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A message from President Matthew B. Pagels



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I hope all are well. There are less than thirty days until spring. March 20th marks the beginning of a new cycle. And a little more than a full year of Covid-19 and those hurdles. But, maple harvesting will begin and we can be grateful for this gift to us. Gakwi:yo:h Farms and the language programs collaborate on harvesting and processing sap from community trees throughout our Territories. It is a great learning project for youth during the pandemic, which could become a life-long

interest.

At February’s Council session I mentioned that a Special Council to approve the remaining fiscal year budget will be held on February 25th. As you may recall, the Nation budget was to cover the first five months of the Fiscal year. The next budget will begin on March 1st through September 30th. This final seven-month budget will show a slight reserve from the casino distribution to our land revenue. This process was created to preserve additional funds for critical situations such as the pandemic. As a result, the general fund budget may be reduced, but it will not affect programs and services.

Our Administration is working hard to open up the childcare centers to full capacity. Also, an evaluation of other Departments will determine what additional staff is needed to recall. There will be a survey to collect data on the furloughed employees as it’s been approximately 11 months since they were released due to Covid-19 and many may have sought new employment. Our overall goal is to create a right sized workforce while maintaining work product and efficiency.

Our Housing Authority will begin taking applications for the Emergency Rental

Assistance program funding received from the US Treasury. This program is assistance for rental and utility assistance for households unable to pay due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more specific information regarding eligibility and application questions (see page 8), contact the Housing Authority at 716- 532-5000.

Covid-19 update meetings will continue every Wednesday from 3 – 5pm in the Go To meeting format. Please request to SNgotomeet@sni.org to join the conversation name, enrollment number and phone number to be included in the session.

The number of positive cases continues to marginally decrease. It is important to keep up the good job following Covid-19 protocols – wear your mask, stay socially distant, keep your circle small and sanitize your hands. Don’t hesitate to contact the Health System and or your primary health care provider with questions regarding the covid and the vaccine at 532-5582 CHC or 945-5894 LRJ.

As always, remember to stay safe, stay strong.

**Matt
Dah ne’hoh dih ae’.**

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

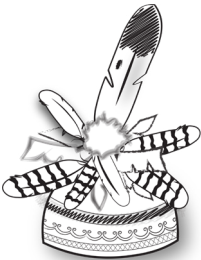
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SENECA NATION COVID-19 VACCINE




CURRENT CALL LIST FOR BOTH TERRITORIES:


- SNHS high risk patients, 45-49 years of age
- SNHS patients, 45-49 years of age




1,600 prime doses received



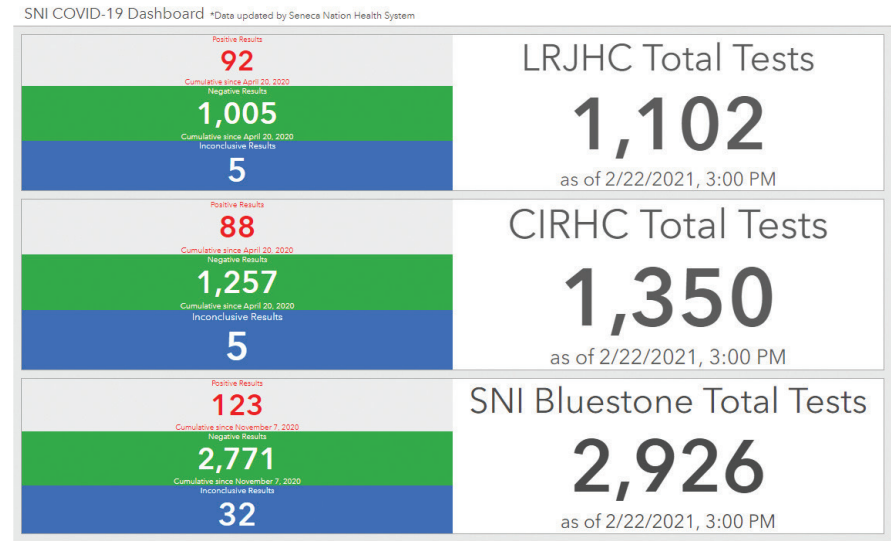
1,490 prime doses administered



800 individuals fully vaccinated



week ending 2/19/2021



FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER



Greetings,

Looks like Punxsutawney Phil was right, after all, and we’re in for a few more weeks of winter. I hope you are all making the best of these snowy days and enjoying some outdoor activities. I see on Facebook - some of our adult members are sledding and some of our little guys are learning to throw snow snakes.

The Council, Executives and Fiscal staff have finalized the seven-month budget to finish up the 2021 fiscal year, which will take us to September 30th, 2021. I am very encouraged we will be able to plan a one year budget, for the 2021-22 budget process. As I reported previously on the Minor’s Trust Fund statements, which are now scheduled for every other month, be on the lookout for the March statement soon, from our Fiscal Department. I’m also happy to report that our new Buffalo Creek Seneca One Stop is on schedule to be completed and opened in April. This additional enterprise is projected to give our overall revenue a good boost.

The Drug Taskforce continues to meet regularly to develop systems of deterrents to deal with the drug epidemic we face in our communities. At our last meeting, we discussed a federal law

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

enforcement grant, which may provide us some options to develop additional public safety initiatives, and could include Peace Officer training for our Marshals. We are committed to exploring all options and grants, which may be beneficial in this fight. We agree unanimously, we must continue to strengthen all of our efforts to rid outside drug dealers from our territories.

As more and more of our community members get vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus, I’m hopeful everyone continues to follow the protocols and stays safe. There will be better, more normal, days ahead.

Respectfully,
Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.



Construction on the new One Stop in Buffalo, NY



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 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 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

****Media Alert****

Matt Fraser Appearance At Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino Canceled;

TICKET REFUNDS AVAILABLE

WHAT: Matt Fraser appearance at Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino has been canceled.

WHERE: Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino
777 Seneca Allegany Blvd., Salamanca, New York
14779

REFUNDS: Refunds are available up to 14 days prior to the scheduled show date from the original point of ticket purchase with proof of purchase.

Due to the ongoing nationwide impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on live entertainment performances, the Matt Fraser appearance at Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino has been canceled. The appearance had been scheduled for Saturday, July 17, 2021 at 7PM.

Refunds are available up to 14 days prior to the scheduled show date from the original point of ticket purchase with proof of purchase.

