completed forms can be mailed 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.

- **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).

- **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.

- **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
- 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.

- **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.

As enrollment applications continue to come in and you would like your baby featured in the newsletter under new enrollments you can submit the name and baby picture with your application or you send picture via email to Bjohnson@sni.org.

We would like to say 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.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**The Seneca Nation is currently accepting letters of interest to serve on the following Commissions, Committees & Boards:**

AREA OFFICE OF AGING (AOA) – ELDER ADVISORY BOARD

DISABILITIES COMMITTEE

FOSTER CARE LICENSING COMMISSION (FCLC)  
(See separate posting for specific Requirements)

HUMAN RESOURCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (HROC)

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT BOARD  
(See separate posting for specific Requirements)

JUDICIAL CONFERENCE

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE  
(Must have a high interest in our Environment)

SENECA NATION HEALTH BOARD \*  
(See separate posting for specific Requirements)

SENECA HOLDINGS LLC MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
(See separate posting for specific Requirements)

SENECA NATION ENTERPRISE BOARD  
(See separate posting for specific Requirements)

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMPANY (SNIEDC)  
(See separate posting for specific Requirements)

TORT CLAIMS COMMISSION

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS (TERO)

If interested, please submit your letter of interest on or before February 26, 2021 to:  
Marta L. Kettle, Seneca Nation Clerk - 12837 Route 438, Irving, NY 14081

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**The Seneca Nation is seeking enrolled members of the Nation who are interested in serving on the:**

**SENECA NATION ENTERPRISE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Purpose - The Board is organized for the purposes of managing the Nation’s Enterprises (Seneca Gaming & Entertainment, Seneca One Stop and Highbanks Campground). The Nation intends that the Board shall assume all obligations, responsibilities and duties of the Nation under the Enterprises except that the Nation reserves from the Board all regulatory, legislative and other governmental power.

Article 3 – The Board  
3.1 Board. The Nation’s Enterprises shall be governed by a Board, subject to the provisions and limitations of the Nation’s laws, applicable federal laws and this Charter.

3.2 Purposes. The Board is established for the purpose of providing overall policy and strategic direction for the Enterprise operations of the Nation, consistent with this Charter and specific direction provided by Council.

3.3 Specific Powers. Subject to the provisions and limitations of the Nation’s laws, the Board shall have the power and authority to: See Charter Section 3.3

Qualifications of Board Members. Any candidate for the Board shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Board only if all of the following criteria are satisfied:

- Is at least twenty-one (21) years old;
- Is an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation;
- Has earned an associate degree or higher, preferably in gaming, hospitality, or a business-related field;
- o At a minimum, at least one Board member must have a financial background – A Public Accountancy degree is preferred;
- Will be deemed a “Primary Management Official” and therefore must be eligible for and obtain a Class II “key” employee gaming license through the Seneca Gaming Authority, pass other necessary background checks, and maintain the license for the duration of the term as a board member.
- Prohibitions. Board members and their immediate family (or persons residing in the same household) shall be prohibited from conducting with or profiting from the activities of any of the Enterprises, whether directly or indirectly. This prohibition may not be waived. Board members shall be considered “Public officials” for purposes of the Nation’s Ethics Law. Additionally, the following persons are not eligible to serve as Board members (a) employees of the Nation’s Enterprises; (b) owners or employees of contractors who conduct business with the Enterprises; (c) owners or employees of a business in direct competition with the Enterprises; (d) persons directly related to persons listed in (a),(b) or (c). For purposes of this Charter “immediate family” and “persons directly related” means being related to a person in the following ways: (i) husband/wife (including unmarried cohabitating relationships), (ii) mother/father (iii) child (natural or adopted (iv) brother/sister (v) aunt/uncle (vi) niece/nephew or (vii) grandparent/grandchild.

If interested, please submit a letter of intent & current resume/ qualifications to the address listed below no later than: February 26, 2021 to:

Seneca Nation of Indians Clerk’s Office  
Attention: Marta L. Kettle, Clerk  
12837 Route 438  
Irving, New York 14081  
Posted 02/04/2021; SN



**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**The Seneca Nation is currently accepting letters of intent for those interested in serving on the following board:**

**SENECA NATION INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT BOARD**

- Qualifications:
- Must have a background (through education or experience) in business, investments or financial management and except as otherwise set forth herein, may not be an elected official at the time of their appointment.
- Purpose:
- The Board is charged with the management and oversight of the Nation’s various investment funds.

If interested, please submit your resume and letter of intent no later than: February 26, 2021 to:

Seneca Nation Clerk’s Office  
Attention: Marta L Kettle, Clerk  
12837 Route 438  
Irving, New York 14081

**SENECA HOLDINGS, LLC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Seneca Nation of Indians Request for Qualifications**

The Seneca Nation of Indians is seeking interested individuals to submit their qualifications to serve as a member of the Management Committee of Seneca Holdings, LLC. The company’s Management Committee currently has six seats up for appointment.

- Pursuant to the Charter adopted by the Nation's Council, every Management Committee member shall meet the following minimum qualifications:
- must be at least 21 years of age
  - must have earned at least a high school diploma or equivalent
  - have not been convicted of a felony, or other crime involving dishonesty, fraud, or otherwise involves a financial component (including, but not limited to, embezzlement or theft)
  - provide information and submit to such background checks as necessary to ensure continued compliance with Federal disadvantaged business certification(s), security clearances and/or licenses as are from time to time held by the Company or its respective subsidiaries or management as part of its ongoing business operations.

The Nation’s Council shall appoint Management Committee members who, based on their experience, have established their independence, character and ability to exercise sound judgment, and who have demonstrated leadership skills, including financial knowledge and business management, and experience in the context of the needs of the Management Committee.

Interested individuals are invited to submit a letter of interest and a resume to the Nation's Clerk at: Seneca Nation of Indians, Attention: Marta L. Kettle, Clerk 12837 Route 438, Irving NY 14081 no later than February 26, 2021.

The Council plans to schedule interviews once Seneca Holdings, LLC has completed its background check and both Seneca Holdings, LLC and the Nation's Clerk have certified that the individual is an eligible candidate for the Management Committee position. As such, candidates are strongly encouraged to submit their materials to Nation's Clerk as soon as possible, in order to provide sufficient time for the background check and certification process to occur.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**SNIEDC Board of Directors Vacancy**

The Seneca Nation of Indians Economic Development Company ("SNIEDC") is currently accepting letters of intent for those interested in serving on the SNIEDC Board of Directors.

The Seneca Nation of Indians Economic Development Company ("SNIEDC") is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization chartered by the Seneca Nation of Indians Tribal Council. As of December 2013, SNIEDC is a certified Native American Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) through the Department of Treasury. SNIEDC has been providing financial assistance to Seneca businesses since 1993 and in that time has funded loans over \$8 million to Seneca entrepreneurs.

SNIEDC Board of Directors typically meets the week after Tribal Council on Tuesday at 2 pm.

**5 Vacancy**  
**Completion of a 3 year term expiring in July 2020**

**Board Member Requirements:**

Each Director shall be at least twenty-five years of age. Individuals who are non-Seneca may be Directors; however, the majority of all existing members on the Board must at all times consist of enrolled Senecas. The membership of the Board overall shall be representative of the enrolled Seneca community at large and may meet one or more of the following criteria: representatives(s) from banking/financial institutions, legal and accounting professions; representative(s) from tribal government institutions (i.e. executive, council, cabinet and directors); representative(s) from civic and community organizations; representative(s) from business/corporate institutions; and representative(s) from community development and housing organizations.

If interested, please mail your letter of intent and resume/ qualifications to:  
Seneca Nation Clerk’s Office  
Atten: Marta L. Kettle, Clerk  
12837 Route 438  
Irving, New York 14081

Deadline: February 26, 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**The Seneca Nation of Indians is currently accepting letters of intent for those interested in serving on the: FOSTER CARE LICENSING COMMISSION (FCLC)**

- Qualifications:
- Must be at least 21 years of age
  - Must have relevant experience and/or education in Child Welfare or relevant field that will enable them to successfully serve in their role as a commissioner

The following persons are not eligible to serve on the FCLC: Employees of the Nation’s Child & Family Services Program, owners or employees of contractors, those who conduct business with the Nation’s Child and Family Services Program, persons directly related to any of the above, persons convicted of any crime set forth in Section 8.4 (d) of Child Welfare Law, or persons who have been subject to an indicated child protection services report for child abuse or neglect.

If interested, please submit your letter of intent & resume no later than February 26, 2021 to:  
Seneca Nation of Indians Clerk’s Office  
Attention: Marta L. Kettle, Clerk



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**The Seneca Nation of Indians is currently accepting letters of intent & resumes for those interested in serving on**

**SENECA NATION HEALTH BOARD**

**Purpose:**  
The purpose of the Seneca Nation Health Board (SNHB) is to provide strategic oversight, policy direction and guidance with respect to the Nation’s health care operations and facilities with an emphasis on the unique cultural aspects of the Seneca Nation and its people.