Please continue to check our websites for up to date entertainment information.
senecaniagaracasino.com and senecaalleganycasino.com

Seneca Nation Library Cattaraugus Branch

How to download the Libby app by Overdrive to read books or magazines on you device

Must have a library card from our library through the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System

- 1.Download (install) the Libby app by Overdrive on the App Store
- 2. Open
- 3. Welcome notice. First question: Do you have a library card? Yes
- 4. Look up library by name or location. Tap on search for a library and enter: Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library system will pop up.
- 5. Enter library acct details, enter card number and pin number
- 6. Sign in and your card will appear. Press next
- 7. Scroll down and find what you are looking for. Example: new books, magazines etc.
- 8. When you find an item tap on borrow then it will tell you if you can borrow
- 9. Open book and scroll left to read.
- 10. Go to manage loans to return book/magazine

Magazines, ebooks, audio books

Any questions or to apply for a library card call Marie at the Seneca Nation Library Cattaraugus Branch 716-532-9449

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.

Infectious Diseases Not New to Seneca Territory

By Rebecca Bowen, Director, Seneca Nation Archives

For the last year we have been confronted daily by the enormous challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic that has gripped our Seneca Nation, the United States, and the world. But this is not our first confrontation with disease nor, unfortunately, will it be the last. Since 1492 the history of indigenous peoples, and in time our own Seneca history, has been a record of the devastation inflicted upon us by disease.

Smallpox reached North America by 1520. For the Hodinöhsöni' the first smallpox epidemic hit in the mid-1600s. Smallpox would become a leading cause of death by disease among indigenous peoples until the twentieth century, but there were other equally deadly diseases to which our people had no defenses: measles, bubonic plague, cholera, typhoid, pleurisy, scarlet fever, diphtheria, mumps, and whooping cough.

In the late 1840s the proliferation of typhoid, measles, and dysentery throughout the Cattaraugus Territory resulted in the deaths of upwards of 120 Senecas. In 1847 Laura Wright, the wife of missionary Asher Wright, had taken Seneca children orphaned by typhoid fever into her home. In 1854 the death of a Seneca man left nine sick and malnourished children in dire need and it was at this point an orphanage was established that ultimately became the Thomas Asylum for Destitute and Orphan Indian Children, later renamed the Thomas Indian School (TIS). Through the next 100 years infectious diseases such as smallpox, measles, dysentery, influenza and pneumonia would plague the orphan asylum and the surrounding Seneca communities.

By 1888 consumption, a.k.a. tuberculosis, was a leading cause of death among Senecas. Indeed, a study appearing in the New York Medical Journal the previous year maintained that tuberculosis accounted for 625 per 1000 American Indian deaths in New York State. An Extra Census Bulletin published by the U.S. Census Bureau in 1890 listed tuberculosis as the leading cause of death at Allegany and Cattaraugus. By 1909 tuberculosis was a leading health problem among American Indians nation-wide and accounted for 40% of all Indian deaths in the U.S. Today the incidence rate of TB among Native people has sharply decreased, however, it remains well above the rate found in the white population.

Dr. Albert D. Lake attended to the students at the Thomas Indian School from 1876 until 1922. It can probably be said that his forty-three years at TIS made him the most informed medical professional with regard

to the health condition of the students and of the residents at Cattaraugus. At TIS he saw influenza, tuberculosis, scrofula, polio, trachoma, measles, impetigo, whooping cough, and scarlet fever. In his 1888 annual physician's report he noted a 10% mortality rate among Senecas due to TB. But before the end of that year a deadly disease would resurface at TIS, Cattaraugus, and Allegany.

In the fall of that year Andrew John Jr. was in his third consecutive term as the Nation's president. Leases were the consuming issue of the day and our opponents saw allotment, citizenship, and assimilation as the quickest way to dissolving our Nationhood and opening up our lands. In late September Job King, himself a former Nation president, announced the popular annual Iroquois Agricultural Fair was postponed because of the "untruthful and diabolical rumor of there being smallpox among the Indians." However, within a week the territories were quarantined and roads leading from the Cattaraugus Territory to Gowanda were closed and railroad companies were not "to bring Indians from the reservation to Olean." Buffalo's Commercial Advertiser reported that "a serious condition of affairs is reported to exist on the Indian Cattaraugus reservation . . . on account of the prevalence of smallpox among the Indians . . . the sufferers are strictly quarantined, and are reported to be without food and without medical attendance. It is stated there are no doctors to vaccinate the Indian families and thus prevent a spread of the disease . . ." By early November the crisis had passed and quarantines were lifted, but not before eight Senecas perished to smallpox.

While there have been epidemics through the years, the last pandemic to strike Turtle Island occurred in 1918-1919. It was difficult to locate data and information to convey the experience of our Seneca people during that time. The H1V1 flu pandemic commenced during the waning days of WWI. Like the rest of the world, the Hodinöhsöni' were not immune. It is estimated that from the fall of 1918 to early spring of 1919 approximately eight hundred Hodinöhsöni' were infected and 80 did not survive the virus that quickly developed into pneumonia, the fatal complication of the virus. At the Thomas Indian School in a span of days in late October 1918, the entire student body, with the exception of one student, became sick. On October 31st three students, Elin Bennett from Cattaraugus, Hamilton Jimerson from Allegany, and Archie Logan, Onondaga, died. Ultimately six students and 4 staff members would succumb to the deadly flu.



1913 photo of girls at Thomas Indian School

Fall 1918 and spring 1919 the second and third waves of the pandemic hit and impacted our region harder than the first wave. Then, like today's pandemic experience, state and local governments closed schools and theaters, and banned all public gatherings. Parents were especially warned to keep their children out of crowds. In October 1918 Salamanca's Republican Press reported that "the students and helpers at the Friends' Indian school [a.k.a. Quaker School, Tunesassa] are all improving."

Asher Wright, the missionary at Buffalo Creek and later at Cattaraugus, also served as physician to the children at the asylum and the Cattaraugus residents. He was known to spend his own money for medicines and he often appealed to New York State and the federal government for medical assistance generally to little or no avail. In 1875, the year of Wright's death, the federal government did hire physicians to vaccinate Hodinöhsöni' across the state. Approximately 38% were inoculated in the effort. Granted there was opposition to vaccinations within Seneca communities, but when the smallpox epidemic hit in late 1888 the TIS physician Dr. Lake was able to vaccinate 500 Senecas to curb the spread of smallpox throughout the Seneca territories.

Today we look forward to a time when we will be released from the grip of COVID-19. We have seen and felt the loss it has inflicted upon Seneca families and our communities. We have also witnessed and are thankful for recovery. To a lesser degree these are surely the same experiences and emotions felt by our people over the last centuries when unknown diseases befell them. I say lesser because today we have a government and a health system that, while some will find fault, have stepped up to the frontline to face something none of us in any of our lifetimes has every faced before. It's new to us, yet not new from the perspective of our Seneca history.