**Mission**  
The Mission of SNHB is to provide strategic oversight, policy direction and guidance to the Nation’s Health Care Operations and Facilities as they provide, promote and improve the quantity and quality of Health care services available to individual members of the Seneca Nation (Nation) and to other eligible Indians, as determined by the Nation’s Council consistent with Nation and applicable federal law.

**Vision**  
The Vision of the SNHB is to promote a comprehensive range of health services that addresses the holistic wellness of Seneca Members and to promote a productive and satisfying life for the next seven generations of Seneca Members consistent with the belief that physical, mental, social and spiritual functions are one.

- Qualifications of Commissioners**
- Each Board member may or may not be an enrolled member of the Nation.
  - Board members shall be at least 21 years of age.
  - Board members shall have relevant experience, knowledge and/or education in the health care industry or relevant health field that will enable them to serve successfully in their role as a Board member and be familiar with the unique cultural aspects of the Seneca Nation and its people.
  - Board members shall have passed a background check by the Nation’s Human Resource Department.
  - The following persons are not eligible to serve on the SNHB;
    - o employees of the Nation’s health care system;
    - o owners or employees of contractors (medical or otherwise), who conduct business with the Nation’s Health Care System;
    - o persons directly related (immediate family member including spouse, child, parent, sibling) to any of the above;
    - o persons convicted of a felony or of a crime of embezzlement, theft or of any other money related crime or honesty related crime, such as fraud.
  - Board Members shall be considered “Public Officials” for purposes of the Nation’s Ethics Law.

If interested, please submit your resume and letter of intent no later than: February 26, 2021 to:  
Marta L Kettle, Seneca Nation Clerk, 12837 Route 438, Irving, New York 14081

**BANISHMENT  
RESOLUTION- S.M.A.D-  
Seneca Mothers Against  
Drugs**  
*60 Day Comment period for the proposed  
resolution:*

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the government of the Seneca Nation of Indians is to safeguard the people so they may feel secure within our Territories. In the preamble of our Constitution, it is written, “...to provide for ourselves greater safeguards to pursuit of life, liberty and happiness, and bring ourselves, as a Nation, to as high a plane intellectually, socially, morally as possible...”

**WHEREAS**, a primary function of our government is to safeguard Seneca Nation Territories.

**WHEREAS**, the Seneca Nation and the people are experiencing substantial harm by the influx and sale of illegal substances on our Territories.

**WHEREAS**, our government can no longer rely upon New York State to use its enforcement authority to stop the illegal drug traffic that is rampant on our Territories and must use the power of our own government and officials to stop the drug trafficking within our boundaries.

**WHEREAS**, criminal enforcement authority on our Territories resides with New York State, however, the Seneca Nation can exert civil authority within our governmental jurisdiction. Civil actions can be excluding individuals whom reside on our Territories. Those that are doing harm and damage to our people can and should be excluded from our Territories. Civil actions should be brought by the Seneca Nation against individuals whom are doing harm to our people. Seneca Nation members whom are engaged in illegal drug trafficking should be excised from our Territories as well.

**WHEREAS**, elected officials took an oath to uphold and protect the Seneca Nation Constitution and by so doing have a duty to protect and safeguard our Territories.

**WHEREAS**, action is required by our leaders to safeguard the people from the damage caused by the trafficking of illegal substances on our Territories.

**WHEREAS**, known traffickers of illegal substances have done great damage on our Territories and, therefore, should be excluded. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; the Council of the Seneca Nation of Indians hereby takes action to exclude, banish, and remove individuals from Seneca Nation Territories.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED;** that the Council will proceed with developing policies regarding any order of banishment i.e., removal of any and/or all benefits that are made available to members of the Seneca Nation.

**Please submit comments to Millicent Proud, Treasurer's Office. 716-945-1790 ext. 5108.**





# Seneca Nation president welcomes Biden order on tribal relations

By Jim Eckstrom | Special to the Press Jan 28, 2021

IRVING — The Seneca Nation president says President Joe Biden continues to “put words into action” in recognizing the sovereignty of Native people.

Biden signed a memo Tuesday directing federal agencies to detail — and report out on — how they will incorporate Native American needs into policies.

“It is encouraging to see, in writing, that the new administration is pledging to make honoring our treaties and respecting our self-governance a top priority,” said Seneca Nation President Matthew Pagels on Wednesday. “We wholeheartedly agree that we not only deserve a seat at the table when decisions impacting our people and our lands are made, but also must be fully empowered to lead and assure that federal policies are helpful, not harmful.”

Pagels, elected Seneca president in November, said he looks forward to seeing implementation of the president’s memo and to “developing the ‘constructive relationship’ President Biden outlined in it.”

Biden had made a point early of reaching out to Native American tribes

by nominating U.S. Rep. Deb Haaland, D-N.M., to be the first Native American secretary of the Interior and a cabinet official. The department oversees the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other agencies with responsibilities to tribes.

With the stroke of a pen, Biden also has blocked completion of the Keystone XL oil pipeline. The pipeline was planned to transport oil from western Canada into the United States and would have crossed the territories of the Fort Belknap Indian Community of Montana and the Rosebud Sioux Tribe of South Dakota.

Many Senecas still deeply resent construction of the Kinzua Dam in the 1960s, which displaced members from homes along the Allegheny River, and they have been active in recent years in opposing energy-related projects they believe would harm waterways that flow into their territory.

“It is a priority of my administration to make respect for Tribal sovereignty and self-governance, commitment to fulfilling federal trust and treaty responsibilities to Tribal Nations, and regular, meaningful,

and robust consultation with Tribal Nations cornerstones of Federal Indian policy,” Biden wrote in the memo.

“History demonstrates that we best serve Native American people when Tribal governments are empowered to lead their communities, and when federal officials speak with and listen to Tribal leaders in formulating federal policy that affects Tribal Nations,” he added.

The Hill reported that the order isn’t a large departure from current federal policy requiring consultation with tribes, but tribal leaders have complained for decades that they are all but ignored by federal agencies.

“To do this one week in office really speaks to his commitment to Indian Country,” Nikki Pitre, executive director of the Center for Native American Youth and a member of the Coeur d’Alene Tribe, told The Hill. “Indian Country really just wants to be engaged and be consulted and having the executive order means we have it in writing now.”

# Indigenous programs, policies continue to progress in Salamanca schools

By Kellen M. Quigley | Managing Editor Jan 20, 2021

SALAMANCA — The future of Indigenous programming and policies at the Salamanca City Central School District continues to improve after recent actions by district officials.

During the Jan. 5 Board of Education meeting, Dr. Mark Beehler, deputy superintendent, presented an update on the My Brother’s Keeper Native American grant and program specific for Native American male students. The three-year grant is for \$158,055 per year.

Beehler said two goals were established with the help of Title VI and the Indigenous Education Committee: create a mentor program that pairs Native American males with role models from the Seneca Nation of Indians, and create a cohesive, aligned PreK-12 curriculum aimed at promoting and strengthening cultural awareness and education.

“Both of those are goals that we as a district have been looking to put forward and they mesh exceptionally well with the program goals with My Brother’s Keeper,” he said.

Although the mentoring program has been delayed along with the actual three-year grant, which has been extended due to the delays, Beehler said the first step is to hire a mentoring program coordinator who will develop the actual program and develop the skills and initiatives to work with the mentors for the male students.

Beehler said interviews were scheduled for the week of Jan. 11 and it was anticipated to bring a name to the Jan. 19 board meeting for consideration.

The second goal is a focus on curriculum development. Beehler said it is the goal of the district to become a resource for Native American history and study for the entire state. “We’re starting in Salamanca so we can better put forth a curriculum that more accurately reflects the history and supports the culture of Native Americans, specifically Seneca,” he added.

Over the past eight months, the district has been focusing on grades 4 through 8 as a cluster and Grade 11 U.S. History, Native American Studies courses, myths and realities and professional development

that goes along with those areas, Beehler said. Specifically unifying themes that can be utilized across all grade levels have also been identified.

“Traditionally we have a grade 7 longhouse project that has been done,” he explained. “Some of the content and skills included in that project has been expanded and the recommendation is that take a look at a multi-year approach as opposed to specifically one grade where a project is done.”

Beehler said they also have two course proposals for Native American studies, but there are two courses already offered in the district so those are going through a review process. A review of U.S. History is being done to identify what is not stated in the state curriculum, a proposed list of contemporary issues relative to Native Americans and professional development is being outlined for educators in each grade level.

“We have teams of teachers reviewing and revising the curriculum proposals and then we’re also going to be working on a Pre-K to



3 curriculum development, which is a pretty significant gap in what we have formally,” Beehler said.