Public Notice

SNIEDC Charter Amendments

Public Comments

The Seneca Nation of Indians Economic Development Company ("SNIEDC") is currently undergoing revisions to its Charter. Below are some highlights of the revisions to the Charter. The full Charter can be viewed at SNI Clerk's Office or digitally at: <https://sninews.org/2021/02/22/public-notice-sniedc-charter-amendments/>

Public Comments in regard to the Charter Amendments should be submitted to SNI Clerk's Office. The deadline to file a Public Comment will end on March 19, 2021.

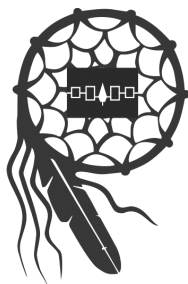
SNIEDC Charter Revisions Highlights:

- Addition of Consumer Loan Products
- Changes to SNIEDC Board Composition and Terms
- Changes to SNIEDC Board Compensation

Please file Public Comments to:

Seneca Nation of Indians
Clerk's Office
Attention: Marta L. Kettle
12837 Route 438
Irving, NY 14081

Deadline: March 19, 2021



SNIEDC
Seneca Nation of Indians
Economic Development Company

Seneca Nation Disability Services has moved

Seneca Nation Disability Services is now located in the Seneca Allegany Administration Building 90 Ohi:yo' Way, Salamanca, NY (Allegany Territory) 3rd floor, Room 330.

As always call us if you need anything!
716-532-4900 ext. 5152
716-945-8163 ext. 8309



Leanna Leroy,
Director
Ashley Kettle, **Administrative Assistant**

Don't miss the next Newsletter Deadline: March 2nd. To be dated for March 12th.

Seneca Nation of Indians Economic Development Company (SNIEDC) Update

Their new website is up and running. Go check it out!

www.sniedc.org



Seneca Gaming & Entertainment JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Irving Location:

- General Manager
- Security Guards
- Customer Service Reps
- Cleaners
- Vault Cashier
- IT Generalist

Salamanca Location:

- Cleaners

Oil Spring:

- Slot Operations Cashier
- Customer Service Reps



If you have already applied, or have previously been a part of our team, please send us your updated resume and application.

Interested persons should submit their resume and/or application to human.resources@senecagames.com

Phone: IRVING (716)549-4389
SALAMANCA/OS (716)945-8276

Website: www.senecagames.net

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
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

Seneca Nation Housing Authority (SNHA) receives US Treasury funding for “Emergency Rental Assistance” (ERA) Program

By Adrian Stevens

The ERA program makes available funding to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The SNHA will use the funds to provide assistance to eligible households through the SNHA ERA Programs. This program does not include homeownership or mortgages.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Eligibility

An “eligible household” is defined as a renter household in which at least one or more individuals meets the following criteria:

- Qualifies for unemployment or has experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced a financial hardship due to COVID-19;
- Demonstrates a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability

Has a household income at or below 80 percent of the area median. Guidelines to Income Limits as of July 30, 2020:

Person(s)	Income Limit
1	\$43,960
2	\$50,240
3	\$56,250
4	\$62,800
5	\$67,824
6	\$72,848
7	\$77,872
8	\$82,896

Rental assistance provided to an eligible household should not be duplicative of any other federally funded rental assistance provided to such household.

Eligible households that include an individual who has been unemployed for the 90 days prior to application for assistance and

households with income at or below 50 percent of the area median are to be prioritized for assistance.

Household income is determined as either the household’s total income for calendar year 2020 or the household’s monthly income at the time of application. Income eligibility must be re-determined every 3 months.

Available Assistance

Eligible households may receive up to 12 months of assistance, plus an additional 3 months if the grantee determines the extra months are needed to ensure housing stability and grantee funds are available. The payment of existing housing-related arrears that could result in eviction of an eligible household is prioritized. Assistance must be provided to reduce an eligible household’s rental arrears before the household may receive assistance for future rent payments. Arrears will be eligible starting at the date of March 13th, 2020. Once a household’s rental arrears are reduced, grantees may only commit to providing future assistance for up to three months at a time. Households may reapply for additional assistance at the end of the three-month period if needed and the overall time limit for assistance is not exceeded.

Application Process

An application for rental assistance may be submitted by an eligible head of household. Households and landlords must apply through the SNHA ERA program. In general, funds will be paid directly to landlords and utility service providers.

Applications are available at the SNHA offices starting on Monday, February 22, 2021.

Applications will be available at SNHA offices located at 50 Iroquois Drive, Irving or at 44 Seneca St Elder Complex, Salamanca. Any questions you may call 716-532-5000.

COVID-19 Vaccination
Myths & Facts



Can a COVID-19 vaccine make me sick with COVID-19?

No. None of the authorized and recommended COVID-19 vaccines or COVID-19 vaccines currently in development in the United States contain the live virus that causes COVID-19. This means that a COVID-19 vaccine cannot make you sick with COVID-19.



Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>

COVID-19 Vaccination
Myths & Facts



After getting a COVID-19 vaccine, will I test positive for COVID-19 on a viral test?

No. Neither the recently authorized and recommended vaccines nor the other COVID-19 vaccines currently in clinical trials in the United States can cause you to test positive on viral tests, which are used to see if you have a current infection. If your body develops an immune response, the goal of vaccination, there is a possibility you may test positive on some antibody tests. Antibody tests indicate you had a previous infection and that you may have some level of protection against the virus.



Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>

COVID-19 Vaccination
Myths & Facts



If I have already had COVID-19 and recovered, do I still need to get vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine?

Yes. Due to the severe health risks associated with COVID-19 and the fact that re-infection is possible, vaccine should be offered to you regardless of whether you already had COVID-19 infection. At this time, experts do not know how long someone is protected from getting sick again after recovering from COVID-19. The immunity someone gains from having an infection, called natural immunity, varies from person to person. Some early evidence suggests natural immunity may not last very long.



Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>

COVID-19 Vaccination
Myths & Facts



Will a COVID-19 vaccination protect me from getting sick with COVID-19?

Yes. COVID-19 vaccination works by teaching your immune system how to recognize and fight the virus that causes COVID-19, and this protects you from getting sick with COVID-19. Being protected from getting sick is important because even though many people with COVID-19 have only a mild illness, others may get a severe illness, have long-term health effects, or even die. There is no way to know how COVID-19 will affect you, even if you don't have an increased risk of developing severe complications.



Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>

COVID-19 Vaccination
Myths & Facts



Will a COVID-19 vaccine alter my DNA?

No. COVID-19 mRNA vaccines do not change or interact with your DNA in any way. Messenger RNA vaccines, also called mRNA vaccines, are the first COVID-19 vaccines authorized for use in the United States. mRNA vaccines teach our cells how to make a protein that triggers an immune response. The mRNA from a COVID-19 vaccine never enters the nucleus of the cell, which is where our DNA is kept. This means the mRNA cannot affect or interact with our DNA in any way. Instead, COVID-19 mRNA vaccines work with the body's natural defenses to safely develop immunity to disease.



Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>

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Myths & Facts



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Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>



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One Stop in Buffalo set for April opening

Ronald Kenjockety, Seneca Nation Owner's Rep

In my capacity as Seneca Nation Rep for a range of construction projects, I have a brief update on the progress of our newest Seneca One Stop at 180 Perry Street in Buffalo, New York.

Construction began in early fall of 2020. The convenience store is a one-story structure and has 4,736 square feet of retail and office space. We have leased a portion of this facility to Dunkin' Donuts, to provide their drive thru service. Seneca Construction Management Corporation (SCMC) takes care of construction management; Carmina Wood Morris DPC is the architect and M/E Engineering has done the engineering work.



In addition, we have been working with Kirst General Contractor, Cerrone Sitework, 7GENS Finish Carpentry, 7GENS Finishes, IPL Electrical, DV Brown (plumbing/HVAC) and Empire Petroleum Services. And, since this is a TERO eligible project, we have had some of our own Seneca members on the job site.



Completion for the project is expected to be mid-April.

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Cattaraugus Education Dept. Honor Roll List

Submitted by Kellie Maybee

Gowanda Central School

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Cadence Luther 6
Alhanna Gabel 9
Chloe Luther 9
Cameron Nagel 11
Kirk Mohawk 12
Grace Wakefield 12
Cecelia Young 12

HONOR ROLL

Titus Beaver 6
Kyra Mae Harley 6
Tayleigh Williams 6
Leila Thompson 7
Winter Rivera 8
Aubrie Heron 9
Shelby Weston 10
Kaylee Baird 11
Mary Denea 11
Adam Golden 11
Logan Lukonaitis 11
Jasmine Halftown 12
Ariyah Jimerson-Ocasio 12
Miya Scanlan 12
Shon Thompson 12

MERIT ROLL

Cora Luther 5
Rylee Yasurek 5

Carleen Logan 7
Mia Hudson 10
Ke’ya Stevens 10
Chloe White 10
Kristen Warrior 12

Lake Shore Central School

HONOR ROLL

Mason Snyder 6
Elliot Catalano 7
Kate Kennedy 7
Lilly Kushner 7
James Mecca 7
Stanley Francis 8
Alexis Hummel 8
Laelle Jimerson 8
Aquinnah Maybee 8
Aiden Button 9
Macay Jimerson 9
Emiliee Ramirez 9
Ava Tallchief 9
Blayze Becker 10
Giana Corsaro 10
Riley Fleming 10
Alexandria Kennedy 10
Nyla Rivera 10
Joiise John 11
Madeline Maybee 11
Ava Waterman 11
Lila Bennett 12

Angela Edmond 12
Fantasy Jimerson-Kenjockety
Emma Kushner 12
Aaliyah Lyle 12
Layla Seneca 12
Miranda Williams 12

MERIT ROLL

Mason John 6
Mauricio Gurule 7
Mason Jimerson-Kenjockety
Jairon Nephew 7
Maston Waterman 8
Morgan Huff 9
Skilynn Halftown 10
Daylin John 10
Tianna Thuman 10
Shatan Mohawk 11
Lane Thompson 11
Shanyce Gonzales 12
Anna Kennedy 12
Kayleigh McComber 12

Silver Creek Central School

HONOR ROLL

Benjamin O’Dell 6
Kellen Renaldo 6
Jonathon Seneca 6
Molly Shaw 6



Jalyn Smith 6
Ella Austin 7
Laneya Olsen 9
Timothy Williams 9
Tory Cook 10
Kayla Johns 10
Jackson Williams 10
Genevieve Balestrieri 11
Gracie Hoelzle 11
Roger Williams 11
Danaceus Maybee 12
Kianna Warrior 12

MERIT ROLL

Cash LeRoy 6
Jacie Stevens 6
Gabriella Seneca 8
Vayda Stevens 9
Aurora Jimerson 10
Jakeb Millar 10
Sincere Becker 11
Shandon Monrroy 12

Allegany Education Dept. Honor Roll List

Submitted by Nancy Williams

High Honor Roll at Seneca Intermediate School (89.5% and above)

4th Grade: Jayden Barton, Reagen Brown, Ella Crouse, Calli Jimerson, Liana Jimerson and Stewart Redeye
5th Grade: Colleen Hill, Warrick John, Noah Longley, Alexzander Milks, George Parsons, Sophia Pierce, Jasmine Robertson and Merle Watt III
6th Grade: Logan Abrams, Jaxon Crouse, Ryder Jimerson, Jayleen Maybee, Orion Peckyno, Lailee Pierce, Conner Seeley and Nolan Seeley
7th Grade: Ozzy Kennison, Jorja Miller, Ernest Pinnecoose and Preston Smith

Honor Roll (84.5-89.5%)

4th Grade: Koda John-Albines and Miley Zawatski
5th Grade: Arianna Acosta, Keira Bova, Cheyenne Craig-Sherlock, Maliyah Foster, Aiden George, Jaadih (Connor)

Hoag, Paxtynn Kerswill, Galen Ledsome, Paul Oakes and Ashton Smith
6th Grade: Rowan Brown, Sheonna Hill and Ayla Newark
7th Grade: Makenzie Crouse, Alessandra Jimerson and Anne Marie Rozler

High Honor Roll at Salamanca High School (95% and above)

8th Grade: Izabella Milks*
9th Grade: Caterina Huff* and Bella Wolfe*
10th Grade: Quinton Jones*, Alyssa Perkins* and Zaron Tucker*
11th Grade: Riley Brown and Jillian Rae

Honor Roll (90-94.9%)

8th Grade: Aubrey Domres
9th Grade: Waymom Kennedy
10th Grade: Sharee Armstrong, Gahseni'de' Hubbell and Sydnie John
11th Grade: Lauren Hill*, Harley

Hoag and Xavier Jimerson*
12 Grade: Keedin Bucktooth* and Ryleigh John
Denotes Top 10

Merit Roll (85-89.9%)

Grade 8: Abigail Murphy
Grade 9: Tia Helgager
Grade 11: Elijah George, Hayden Hoag, Robert McLarney, Tre Turner, Laila Zolner
Grade 12: Jermyah Holland, Nathan Kettle, Eric Murphy, Monique White

Honor Roll at Randolph Central School (

7th Grade: Myah McClune and Delsin Tallchief
8th Grade: Payton Morrison
9th Grade: Addison Beaver
10th Grade: Clayton Crouse and Aubrey Hogan
11th Grade: Mya Abrams

Merit Roll (

11th Grade: Sessa George



High Honor Roll at STCS and Archbishop Walsh (95% and above)

7th Grade: Emerson Ortego
Honor Roll (90-94%)
3rd Grade: Jayla Redeye
4th Grade: Matthew Isch
5th Grade: Kurrlyn Glowacki and Charlie Rae Hill
9th Grade: Dominik Thompson
11th Grade: Clarissa Smith

Merit Roll (85-89%)

5th Grade: Hayden John, Gavin Kalyan, and Ashton Ortego
6th Grade: Lovella Kalyan and Max Kalyan

Elders Tax Assistance Update

Submitted by Shantel Burning

As many of you know, AOA has had the opportunity to work with AARP sponsored and trained personnel so that you have been able to complete your yearly tax returns. This year will be different, however, due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. We have researched the tax assistance for this year for Elders and I will list what I have been able to find. You will need appointments set up in advance and these are still considered a free service.

The following are the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling programs near the Cattaraugus Territory:

United Way of N. Chautauqua County
First Baptist Church
32 Main Street, Silver Creek, N.Y.
888-696-9211

United Way of N. Chautauqua County-SUNY Fredonia
214 Central Ave., Dunkirk, N.Y.
000-000-0211

United Way of N. Chautauqua – Central Ave.
626 Central Ave., Dunkirk, N.Y.
888-696-9211

** You may also call “211” and you may ask for Leon who may direct your call on any of the above sites.

The two listings below are for the Allegany Territory Elders, which are in Jamestown and Olean, again, an appointment is needed and is still a free service for our Elders:

United Way of S. Chautauqua County Pendergast Library
208 Pine Street
Jamestown, N.Y.
888-696-9211

United Way of Cattaraugus County
Olean Public Library
134 N. 2nd St. Olean, N.Y.
(716) 372-3620

There are the commercial related tax assistance always available to you for a fee. Those are your local H&R Block, Jackson Hewett, and others advertised on the media sites. I wish you good luck, and hope that we are able to return to “normal by next year’s tax returns. – Trish Patterson, Senior Advocate

Ice Fishing Safety

By Allie George, Director

Ice fishing season is in full swing, remember the following to make your next trip out on the ice more enjoyable.

- Pick a good weather day
- Check ice thickness for your safety and take precautions
- Wear proper clothing
- Use proper equipment and make sure its operating correctly
- Give space to other anglers, don't over crowd an area of ice
- Introduce ice fishing to a new angler or youth
- ALWAYS tell someone where you plan to fish and how long you are expecting to fish
- Most of all have fun and stay safe

SNI Fish & Wildlife, Fish Habitat Program

By Allie George, Director

The Seneca Nation Fish & Wildlife Department would like to thank the community for their continued support and help of the Department’s Fish Habitat Program.

The Department completed the collection of used Christmas trees after the holidays, which will be placed for construction of the fish habitat. Trees were dropped off at the Fish & Wildlife Department Office on Center Road in Salamanca, NY.

This year the Department received 410 trees from various community members, tree growers, Walmart, and Home Depot.

These tree structures will be placed in various locations in the Allegany Reservoir, Red House Ponds, Hatchery Pond, Ismuth Ponds and other area waterways throughout the Allegany Territory. The Department will attach the trees to existing fish structures, and they will be creating new structures as supplies allow. The structures will sit on the bottom and will provide shelter and food for baitfish, food for predatory fish and spawning beds for other species.

The Seneca Nation Fish & Wildlife Department continues an aggressive approach on habitat creation and aquatic restoration projects.

For any questions or information, please contact the Seneca Nation Fish & Wildlife Manager Shane Titus at (716) 474-8642.

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Haudenosaunee Nationals got game, too

A women's lacrosse team of the Haudenosaunee get set to compete on the world stage

By Dalton Walker | February 12, 2021 | Reprinted from indiancountrytoday.com



Haudenosaunee Nationals player Lois Garlow in a 2019 match.
(Photo courtesy of Haudenosaunee Nationals)

The world will get a double dose of Haudenosaunee lacrosse come 2022.

The Haudenosaunee Nationals, a women's lacrosse team of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, received some good news in late December when it learned that it was invited to play in the 2022 World Games set for Birmingham, Alabama.

The invitation came a few months after its male counterpart, the Iroquois Nationals, accepted an invitation. Now, for the first time in history, both teams will be competing in the highest international lacrosse event slated for July of next year, where nations compete against each other. Think of the Olympic games if it included lacrosse.

"Being the first Indigenous women's team to be invited is so empowering and incredible," said Amber Hill, a veteran team goalkeeper and team spokeswoman.

The Haudenosaunee Confederacy are the original creators of lacrosse and are traditionally known as Tewaarathon. The confederacy is made up of six tribal nations: Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca and Tuscarora. Many of the Haudenosaunee live in what is today upstate New York and in nearby Canadian provinces.

The Haudenosaunee Nationals is not settling on a participation trophy, though. Hill, Tuscarora, said she wants to medal in the 8-team field. The team has held tryouts but because of the pandemic and the tournament more than a year out, the

roster hasn't been set.

"I would like a medal," she said. "That's always the goal. We want to be able to show the world that we're just as good as our men. We are dead set on showing the world that we have just as much talent, even though we haven't been allowed to play as long as they have."

The Iroquois Nationals, a powerhouse men's lacrosse team widely known in the lacrosse community and beyond, have competed for decades and won prized medals in indoor and outdoor tournaments. The team often ranks as one of the best in the world. Their



The Haudenosaunee Nationals in a 2019 match.
(Photo courtesy of Haudenosaunee Nationals)

road to the World Games wasn't based on skill or record.

In September, after weeks of advocating for a spot, the International World Games Association finally bulked and changed eligibility qualifications that initially didn't

recognize the Nationals as a sovereign nation. However, eight teams had already accepted the invitation and it appeared the World Games wasn't going to add sports. This is when Ireland Lacrosse stepped up and bowed out, essentially making room for the Nationals.

For the Haudenosaunee Nationals, the change in eligibility rules helped. Still, it wasn't clear at the time if the team was eligible record wise and expected it needed to be a top team in the 2021 World Lacrosse Women's Championships to receive an invitation.

That changed in December when the World Games tweaked its selection criteria and offered a spot to the winner of the 2019 Pan-American Lacrosse Association Continental Qualifier, a tournament won by the Haudenosaunee Nationals. Not long before the announcement, the 2021 World Lacrosse Women's Championships was postponed to 2022 because of the pandemic.

The pandemic has had an impact on world sporting events. The 2020 Summer Olympics were pushed back to this summer. The World Games offers sporting events not contested in the Olympic Games and usually schedules the following year after the Olympics. When the Olympics postponed a year, so did the World Games.