Beehler acknowledged that much of the program has been developed in collaboration with Dr. Taylor. Once vetted through Salamanca teachers, Beehler said it will then be promoted through Western New York and then move and expand it throughout the state.

“Once the teachers review the curriculum and figure out where it fits into the existing curriculum that we have in place, they would have the opportunity to present that to the school board so that you can hear from the teachers on some particulars,” Beehler told the board members, all of whom agreed.

Board President Theresa Ray said it’s exciting that the district is a leader in this area and that they could present to other state school boards once the program is further along.

“To be able to have an opportunity to share this with educators, I think it will help them be much more confident in teaching it so that it’s not simply glossed over or omitted completely,” Beehler added.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, Superintendent Robert Breidenstein updated the board on the district’s Indigenous Policy and Procedure (IPP) process, which he said is a major component of their Impact Aid application through the US Department of Education.

Breidenstein said the district had a field audit for the IPP process and were advised to make some minor adjustments to the procedural process the district has in place. There are six policies that cannot be changed, but the procedures can be adjusted to comply with those regulatory policies:

Policy 1: Dissemination of information

Policy 2: Seeking input

Policy 3: Access and participation levels

Policy 4: Modifications to the IPP

Policy 5: Tracking and responding to comments

Policy 6: Distribution of documents to the Seneca Nation

“This is the first time that we’ve gone through this process so it is a work in progress,” Breidenstein said.

Concerning Policy 1, Breidenstein said it was discussed with the Seneca Nation and the primary mode of communication will be electronic. There is a link on the district website for all Native American services, Impact Aid and IPP documents.

“Using the premise that we want to get all information to families in a quick, easy, one-stop-shop format and mindset, the link off the district website for Native American services I think more than adequately fulfills that requirement,” he said.

For Policy 2, Breidenstein said a formal request from either a public comment at a board meeting, dialog at Indigenous Education Committee meeting or Title VI meeting or written communications will generate a formal response if it is requested for something to be done.

“I’ll get to it a bit more in terms of Policy 5 when tracking really formal comments,” he said. “It’s really designed through our IPP document for the individuals who reach out to us formally and share with us their concerns and things we need to do differently.”

Concerning Policy 3, Breidenstein said the district accesses the PowerSchool portal for student interests and if there is student interest in a club or activity. He said the district’s approach is to fund the club or activity if there is interest in it.

“Our big concern is scheduling at this point in time for the 2021-22 school year,” he said, “and taking a look at current participation levels and making sure course requests mirror both student interest and students requests and that we have pathways for students to pursue curriculum and classwork that their excited about or interested in.”

For Policy 4, Breidesntein said the district has a schedule for modifying the IPP in July and December for formal adoptions that get incorporated in the final document that gets sent to Washington, D.C. in January.

“We also hold two public forums in November and December, so that’s four bites at the IPP apple to make any modifications,” he added.

Addressing tracking and responding to community comments in Policy 5, Breidenstein said the district kept track of a running list which had four issues. They were changing “Indian” in IPP as the federal government uses it to “Indigenous” for the district, hiring more indigenous individuals for staff positions, reviewing the district

application process to allow voluntary ethnicity identification and expanding Ski Club participation.

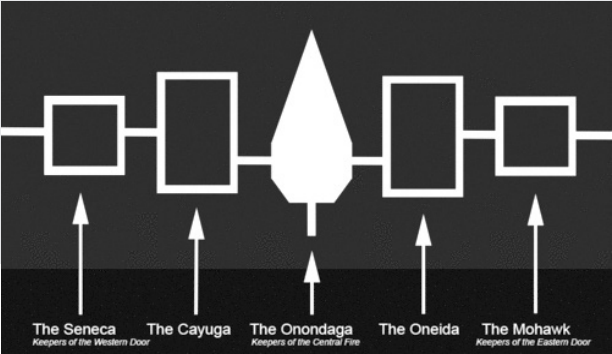
Finally for Policy 6, Breidenstein said the district submits the IPP document to the Seneca Nation President in December. This year is a little different due to the pandemic, he explained, so the district will not need sign offs but they will still send the applications to the Seneca Nation.

# Seneca Nation President Pagels responds to President Biden’s order on tribal consultation and strengthening Nation-to-Nation relationships

“The Seneca Nation continues to welcome President Biden’s willingness to put words into action and take steps



to assure that the sovereignty of Native people is recognized – something that for too long has fallen by the wayside. It is encouraging to see, in writing, that the new administration is pledging to make honoring our treaties and respecting our self-governance a top priority. We wholeheartedly agree that we not only deserve a seat at the table when decisions impacting our people and our lands are made, but also must be fully empowered to lead and assure that federal policies are helpful, not harmful. We look forward to witnessing the implementation of today’s executive order and to developing the ‘constructive relationship’ President Biden outlined in it.”





# Seneca Gaming turns to GAN for desktop and mobile gaming solutions

By Chris Murphy -February 2, 2021

Internet gaming software firm GAN Limited has entered into a definitive agreement with the Seneca Gaming Corporation to provide its Simulated Gaming solutions to SGC patrons across all properties on both desktop and mobile.

The unique solution is powered by GAN’s core Simulated Gaming software and provides, said the firm, marketing, brand building and revenue opportunities for both operators and GAN.

Seneca Gaming Corporation operates three casinos in New York on behalf of the Seneca Nation of Indians, comprising Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino in Niagara Falls, Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino in downtown Buffalo, and Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino in Salamanca.

GAN was selected to develop a custom solution to replace SGC’s former simulated gaming solution to bring a more robust experience to its New York players. As a result, the firm will rebrand SGC’s social play-for-fun offering for both desktop and mobile, and supply both marketing and customer services for the platform’s users.

It will be also providing marketing services which include acquisition and retention marketing as part of its holistic services and solutions.

Jeff Berman, Chief Commercial Officer of GAN, commented: “We are very excited about the continued adoption of our Simulated Gaming software and eager to work in close concert with Seneca Gaming Corporation to further enhance the user experience for their players.

“This partnership and integration of GAN’s software will allow SGC to develop more meaningful and actionable player insights to drive new marketing and revenue opportunities.”

Kevin Nephew, President & CEO of Seneca Gaming Corporation, commented: “GAN’s ability to develop a customized solution from the bottom-up made them the right partner to help elevate our simulated gaming platform. We are pleased to have a trusted partner like GAN and look forward to relaunching this exciting play-for-fun experience for our loyal players in the near future.”



## THE INSIDE SCOOP

WITH DR. LORI QUIGLEY



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### On a Personal Note...

Nya:wèh Sgë:nó'! Wow, is it just me or did January seem to fly by? Maybe it's because we had reason to cheer last month, or should I say "SHOUT!"

The Buffalo Bills' Super Bowl quest may have ended with the AFC Championship game, but they played like champs this season. As the Bills' Exclusive Casino Partner, we made sure SGC's pride for our hometown team was visible across Western New York, on billboards, in full-page ads in the Buffalo News, and on WGRZ-TV.

Even more, I'm proud of our SGC team for all they did to offer sports fans a safe, fun atmosphere to root for the Bills as they advanced through the play-offs. Our Sports Lounges were buzzing with anticipation, especially during those nail-biter games. This month, we'll put out the welcome mat for Super Bowl fans eager to catch the action with us.

It's great to see the Buffalo Bills return to their glory days of the 90s. It's even better that this time around, Seneca Resorts & Casinos can be part of the excitement. Thank you Buffalo Bills for giving us season to Billieve!



*Sincerely,*  
**Lori**

Chairwoman, Board of Directors  
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Who doesn't love another chance at winning? With our Second Chance Drawings on February 13, Guests can enter their losing Super Bowl bets for a shot at \$500 cash!

For Guests who like to swipe and win, we'll celebrate February's holidays with weekly kiosk games like Candy Valentines, Fortune Valley, and Mardi Gras Madness. It's 28 days of fun!

#### INSIDE 8

Congratulations to Kevin Nephew, our President & CEO, Joshua Howard, Andrew Quigley, and former Team Member Hanna Sheridan. These Seneca Nation members recently received their Six Sigma Black Belt certifications from SUNY at Buffalo after demonstrating their expertise in this world-renowned process improvement methodology.

Our Continuous Improvement Team, which includes Joshua, Drew, and Kurtis McGonnell (who will be a Black Belt soon), strive daily to identify ways to streamline our operations. Ja:goh!

#### FALL IN LOVE WITH A CAREER WITH SGC!

Have we mentioned how great it is to work for Seneca Gaming Corporation? Here's your next chance to learn more about the exciting career opportunities that await you. Visit our Job Fair on Thursday, February 25, from 10 AM to 6 PM at the Seneca Niagara Event Center. Meet our teams and take part in on-the-spot interviews. You can also sign up to interview virtually through [www.thebest8hours.com](http://www.thebest8hours.com).

#### WE'RE ON A ROLL!

As the Bills hang up their cleats for the season, our other favorite hometown team is just warming up. Seneca Resorts & Casinos is proud to be the Buffalo Sabres' Exclusive Sportbook Partner. Every time the Sabres hit the ice, our Sports Lounges heat up with hockey fans looking to be part of the action. Check out our new billboards around town (like the one up top), as we show our support for our NHL partner.

## SENECA GAMING CORPORATION STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

APRIL 24, 2021 • 10 AM

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 ongoing financial health and well-being of the Corporation.

JOIN US VIRTUALLY! RSVP REQUIRED

To participate, interested enrolled members will need access to a computer, tablet, or smartphone, as well as have a valid email address to sign up. Enrolled members must send an email to request access by **Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 10 AM** to [SenecaStakeholders@SenecaCasinos.com](mailto:SenecaStakeholders@SenecaCasinos.com) as follows:

I would like to register to participate in the April 2021 SGC Quarterly Stakeholders' **Virtual Online GoToMeeting**.

My information is: Name:\_\_\_\_, Enrollment #:\_\_\_\_, Telephone #:\_\_\_\_.

Check your email for final instruction.



**Don't miss the next Newsletter deadline: February 16th to be dated for February 26th**  
**Moving? Call us with any address changes. 716-945-1790 ext.3029 (Stephanie), ext. 5495 (Megan).**



# Seneca Gaming Corporation Job Fair

Open positions at Seneca Niagara & Seneca Buffalo Creek

**When: Thursday, February 25th from 10am - 6pm**

Positions are available across several departments, including Table Games, Advertising, Security, Environmental Services, Maintenance, and others. In-person and virtual sessions available for interested candidates

“Even with the changes and challenges everyone has gone through over the past year, Seneca Gaming Corporation has remained one of the largest employers in Western New York, and we are excited to be growing our team across a variety of departments,” said Meghan Smith, Seneca Gaming Corporation’s Vice President of Human Resources. “We truly believe that the time we spend at work should be rewarding, fulfilling and fun. That’s how we approach our jobs every day. If people are looking an opportunity in that type of environment, we are ready to talk to them.”

The job fair will take place as both an in-person event, as well as a virtual event. Candidates age 21 and older are invited to the Seneca Niagara Event Center inside Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino, 310 4th Street, Niagara Falls. Health and safety protocols, including mandatory asks and social distancing will be enforced at all times, and valid government-issued identification will be required to attend.

Candidates under the age of 21 and those who prefer to participate in a virtual job fair should visit [thebest8hours.com](https://thebest8hours.com) or call 1-833-742-2378 to reserve a time slot.

All candidates should dress professionally and be prepared for an interview. Applicants offered a position will be required to successfully complete a pre-employment drug test and background check.

In addition to competitive pay in an exciting environment, Seneca Gaming Corporation employees enjoy generous benefits, including medical plan discounts, 401(k) contributions, paid time off and holidays, on-site health offices, a paid lunch hour, company discounts, and more.

“The team we have and the service we provide really sets our Seneca Resorts & Casinos properties apart for the millions of visitors we welcome through our doors each year,” added Seneca Gaming Corporation President & CEO Kevin Nephew. “We invest in our team members because each and every person across every department plays an important role in making that experience the best it can possibly be for our guests and for one another.” For more employment information and to view open positions at all Seneca Gaming Corporation properties, visit <https://thebest8hours.com/>



## Seneca Nation Official Newsletter Commemoration Edition

The Seneca Nation Official Newsletter would like to honor enrolled members we have lost in 2020 in a commemorative edition.

Due to Covid-19, social distance and travel restrictions in place, many community members did not get to attend services or pay respects to loved ones, family members and dear friends.

If you would like to honor your loved one in the Newsletter and want to provide information, please email [sninews@sni.org](mailto:sninews@sni.org). Submissions or information can be in the form of an obituary, a photo, a quote, or short story.

Please provide their name, DOB, clan and any other information you would like.

**The deadline for submissions is February 26, 2021.**

Please call 716-945-1790 ext. 3029 (Stephanie), ext. 5495 (Megan), or ext. 3030 (Tami) for assistance.

## REMINDER from Emergency Management

*Submitted by Dawn Stevens*

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



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

We are available:  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 am – 4:30 pm  
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[dawn.stevens@sni.org](mailto:dawn.stevens@sni.org)



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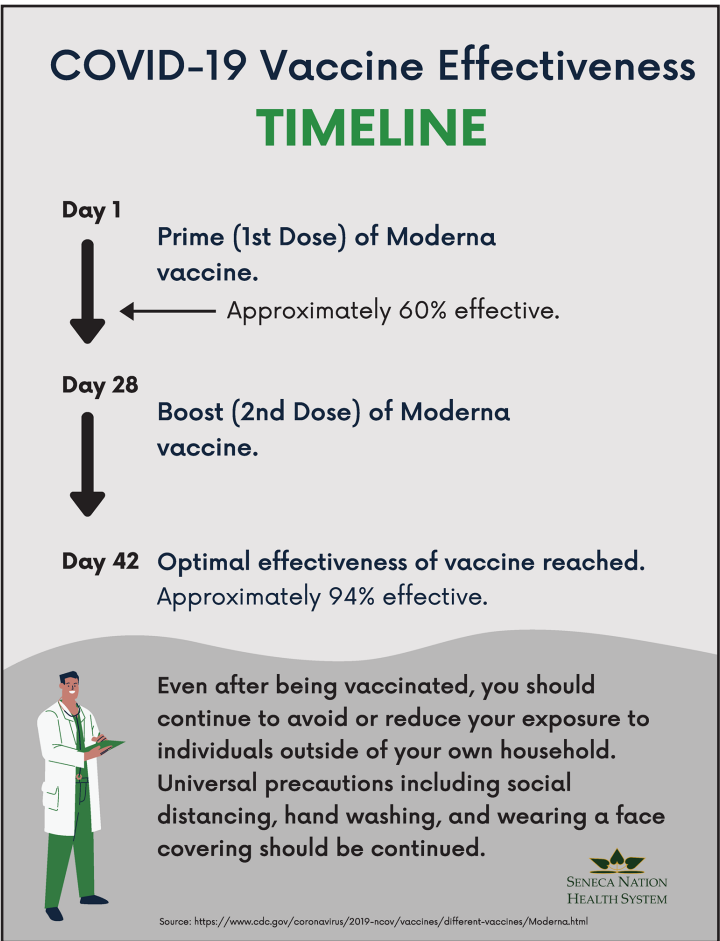
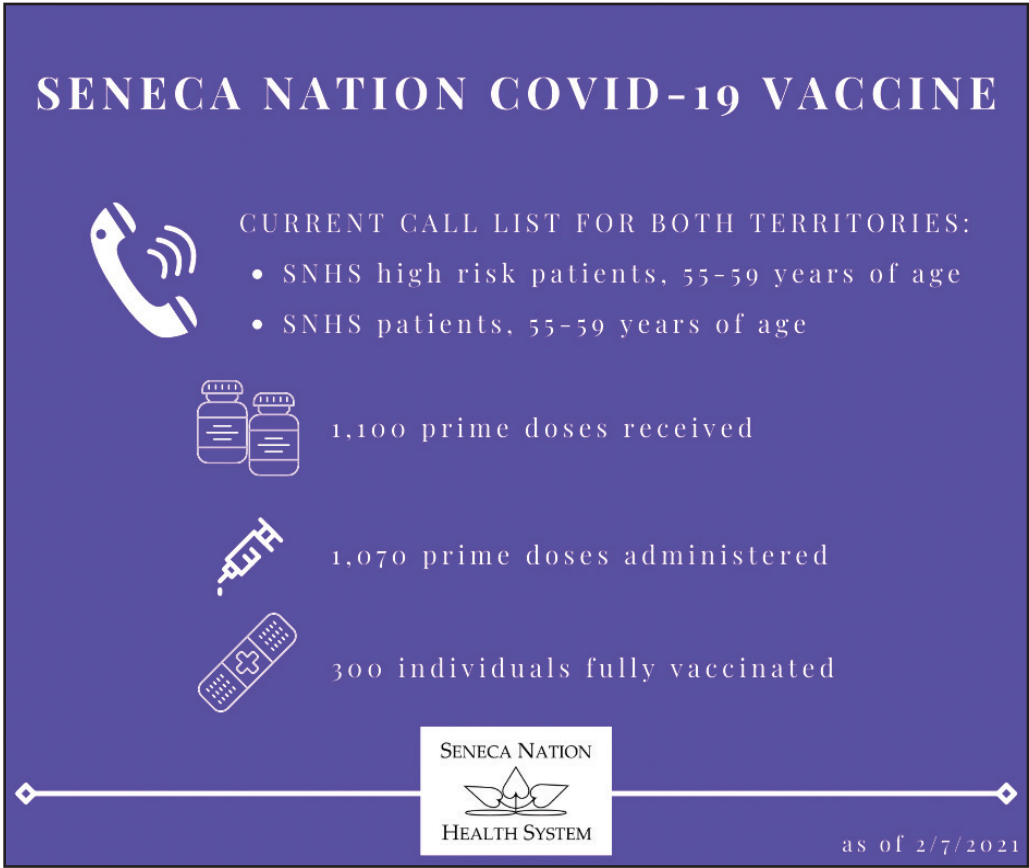
# Seneca Nation Health System Covid-19 vaccine rollout continues!