The Haudenosaunee Nationals don't have the same name or brand recognition as the Iroquois Nationals, at least not yet, but the team has come a long way since the early days when a player's mom, a seamstress, embroidered the team's logo on team gear, Hill said.

The challenge of simply playing the game is not lost on Hill. Through the years, some Haudenosaunee elders have not supported their women playing lacrosse based on it being a men's medicine game, but that mentality has slowly changed over time.

Hill has been playing for the Haudenosaunee Nationals since the team's inception in 2006 when around 30 athletes tried out.



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Haudenosaunee Nationals goalkeeper
Amber Hill in a 2019 match.
(Photo courtesy of Haudenosaunee Nationals)

Hill remembers that she was the oldest player to try out and the lone Division 1 sports athlete to take part. Hill played lacrosse for Syracuse University.

"I don't know who's going to make the team, but I'm going to bet the farm that 100 percent of us are going to have some type of D1 or other type of collegiate experience because of the amount of growth and talent since that first tryout in 2006," Hill said.

The team has set aside three roster spots for Indigenous women not part of the Haudenosaunee. Tribal citizens of a federally recognized tribe can vie for a roster spot, Hill said.

New York high school lacrosse star Miya Scanlan, Seneca, has a goal to be part of the team that competes in the World Games.

Scanlan is headed to Jacksonville University in the fall to play lacrosse. She was at the Haudenosaunee Nationals tryouts in October and said "it was definitely fun competing against all that talent."

Scanlan comes from a family of lacrosse players. Her sister plays at Louisville University and her brother is a professional lacrosse player.

The tryout also included virtual submissions and future tryouts are expected in the future until the final roster is determined.



Miya Scanlan, Seneca, a high school lacrosse player in NY. (Photo courtesy of Miya Scanlan)

"I haven't had the opportunity to compete for them yet, but hopefully when I do, it'll be fun and make good memories," Scanlan said.

Source: <https://indiancountrytoday.com/news/haudenosaunee-nationals-got-game-too-QhMgIzjuHE-kWXl9BmJwCA?fbclid=IwAR1Na6VFOpNqTQPtzi6AcINA-SQ2HU7mSlvEQTajzVCS5RJBSf-Wjfp7f4Q>

UAlbany has released their Spring Men's Lacrosse Schedules

Shout out to returning players Jakob Patterson, Ron John & Keelan Seneca!
Men's lacrosse will play home games at John Fallon Field this spring.



The graphic features a group of UAlbany lacrosse players in white jerseys with blue accents, standing on a field. Below them is a purple banner with the text "UAlbany Men's Lacrosse" and "2021 SCHEDULE". At the bottom, there is a grid of logos for the opponents: Lehigh, Binghamton, UMBC, Hartford, Stony Brook, Vermont, UMass, UMass Lowell, NJIT, and Syracuse. A legend indicates Home (blue), Away (orange), and Neutral (grey) games.

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2021 Men's Lacrosse Schedule					
Date	Time	At	Opponent	Location	Tournament
February 21, 2021 (Sunday)		Away	Lehigh	Bethlehem, PA	
March 6, 2021 (Saturday)		Away	Hartford	West Hartford, Conn.	
March 9, 2021 (Tuesday)		Home	UMass	Albany, N.Y. John Fallon Field	
March 13, 2021 (Saturday)		Home	Vermont	Albany, N.Y. John Fallon Field	
March 20, 2021 (Saturday)		Away	Binghamton	Vestal, N.Y.	
March 27, 2021 (Saturday)		Away	Stony Brook	Stony Brook, N.Y.	
April 2, 2021 (Friday)		Home	UMass Lowell	Albany, N.Y. John Fallon Field	
April 9, 2021 (Friday)		Away	Syracuse	Syracuse, N.Y.	
April 11, 2021 (Sunday)		Home	UMBC	Albany, N.Y. John Fallon Field	
April 17, 2021 (Saturday)		Away	Vermont	Burlington, Vt.	
April 24, 2021 (Saturday)		Home	NJIT	Albany, N.Y. John Fallon Field	
May 1, 2021 (Saturday)		Home	Hartford	Albany, N.Y. John Fallon Field	
May 6, 2021 (Thursday)			TBD		America East Tournament
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Jakob Patterson, Attack



Ron John, Midfield

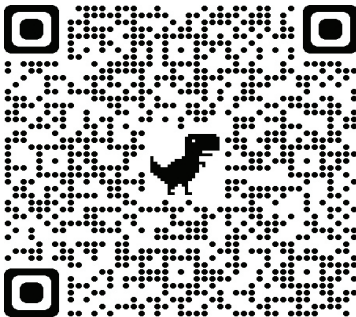


Keelan Seneca, Attack

Access the following links to see the schedule or roster with stats:

- <https://ualbanysports.com/sports/mens-lacrosse/schedule>
- <https://ualbanysports.com/.../mens.../roster/ron-john/8007>
- <https://ualbanysports.com/.../roster/jakob-patterson/8018>
- <https://ualbanysports.com/.../roster/keelan-seneca/8029>

Scan the QR code for the schedule!



Gowanda Mural Project: Garden in the Valley

Featured Artists (2020-2021)

Ja:goh Samantha Jacobs, Jon-Anne Gaiwasedas Capasso & Jacky Snyder!

The Gowanda Mural Project is a grassroots community collective of local artists and volunteers who have been revitalizing neglected areas around this western New York town with creative and colorful murals.

One of the murals located on the side of Palm Gardens motel and bar was finished in August 2020 and is called "Garden in the Valley." It's brightly colored and features native birds and plants and is a nod to Native American beadwork.

The mural features flowers from the designs of some great local beadwork artists! The Gowanda Mural Project thanks Sam Jacobs, Jacky Snyder and Jon-Anne Gaiwasedas Capasso for allowing them to use their designs!

Here is how these ladies were thanked by the project on social media:



such beautiful art to connect and honor all of those in our community. Thank you, Samantha!