Seneca Media

The Seneca Nation Health System (SNHS) continues to provide the COVID-19 vaccine to those individuals who are high risk due to age and health. To date, the SNHS has received 1,000 prime doses from the Indian Health Service, with 950 doses administered by the end of the day on Friday, 1/29. Additionally, booster doses were given this week and there are 70 individuals fully vaccinated.

After being vaccinated, it is very important to continue to use universal precautions such as mask wearing, hand washing, and social distancing. The vaccine is fully effective 14 days after receiving the boost (or second) dose.

The SNHS COVID-19 vaccination team is currently contacting individuals 55 years of age and older, who receive services at SNHS, to schedule appointments. Please note, the COVID-19 vaccine will not be available to the general public for several months, although additional community members will be eligible in the next phases of the distribution plan.



# NY Connects- Connecting individuals with long term care

Submitted by Brianna Snyder

NY Connects links individuals to long term services and supports regardless of payment source; whether it be private pay, public or a combination of both. Through the provision of free, comprehensive, objective information and assistance about long term services and supports, NY Connects empowers individuals and families to identify available services and supports and choose what will best meet their needs at home, in the community, and as necessary, in residential or institutional settings.

## Connect to long term services and supports in your community

- Personal care services
- Education and counseling
- Health and wellness
- Behavioral health supports and services
- Intellectual/developmental disability supports and services
- Social supports



## Three ways to connect to reach NY connects:

1. By phone. Call 1-800-342-9871. Interpretation and translation services are free. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing can use NY Relay System 7-1-1.
  2. Online. Visit our website: [www.nyconnects.ny.gov](http://www.nyconnects.ny.gov)
  3. In-person. To find the NY Connects office near you, call our toll-free number, visit our website, or see the address below.
- \*Due to COVID, there are currently no in person meetings\*

## Your local NY Connects office:

Seneca Nation Area Office for the Aging.  
Wini Kettle Senior Center  
28 Thomas Indian School Drive  
Contact: Briana Snyder, Options Counselor, Phone (716)945-8991.  
[Briana.Snyder@sni.org](mailto:Briana.Snyder@sni.org)



# Seneca Holdings Update

Seneca Holdings was established in 2009 with the goal of creating a non-gaming organization that could provide a meaningful revenue source for the Seneca Nation over the long term. The charter for Seneca Holdings recognizes that “the diversification and expansion of the Nation’s business interests is vital to the economic well-being and long-term growth and prosperity of the Nation.”

Seneca Holdings continues to make progress towards the goal of being a meaningful revenue source to the Seneca Nation. Federal government contracting has been the primary driver of growth but Holdings is actively working to diversify beyond federal contracting. Holdings has doubled in size over the last three years and is now a stable and profitable organization that will be the foundation for diversifying the portfolio of operating companies.

Holdings has six active subsidiaries (with at least two more coming this year) with over 400 employees and subcontractors working in 20 states. Most of the team is based in Chantilly, VA (just outside of Washington, D.C.), with a fifth office location added in San Diego, CA during 2020.

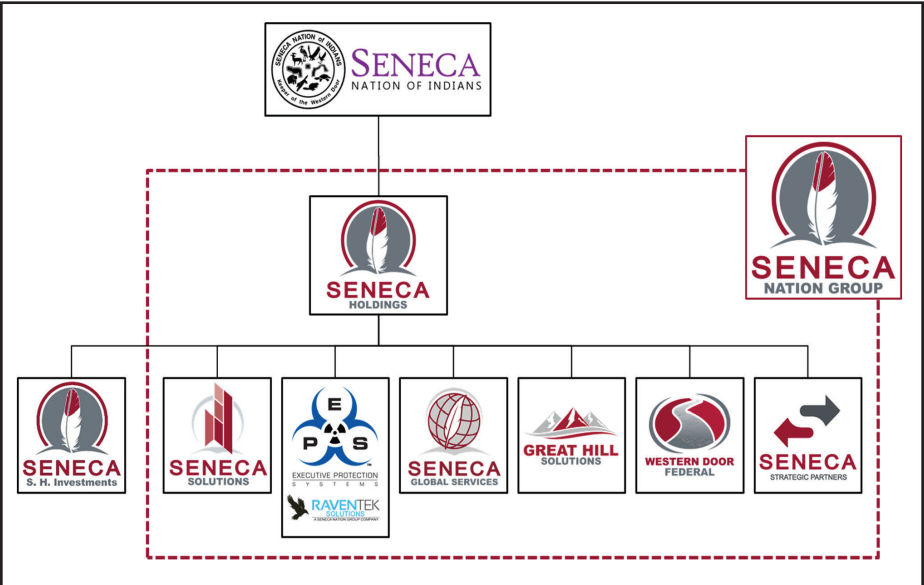
The federal government contracting business is referred to as the “Seneca Nation Group.” This helps manage operations efficiently across subsidiaries and helps with marketing to the federal government. Seneca Holdings is the parent company within the Seneca Nation Group family of companies. Please check out [www.senecaholdings.com](http://www.senecaholdings.com) for more information.

The advantages available to Native nations through the Small Business Administration (SBA) 8(a) program are significant. The growth and success of Seneca Holdings so far has resulted from those advantages, and more growth is expected in the coming

years. Continued investment in infrastructure and operations is critical to support more federal government customers and new investments. Additional investments and acquisitions are being evaluated so that Seneca Holdings can accelerate the timeframe to provide meaningful financial benefits to the Seneca Nation.

The leadership and employees of Seneca Holdings have embraced the mission of providing economic benefits to the Seneca Nation. Every meeting, presentation, team event and employee newsletter highlight an aspect of the Seneca Nation to bring improved awareness and understanding of Seneca culture and livelihood. A core value of Holdings focuses on representing the Seneca Nation well, which is directly related to building a reputation for quality. While efforts are focused mainly off Territory, the connection to the Seneca Nation and the pride the team takes in supporting its members is central to the corporate identity.

As a growing organization, Holdings has a variety of open positions listed on the “Careers” page of the website, also accessible from the Seneca Nation’s website under “Employment.” Holdings always gives a preference to any qualified Seneca interested in joining the team. Most positions have specific skill and experience requirements that are defined by the customer, require a security clearance and daily onsite support at a federal government



location. The federal government facilities and offices are primarily found outside of Western New York. The Seneca Holdings team continues to encourage every Seneca to review available positions and apply online if there is a potential fit.

In addition to growing a profitable portfolio of businesses, Seneca Holdings is committed to providing non-financial benefits to the Seneca Nation. Holdings is excited to have won two USDA ReConnect grants for the Seneca Nation (\$4.3M and \$544K) which will bring a fiber broadband network to the Cattaraugus Territory. The network will deliver high speeds and reliability for an affordable price to the homes and businesses. Due to the COVID-19, Holdings had to delay last year’s spring/summer plan to provide professional skills, mentoring and internship program for young Senecas (age 18-25). The team is hoping to implement it this year and will publicize that program as next spring approaches.

The Seneca Holdings team is very excited about the progress made and the strategy for diversified growth in the coming years. The team is working diligently to build a professional organization that will continue to provide financial and non-financial benefits to the Seneca Nation.

## Seneca Nation Area Office for the Aging

*Submitted by Shantel Burning*

### Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly (EISEP)

- EISEP services include non-medical in-home services such as housekeeping, personal care, respite, case management, and related services (such as emergency response systems).
- EISEP services support and supplement informal care provided by clients' families.
- Clients are required to share the cost of services, based on income. These costs are determined by a sliding scale and range from no-cost to full-cost.

### Who is eligible?

EISEP assists older people (aged 60 and older) who need help with everyday activities to take care of themselves (such as dressing, bathing, personal care, shopping, and cooking), want to remain at home, and are not eligible for Medicaid. The EISEP Program receives State and local funding. In addition, EISEP clients are required to cost share according to a sliding scale reflecting their income and the cost of the services they receive.

### How do I find EISEP services?

EISEP case managers help older people and

their families to decide what help is needed and to arrange for those services. Services may include non-medical in-home services, case management, non-institutional respite, ancillary services, and other community services. EISEP supports and supplements the care provided by families and friends.

**For more information about the Expanded In-home Service for the Elderly Program (EISEP), contact Seneca Nation Area Office for the Aging, Allegany Case Manager, Teresa Redeye @ 945-8414 or Cattaraugus Territory Case Manager, Shantel Burning @ 532-5777.**



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(716) 532-5777

Allegany: FEB 25, 2021 Thurs  
Seneca Allegany Elder Center, 3644  
Administration Drive, Salamanca, NY  
(716) 945-8414

Hours :  
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Seneca Nation AOA



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at 9:30am

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Working with difficult people

Feb 18

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Conflict resolution

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Conflict resolution

Feb 25

3674 Administration dr. Salamanca



# National Lacrosse League Will Focus On Next Season

## Plans for April Start Date Cancelled Amidst COVID-19 Uncertainties; Full Season Now Planned for 2021-22 Season

National Lacrosse League | 02.03.2021 | Reprinted from bandits.com

The National Lacrosse League (@NLL), the largest and most successful professional lacrosse property in the world, today announced that plans for an abbreviated season this spring have been cancelled due to uncertainties arising from the ongoing Pandemic. The league, with the full support of the NLL Board of Governors, will now move to start a traditional season in the fall of this year.

“We have gone through many scenarios, including playing a bubble season in Canada in April, but the logistical challenges, including the recently announced tighter travel and quarantine restrictions across the Canadian border have required us to pivot. We have decided to



focus on playing a full season in our markets, starting in the fall of this year,” said NLL Commissioner Nick Sakiewicz.

“While many of the factors we can control were moving along well, those outside of our control, especially pertaining to obtaining government approval as far in advance as we would have needed, are no longer feasible. All the efforts and

innovations we were planning will now go towards a full season starting this fall and into next year.

“We thank our players, teams and Board of Governors, whose thoughts in this process were invaluable, and we now set our sights on getting lined up for a full NLL season starting in the fall. We also thank our fans for sticking with us – we will be back, and it will be even more exciting than ever before.”

“We appreciate the League’s extensive efforts to provide us the opportunity to play an abbreviated 2021 season in a safe and controlled environment throughout the changing landscape during this Pandemic. While we are

disappointed that it will not be possible to play this spring, we are even more excited and passionate about having a full 2021-22 season and are eager to get back on the floor this fall,” said Zach Currier, PLPA President.

While the exact start date of a full season will be announced at a later date, which will include the debut of Panther City Lacrosse Club in Fort Worth, the NLL is planning to start in the fall playing a complete season into the spring of 2022. Additionally, exciting franchise announcements are coming very soon, as well as other initiatives that were being planned for the shortened 2021 season. Details will be coming as they are finalized.

Source:  
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# Salamanca Warriors Basketball Schedules

*It's recommended you call 716.945.2400 prior to the games to make sure they are still scheduled as planned due to uncertainties regarding the pandemic*

2020 – 2021 SCHEDULE				
DATE	DAY	SALAMANCA WARRIORS – BASKETBALL		OPPONENT
03.10.21	Wednesday	Modified Boys Basketball – 7 <sup>TH</sup> & 8 <sup>TH</sup> Grade @ 5:00pm	vs.	Olean
03.13.21	Saturday	Modified Boys Basketball – 7 <sup>TH</sup> & 8 <sup>TH</sup> Grade @ 10:00am	vs.	at Portville
03.15.21	Monday	Modified Boys Basketball – 7 <sup>TH</sup> & 8 <sup>TH</sup> Grade @ 5:00pm	vs.	Allegany/Limestone
03.17.21	Wednesday	Modified Boys Basketball – 7 <sup>TH</sup> & 8 <sup>TH</sup> Grade @ 5:00pm	vs.	at Franklinville
03.20.21	Saturday	Modified Boys Basketball – 7 <sup>TH</sup> & 8 <sup>TH</sup> Grade @ 10:00am	vs.	Ellicottville

DATE	DAY	SALAMANCA WARRIORS – BASKETBALL		OPPONENT
02.17.21	Wednesday	Girls 7 <sup>TH</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade @ 5:00pm	vs.	Olean
02.20.21	Saturday	Girls 7 <sup>TH</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade @ 10:00am	vs.	at Portville
02.22.21	Monday	Girls 7 <sup>TH</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade @ 5:00pm	vs.	Allegany/Limestone
02.24.21	Wednesday	Girls 7 <sup>TH</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade @ 5:00pm	vs.	at Franklinville
02.27.21	Saturday	Girls 7 <sup>TH</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade @ 10:00am	vs.	at Ellicottville

Games will be held at Prospect School

2020 – 2021 SCHEDULE				
DATE	DAY	SALAMANCA WARRIORS		OPPONENT
02.10.21	Wednesday	Boys – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Boys – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	Randolph
02.12.21	Friday	Boys – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Boys – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	Fredonia*
02.15.21	Monday	Boys – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Boys – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	at Allegany/Limestone*
02.17.21	Wednesday	Boys – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Boys – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	Dunkirk*
02.22.21	Monday	Boys – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Boys – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	Southwestern*
02.26.21	Friday	Boys – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Boys – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	at Olean
02.27.21	Saturday	Boys – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Boys – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	Ellicottville
03.02.21	Tuesday	Boys – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Boys – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	at Fredonia*
03.05.21	Friday	Boys – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Boys – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	Allegany/Limestone*
03.09.21	Tuesday	Boys – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Boys – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	at Dunkirk*
03.12.21	Friday	Boys – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Boys – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	at Southwestern*
03.13.21	Saturday	Boys – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Boys – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	at Randolph
03.16.21	Tuesday	Boys – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Boys – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	Olean*
03.19.21	Friday	Boys – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Boys – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	at Ellicottville
*CCAA East-1 Division Game				

2020 – 2021 SCHEDULE				
DATE	DAY	SALAMANCA WARRIORS – BASKETBALL		OPPONENT
02.10.21	Wednesday	Girls – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Girls – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	at Pine Valley
02.13.21	Saturday	Girls Junior Varsity @ 11:00am/Girls – Varsity @ 12:30pm	vs.	Ellicottville
02.16.21	Tuesday	Girls – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Girls – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	at Randolph
02.18.21	Thursday	Girls – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Girls – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	Falconer
02.23.21	Tuesday	Girls – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Girls – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	at Gowanda
02.26.21	Friday	Girls – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Girls – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	at Silver Creek
03.01.21	Monday	Girls – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Girls – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	Portville
03.04.21	Thursday	Girls – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Girls – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	Randolph
03.08.21	Monday	Girls – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Girls – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	at Falconer
03.11.21	Thursday	Girls – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Girls – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	Gowanda
03.13.21	Saturday	Girls Junior Varsity @ 11:00am/Girls – Varsity @ 12:30pm	vs.	at Ellicottville
03.15.21	Monday	Girls – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Girls – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	Silver Creek
03.18.21	Thursday	Girls – Junior Varsity @ 6:00pm/Girls – Varsity @ 7:30pm	vs.	at Portville
03.20.21	Saturday	Girls – Junior Varsity @ 12:00pm/Girls – Varsity @ 1:30pm	vs.	Pine Valley



# Bristol Myers Squibb grant to Roswell Park expands Native American Cancer Services

By Tracey Drury - Reporter, Buffalo Business First | January 29, 2021 | reprinted from bizjournals.com

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center has received a \$3.3 million grant from the Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation to address the cancer burden in rural areas and Native Nations across the state, with an emphasis on Western New York.



Rodney Haring, Director of Roswell Park Center for Indigenous Cancer Research

The grant supports a collaboration between Roswell Park, the Indian Health Service and geographically matched rural federally qualified

health centers across New York, enabling on-site and virtual services including cancer prevention, screening, treatment and education on

clinical trials, palliative care and survivorship.

Funding allows the creation of six full-time patient navigators within the community as well as two virtual navigators, who will focus on breast cancer and prostate cancer as well as co-occurring conditions. The program will be led by Rodney Haring, director of the Roswell's Center for Indigenous Cancer Research, and Kate Glaser, assistant professor of oncology in Roswell Park's department of cancer

prevention and control.

The three-year program is expected to reach 3,200 community members in Erie, Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegany, Niagara and Oneida counties and further north into the St. Regis Mohawk territory, Tuscarora and Tonawanda Band of Senecas through Indian Health Services-Lockport, as well as the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories of the Seneca Nation.

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## Ja:goh Brandon Rea!

Brandon Rea (Allegany Territory, Hawk Clan) 2019 Salamanca graduate, is currently in Fort Jackson about to complete Army Basic Training. After Boot Camp he will be assigned to Fort Estus, Virginia for Aviation Electronics School. Brandon's ultimate goal is to be a helicopter mechanic.





### Ha'degagö:n Èdwatgöhsa:e'.

(It is necessary, all of us will put on a mask.)





### #SenecasStaySafe

"Please continue to wear masks, practice social distancing and regular hand washing and sanitizing. The light at the end of the tunnel gets a little brighter each day, so let's keep fighting to get there together."

- President Matthew Pagels.