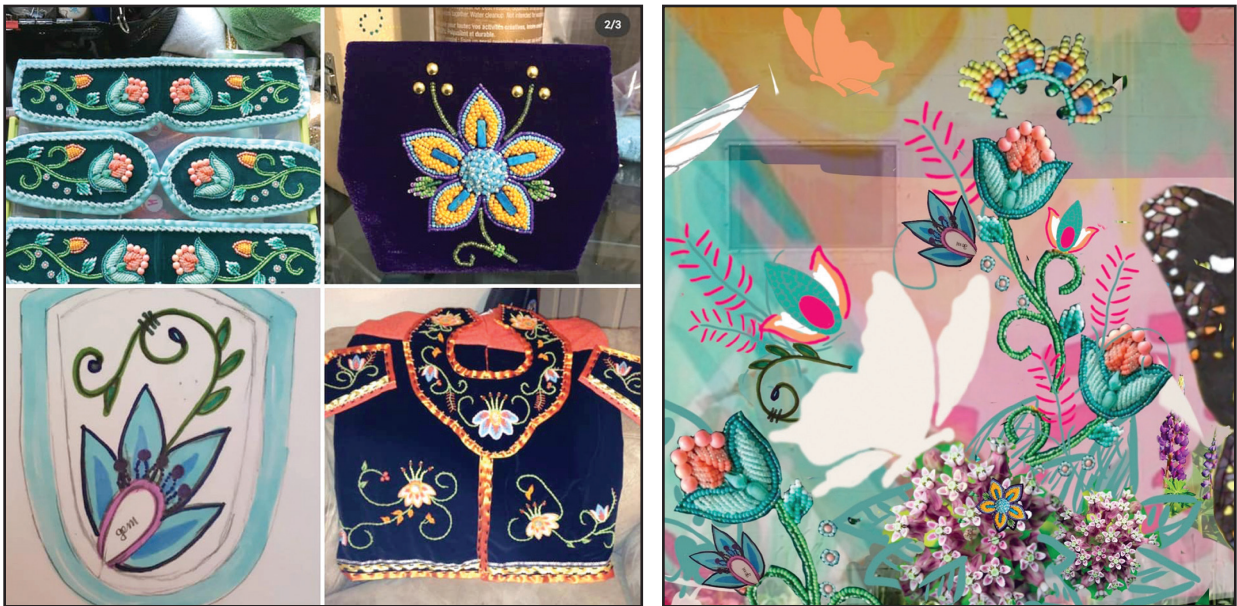
You can find more of Samantha's work here: <https://www.instagram.com/samij102/>

(January) Huge shout out to our featured artist, Jon-Anne Gaiwasedas Capasso

This featured artist post has been a long time coming! We are beyond grateful to have been able to collaborate with local artist, Jon-Anne Gaiwasedas Capasso, on our "Garden in the Valley" mural. Her contribution and

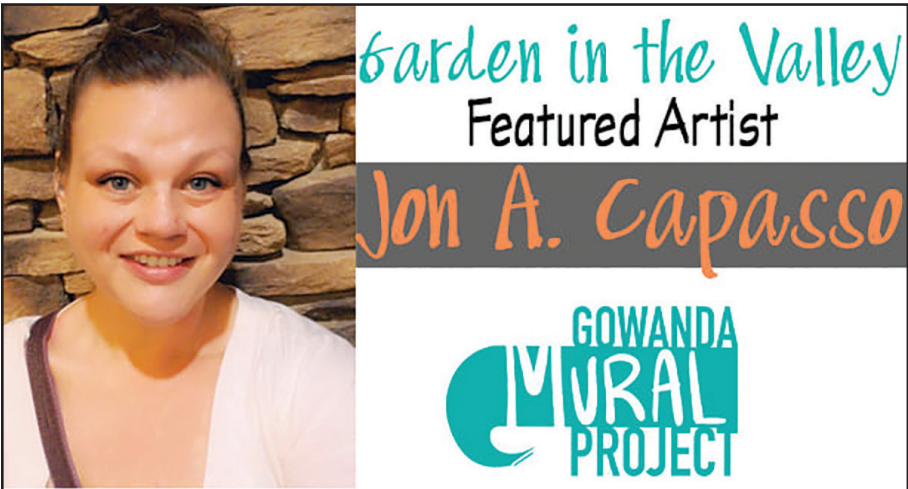
talent helped make our mural what it is today...which is BEAUTIFUL!

Everybody, meet Jon. We know you're going to love her as much as we do. (Continued on page 16)



(February) Huge shout out to our featured artist, Sam Jacobs

It is simply our honor to be collaborating with such amazing artists and creating



Hey everyone! I am Jon A. Capasso, I was born in Gowanda and raised on the Cattaraugus territory of the Seneca Nation. where I still reside. I am a member of the wolf clan. & owner of The Urban Gaiyowah and Gifts, which you can find on Facebook. I also co-own Three Wolves Gifts and Confections, located on the Cattaraugus territory (and also Facebook) with my Mom, Eva Capasso, and my sister Wenona Capasso. Here I create cakes and gourmet chocolate covered strawberries. I've been beading since the age of 17. I'm basically self taught with a tiny bit of assistance from my mom in the beginning. Lots of time and patience has gotten to the point that I now know how to make full regalia, including moccasins. I also have recently gotten into making baskets. Alongside my mother and a few other ladies from our Allegany territory, I make baskets for the newly enrolled Seneca nation members. I'm always trying to reinvent my style. Feel free to come take a look at either Facebook page to find my creations. Nya:wëh



Samantha Jacobs is a Seneca artist from the Cattaraugus Territory. She is Turtle clan. Samantha is a member of the Native Roots Artists Guild. As a child she learned beadwork from her mother Mary Jacobs. Samantha is known for her beaded moccasins. In the past several years she has expanded her repertoire to include quillwork, moose & caribou hair tufting. Samantha works on her home territory where she shares her knowledge as a community educator.

A little more about Samantha : I am a part time artist. I work on my pieces because I find it relaxing and I enjoy the process of creating art. Whether I'm working with beads or making a mess with corn husk, my art is free form and each piece is organic in its growth. I make art as a way to reflect the world around me in a self-expressive visually appealing way. No matter what the subject of a piece deals with, whether it's a random flower or a leaf that caught my eye, or a particularly interesting story I've heard along my travels; my completed work is always about telling a story. Often times that story may only mean something to me, but it still tells a story or holds a memory of an experience I want to keep, remember and share with others through my work.

Find more of Samantha's work here: <https://www.instagram.com/samij102/>

PS - Be sure to check out Jon's Facebook pages: The Urban Gaiyowah and Gifts and Three Wolves Gifts & Confections.

(September) Huge shout out to our featured artist, Jacky Snyder

Though things have been a little quiet around here at Gowanda Mural Project, our excitement for what is happening in our town is still extra LOUD!

We want to take a moment to start sending out some crazy, big love to the featured artists that generously shared their talents and designs with us, and helped make "Garden in the Valley" what it is...Which is absolutely beautiful, that's what. A deep bow of gratitude to Jacky Snyder for sharing her work of the heart and beautiful beadwork with us, which then was incorporated into our mural.