Check out [senecalanguage.com](https://senecalanguage.com) for a wealth of great resources to learn the Seneca language!

### #SenecasStaySafe

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# Gakwi:yo:h Farms Gifts Faithkeepers School with Sugar Shack

By Megan Torres, Reporter

Gakwi:yo:h Farm’s sugar shack has a new home. Originally, the Faithkeepers School was going to host a fundraiser in order to purchase the shack but Gakwi:yo:h Farms has graciously decided to donate it.

The sugar shack which was previously located at the Sully Huff Heritage Center, was used for straining and boiling down the sap that was collected. This year, the maple syrup production will take place right at Gakwi:yo:h



Farms in Collins, NY.

Faithkeepers School is still searching for trees that they can tap. If they’re unable to find any, the farm has offered some trees on newly acquired land located next to the Seneca Allegany Casino. They will also work with the school and show them how to properly use the sugar shack.

## Steve "Sauce" Schindler

Submitted by Barb Thompson

We, the family of Steven “Sauce” Schindler, wish to express our sincere thanks to the community and especially to Steve’s Seneca Fire family. You all came together at our most difficult time to bring comfort and love to help us get through this. Please know that your generosity and thoughtfulness touched us deeply. We are devastated and still reeling from his untimely passing, but with your continued support and love we will move forward.



Nya:weh,

Crystal and kids, Barb and Jack, Carole, Margaret and Linda

## Happy 90th Birthday to our mother, Ruth John

Submitted by Michele (John) Keyes

Our mother will be celebrating **90 YEARS YOUNG** on February 14th, Valentines Day. She is a treasured elder & this is a remarkable age to reach! If you'd like to help us make her day extra special - send her a birthday card/wish to: 12578 Route 438, Irving, NY 14081.

**From: Moe, Helen Susan, Danita, Denise, JR, Mike and Shelly**



## Happy Birthday, Girls!

Submitted by Jackie Jimerson

Wishing Marlene and Annalise Becton a very “Happy 5th Birthday” on February 15th.

Hugs and kisses,

Love Mommy and Daddy.



## Happy 21st Birthday, Prince!

Submitted by Freeman Seneca

Wishing Prince Langston Seneca a Happy 21st Birthday on February 13, 2021.

From Your Family





# Ja:goh Angela Edmond!

*Submitted by Sharon Patterson*

Angela Edmond is an enrolled Seneca who is of the turtle clan. She is the daughter of Jerrel and Amber Fox. Her grandparents are Ross and Holly John, Scott and Sharon Patterson, Audrey Fox and Kim Edmond. Angela is the oldest of five daughters. Her sisters look up to Angela as a role model and big sister.

Angela is a senior at Lake Shore High School and has maintained being on the high honors roll since 9th grade. She is active in student government and is currently the Vice President of her senior class. Angela take a leadership class as well as being part of the Lake Shore Business Academy since 10th grade in which you have to apply and be accepted. This allowed her to intern at a local dentist office in North Collins which is the field of study Angela wishes to pursue. Due to the pandemic she was unable to continue her internship there over the summer and took an internship at Chiavetta’s Catering learning all aspects of their business. She is still currently employed there.



Besides her studies, Angela was the captain of the Varsity Soccer Team and ran track and field throughout high school. She was looking forward to traveling to the Close-Up Conference as a student representative in Washington, DC but due to the pandemic, it

was canceled. Angela has been accepted early-decision to Syracuse University under the Haudenosaunee Promise Scholarship majoring in biology on a pre-dental track in hopes of becoming a dentist. Once graduating and becoming a certified licensed dentist, she would like to specialize in children’s dentistry. Currently Native Americans make up only 0.2% of the national dental workforce with native female dentists being lower than that percentage.

Angela hopes one day to bring her skill set back to territory and work within our Nation. Her family wishes her well in all her pursuits and will always be here for support.





# Agwadeyësta’ Do:gë:h (We Learn Together) Update

By Flip White

Just in case you are wondering (or not) I’m trying to create a dialogue about language via these installments in the Nation Newsletter. The topics will probably be ‘all over the place’ but still important and relevant to share and talk about. I am not an expert by any means, but I do know for sure that community awareness, involvement, and input are vital to the sustainability of the language effort.

In our last installment it was mentioned that past and present



Elder speakers learned the language at home. In many cases, it was the only language spoken while they were growing up. ‘In the home’ seems to be the constant; the preferred way of learning according to those who do speak our language.

The vision statement in the Nation’s Seneca Language Strategic plan is explicit, **“To restore the Seneca language to the point it is the first language acquired and is learned in the home.”**

Currently, a growing number of young parents, I would estimate ages 25 to 45, are speaking the language with their children in their homes! Learning the language in the home is becoming a reality once again.

This particular age group is

successfully accomplishing what our Elder speakers have said and advised for a very long time. I hesitate to try and name them all, I do not want to omit anyone by mistake. It includes Seneca language personnel, past and present, and individuals and families who are doing it on their own. To all of them, we are indebted and offer our congratulations, thanks, and appreciation.

This remarkable achievement and language learning success needs be shared with the community. I going to assume that a large majority of our community is unaware.

There are a lot of talented people doing great things with regard to the bringing back of our language. Years of due diligence are beginning to pay off. The number of those

involved in this resurgence is relatively small but growing, and progress is slow and time consuming, sometimes to the point of going unnoticed. But, please know that progress is being made.

My only wish is this information provides hope, creates excitement, and motivates others to support and encourage those who are learning to continue.

**Our next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for February 21 at 10am in the annex on the FKS campus. Our meetings are open to the public and we extend an invitation to all community members to attend if at all possible.**

Nya:wëh for your time and consideration.

## Haudenosaunee Filmmakers Festival - Call for Film Entries due February 21st

Submitted by Amy Blum, Friends of Ganondagan



Victor, NY - The debut of the Haudenosaunee Filmmakers Festival - a new collaboration between Friends of Ganondagan and Rematriation Magazine - has just been announced by both organizations.

The Haudenosaunee Filmmakers Festival (HFF) serves as the premier showcase and network for filmmakers, writers, directors, producers, and actors all across the Haundenosaunee Confederacy.

Submissions - digital only - are free and will be accepted through Sunday, February 21, 2021 here:

<https://bit.ly/3pg6nQ8>

Email questions or comments to [film-fest@rematriation.com](mailto:film-fest@rematriation.com).

Emerging or established filmmakers can submit films of any length in five categories:

- **New Films (less than two years)**
- **Classic Films (two years & older)**
- **Women Filmmakers**
- **Youth Filmmakers (under age 18)**
- **Animated Films**

The 2021 Festival will take place virtually, from **April 19 - April 25, 2021**. The public is invited for a week of free, culturally-centered programming dedicated to uplifting and empowering the voices of Haudenosaunee filmmakers.

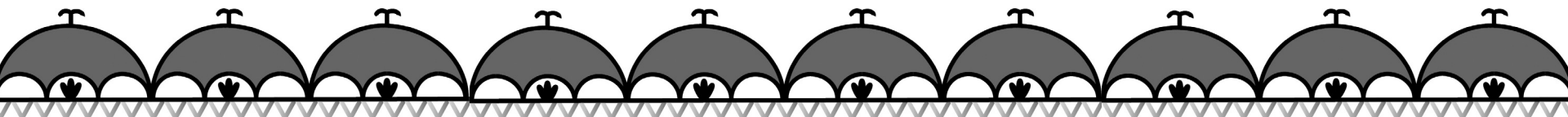
The festival features seven days of virtual screenings, workshops, panel discussions, and more. Films will be premiered live throughout the week, and ticket holders will

have on-demand access to all featured films until May 1. Workshops and panels will be available only during the festival week. Event registration - as well as workshop and panel topics - will be announced.

The Haudenosaunee Filmmakers Festival is co-hosted by Friends of Ganondagan and Kanenhi:io Ionkwiaenthos. Friends of Ganondagan is the 501(c)(3) serving as the education partner of Ganondagan State Historic Site in Victor, NY. Kanenhi:io Ionkwiaenthos is the 501(c)(3) and home of Rematriation Magazine, a Haudenosaunee digital platform dedicated to uplifting the voices of Haudenosaunee and Indigenous women. The festival is made possible by Humanities New York, Kanenhi:io Ionkwiaenthos, and Friends of Ganondagan.

## Next SNI Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the SNI Official Newsletter will be **Tuesday, February 16, 2021**.  
Next issue to be dated Friday, February 26, 2021.





# ECLC's Headstart #2 Classroom Remote Learning Activities

*Submitted by Heather Ribbeck*

Mrs. Heather Ribbeck Head Start classroom has been busy with remote learning activities at home. The children attend zoom meetings, watch recordings and complete family activity packets. A variety of activities are sent home from academics to outdoor explorations. Check out some of the friends in Head Start #2 busy learning.



*Vincent Rivera working on a science experiment*



*Sylvie Williams all finished w/ her sorting activity*



*Rose Henhawk showing off her self portrait*



*Ashton Keyes working on the letter "U"*



*Kiayra Rice and her snowman*



*Avylena John & her mittens matching activity*



*Zinia Parker having some fun in the snow*

# VA Western New York Healthcare System Becomes First WNY Hospital with Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation

BUFFALO, NEW YORK — VA Western New York Healthcare System’s (VAWNYHS) emergency department received Level II Geriatric Emergency Department accreditation from the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP). The Buffalo VAWNYHS site is the first emergency department in Western New York to receive accreditation by meeting or exceeding the standards and requirements of the ACEP establishing the health care system as a local and national leader in emergency department geriatric care.

As the nation prepares to care for its rapidly growing older population, VA is well positioned to share its experiences and lessons learned from treating previous generations of Veterans to include WWII, Korea, and now Vietnam era Veterans. “The ED visit can often present an opportunity to identify and assess overall health, functional decline, and caregiver needs of the Veteran,” said Dr. Torsten Behrens, Chief of the Emergency Department at

VAWNYHS. “ED staff provides this unique assessment designed for older people and collaboratively works with all specialized VA programs to ensure physical, mental and social support and treatment plans are in place prior to discharge from the ED.”

According to ACEP, the concept of a geriatric emergency department was developed over the past decade as hospitals recognized that one size ED care does not fit all. Staff is trained to perform specific evaluations for the geriatric population such as delirium, falls, elder abuse, caregiver burnout and connect them to VA comprehensive care. They saw that older people in the ED present with needs, dispositions and outcomes that are quite specific. VAWNYHS’s accreditation reinforces VA’s dedication to the highest standards of care for Veterans as they age.





NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Seneca Nation of Indians  
SURROGATE’S COURT,  
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Notice is hereby given to all creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedents, that all persons having claims against the decedents are required to file them with the appropriate Surrogate’s Court, at the Allegany/Cattaraugus Territory. You are also required to mail or deliver a copy to the Administrator/Executor. This notice shall serve to notify creditors that they have ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the first publication of the notice to present their claims to the Administrator/Executor or the Clerk, and the estate may pay only those claims presented. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

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What is self-discovery journaling?

Have you been keeping up with your self-discovery journal? Are you interested in getting one started?  
Join us on:  
Wednesday, February 10th - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. &  
Wednesday, February 24th - 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Don't have a journal? Let us know when you RSVP and we will get you one.  
**RSVP to Jennifer for virtual access.**

Youths ages 12-17 RSVP:  
**Jennifer Stebbins**  
716.532.5583 ext. 5433  
jstebbins@senecahealth.org  
**You must RSVP to get access.**

Please note that every COVID-19 safety precaution will be taken when picking up your materials. Please wear your mask and respect the six-foot social distant rule.

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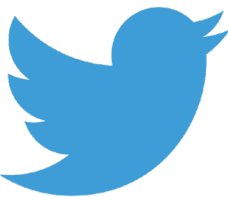
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Follow Us On TWITTER! <https://twitter.com/TheSenecaNation>

Reminder: The Seneca Nation now has an official Twitter account. Follow it for regular updates from the President’s Office on governmental and community matters. This administration is committed to increasing communication with our members, as well as the general public.



# Honor the Gift of Heart Health

Submitted by Robin Crouse, Health Educator, LRJHC

Taking steps to prevent heart disease at any age is important but starting your kids or grandkids off right from the start by learning good health habits is most important. Be their role model. When you choose an apple instead of pie, or take a walk instead of watching T.V., you are being a good role model. Working together as a family strengthens our chances of staying healthy.

A long time ago, our ancestors were very active – walking, running, hunting, picking berries, chopping and hauling wood and water. They took care of their animals and had to do other things just to survive. Our ancestors also did not smoke commercial tobacco.

Today, we have more demands in our life and are less active. This change in lifestyle has caused our people to have an increased chance for heart disease.

Knowledge is Power – Get to know your risks and once you do, there is plenty you can do to lower them!

Risk Factors You Can Do Something About:

- Over Weight – Try to maintain a healthy weight
- High Cholesterol – Get your cholesterol checked and work at lowering it if needed
- High Blood Pressure – Control blood pressure – limit sodium intake
- Diabetes – Keep your diabetes under control , lower your A1C
- Lack of Physical Activity – Be physi-

- cally active at least 30 minutes a day – you can do 10 minutes at a time
- Cigarette Smoker – Stop smoking – there is help out there!
- Get plenty of Sleep – Try for at least 8 hours a night

Risk Factors You Cannot Change:

- Family History – No’yeh, Ha’nih, Akso:d or Hakso:d (mother, father, grandmother, grandfather)
- Age – Men over 45 and women over 55 years

The more risk factors you have, the greater your chances of developing heart disease. Changing old habits is no easy chore but as a family, you can help each other by being more active and eating healthier meals. This is a great place to start!

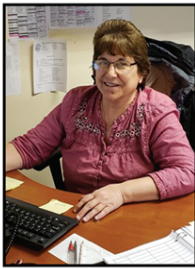
Tips for Family Gatherings:

- Don’t go to family gathering hungry – have a heart healthy snack before you go
- Bring a heart healthy dish to share
- Cut down on calories and high-fat foods. Eat more vegetables and fruits
- Watch portion sizes, and eat slowly
- Plan exercise activity for after dinner for the whole family – dance, take walk or play a sport

Pass on the Gift of Heart Health & Healthy Living to our future generations – They are counting on you!!

\*Source: Honor the Gift of Heart Health curriculum

# SNHS Employee Spotlight



**Diane Childs** is a transportation coordinator and her office is located at the Lionel R. John Health Center. She has worked at the health system for 13 and a half years.

She says “I like that I can help our community with transportation to their appointments. I set the daily schedules for transporting our patients and assign a driver to each patient for both territories.

What is the most beneficial/inspirational part of her position? She says “I like to converse with our patients and get to know them on a personal level. Sometimes they even joke around with me. It is very inspiring when the patients tell me how thankful they are that I can help them with their appointments.”

Diane says she grew up in Olean. She attended Jamestown Community College and earned an associate’s degree in liberal arts and graduated from St. Bonaventure with a bachelor’s degree in psychology.

We asked what she likes to do in her spare time. She said “I like to follow the Buffalo Bills and St. Bonaventure men’s basketball team. I like going for walks and enjoy the time I spend with my grandchildren and great grandchildren.”

Favorite quote or words/advice that she lives by? She said “Never say never!” and “You can accomplish anything if you really try!”

We asked her: Please tell something interesting or extraordinary about yourself that you would like people to know: Her reply was “I was out of high school for 26 years and took a course at JCC. On the first night of class I was laid off from my job. I decided to go to school full-time since I had been out of school for so long.” She also adds that she graduated Phi Theta Kappa from JCC.

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



## Simply HR ~ December

### New Hires


- Mary Kettle**  
Dental Assistant I, CIRHC  
December 14, 2020
- Lee Jimerson Jr.**  
Environmental Services Attendant  
CIRHC  
December 28, 2020

Congratulations on your new positions!



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# HOT COCOA BOMBS



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25th  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
For youths ages 12-17  
Families are encouraged to help.

Make your hot cocoa explode with a hot cocoa bomb! Join us as we make these together and then enjoy our creations.

RSVP to Jennifer to get virtual access and arrange pickup of the supplies. Please note that COVID-19 protocol will be in place. Be sure to mask up and observe the 6 foot social distance rule.

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# COOKING CLASS ON ZOOM



Pistachio Nut Pudding in a Mini Piecrust

**WEDNESDAY**  
**MARCH 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**4:00 pm**

The first 20 participants that sign up will receive instructions & ingredients 2 days before class.

TO SIGN UP CALL JODY AT  
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## SENECA CLUBHOUSE CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Self Discovery Journal Discussion 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	11 Thursdays with Traci 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	12	13
14 Happy Valentine's Day!	15 Self-Love Bingo 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	16	17	18 Vision Board Virtual Showcase 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	19	20
21	22	23 Family Paint Night 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	24 Self-Discovery Journal Discussion 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	25 Make a Hot Chocolate Bomb 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	26	27
28				Native Connections and Clubhouse events are for youth ages 12-17 and some are open to their families as well. If you have an idea for a virtual event, have a question, or would like to register, please contact Jennifer Stebbins.		

Please note that any event that requires material pickup, will follow COVID-19 safety protocol. Please wear a mask and observe the six-foot social distant rule.

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\*Virtual events are hosted on LifeSize. You will receive login info when you register!

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Do:h nigano:ö'?	How much does it cost?	a:yë:' nă:h	it seems that
nē:gē:h	this	wis niga:wisda:ge:h	five dollars
ojisgwano:h	cold mush, ice cream	nigano:ö'	It costs

Onödowa'ga:' Gawë:nö'  
Pronunciation Key

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



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