Garden in the Valley

Featured Artist

Jacky Snyder

Gagwe:göħ sgë: no' l Jacky Snyder ni: ' gya: söh. Onöndowa' ga: ' ni' ah, hae' gwah genyahdë: h. Frank, Canaan, Caye, Caias hadiyashö' näh keawakshö'. Elodie yeya: söh näh keya: de'. Agadä' nikönyoh no' we: ' ge: ih sgae' na' awagohsi: ya' k.

Greetings everyone!

I am pleased and honored to be included with the inspiration of one these beautiful murals around Gowanda. I have been beading since I was 14 years old. I began by watching my mom create beautiful pieces of work and I thought "I can do that". Now I spend my time beading for my children, friends, and family. I hope to pass on my teachings to my grand daughter when she is old enough. Teaching our language and cultural crafts is one of my favorite things to do. Being inspired by my fellow crafters gives me the motivation to put beauty and love into every design that's created.

Thank you, Jacky.

For more information about the Gowanda Mural Project, visit their group page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/251323932760564/>



GMP will get back to mural-ing this spring by paying tribute to the rich heritage of their community and feature the eight clans of the Seneca Nation of Indians.

Ja:goh Carson Redeye!

He has been accepted to the University of Rochester for the Fall 2021 semester to study Biomedical Engineering!

Submitted by Michala Redeye



Carson Redeye, a Senior at Salamanca High School, has been accepted to and chosen to attend the University of

Rochester for the Fall 2021 semester to study Biomedical Engineering. He received the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science award from the University of Rochester last spring and will be applying for their scholarship. Carson has also chosen to participate in their ECO, Early Connection Opportunity program this summer. He is also involved in National Honor Society, Seneca Honor Society, and Seneca Youth Council.

Carson is kind, smart, compassionate, and has a natural knack for helping others and taking care of Mother Earth. His years of summer work for the Seneca Nation Fish & Wildlife department sparked an interest in helping others and Mother Earth. From our traditional teachings and what he has learned at the department, he found a connection between the two and it sparked a passion within him. This experience, along with his learning experience at Salamanca High School, he was able to explore different areas of study to find his interests. He found interest in math and science which led to taking higher level courses. This helped him realize he wanted to study engineering. After researching the different areas of engineering, he decided that Biomedical Engineering was the area he wanted to study. Carson wants to "create things to help others live better lives".

Carson is the son of Michala Redeye and Chris Thomas, grandson of Arlene Bova, Charlie Redeye, Al and Laurie George, great-grandson of Kay Redeye.

He lives in Salamanca with his mother Michala, sister Paisley, brother Tanner and his older brother Darcey. Carson has played lacrosse for the Allegany Arrows since he was a little boy and the Salamanca Warriors Modified and Varsity teams. He hopes to be able to play his senior year and possibly continue with a Junior B team. He also enjoys working out, snowboarding, archery, hunting and fishing.

Ja:goh Carson!

You can find a copy of his admission letter to the University of Rochester on the next page.

Carson Redeye Admission Letter



Dear Carson,

Congratulations! On behalf of the Office of Admissions it is my honor to offer you admission to the Fall 2021 semester at the University of Rochester.

For a major research university to thrive with just 5,500 undergraduates, each student has to make a thoughtful and personal contribution to campus life. We know that you will have a positive impact on the Rochester community because you have demonstrated that you are a caretaker of your community and of the Earth. The Office of Admissions and I are confident you will both stand out and grow stronger as part of the Rochester family and in your own way continue to frame and solve the greatest challenges of the future, both locally and globally.

To prepare for the rigorous Rochester environment, some students participate in our summer academic bridge program, the Early Connection Opportunity (ECO) that typically takes place in July every year. While you are *not required* to participate in ECO, the program may be a great opportunity for you to get ready for classes, learn about on-campus services and guidance, and familiarize yourself with student life at Rochester. Your ability to participate in the ECO program is contingent on enrollment availability, and we will confirm your participation no later than May 30, 2021.

As a student admitted through Early Decision, you must complete the [Enrollment Reply Form](#) and submit your enrollment deposit by March 5, 2021 to confirm your place in the Class of 2025. Within your Enrollment Reply Form you have the opportunity to confirm whether you wish to participate in ECO. Please make sure to check the box labeled “ECS.” [View the admitted student booklet.](#)

For more information, visit rochester.edu/college/OMSA/programs/eco.html and bit.ly/ECOGreeting. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Minority Student Affairs at (585) 275-0651 or omsa@ur.rochester.edu.

Again, congratulations on your acceptance! I look forward to welcoming you to campus this fall as part of the University of Rochester’s 171st Class.

Meliora,

Dr. Robert J. Alexander
Dean of Admissions, Financial Aid, and Enrollment Management

IGS Monthly Meetings via Zoom for 2021 (Submitted By Leatha Jimerson)

We hope this finds everyone well and healthy. We are keeping those that have lost loved ones in our thoughts and send comfort and strength to them. It has been a difficult year.

We have lost some members of our IGS community who supported and contributed to the society. Barbara (Bobbie) Huff attended our meetings and it was always a joy to see her smiling face and hear her memories of people that came before us. Rick Jemison was another fixture at our meetings, offering help whenever or however he could. Norma and Diane Kennedy and Cindy Mohr attended our meetings and were interested in genealogy. They all will be missed! Their memory and good intentions will live on in us and that we find comfort in.

We have decided to do our monthly meetings via Zoom until it becomes safe for everyone to gather again. The zoom meetings will be a learning experience for all of us but we wanted to continue with our monthly meetings

of learning genealogy and of course we missed everyone!

Our first IGS Monthly Meeting will be held on **March 11, 2021 at 6:30 pm via zoom**. Please find the event announcement with direction on our webpage or facebook. The IGS website (www.iroquoisgenealogysociety.org) has been updated with new material. Our first meeting will be an overview of the IGS website showing our new additional records. Wallace Ward will present this material. He maintains our website and scans many documents to upload to the website. It is a task that takes much hard work and time. We are very grateful to Wally and his hard work for us. Our first meeting will also include a Genealogy 101 presentation by Leatha Jimerson. It will be a ‘how to get started’ in your genealogy research.

We will keep you posted on our upcoming meetings for 2021. We are also on Facebook: Iroquois Genealogy Society. Please stay safe and healthy!

The Salamanca City Central School District has partnered with Bill Crouse in an effort to share Seneca Language & Culture throughout their district

February 18, 2021 | SCCSD Facebook Page

“Nya:wëh Sgë:nö’! We are please to announce that we have partnered with Bill Crouse to share Seneca Language & Culture within our District.

Bill Crouse is a member of the Hawk Clan of the Seneca Nation of Indians. He resides on the Allegany Indian Reservation. He is a Seneca speaker, singer, dancer, storyteller and visual artist. His life’s work has been the preservation of the Seneca Culture. He is one of the Leaders of the Coldspring Longhouse as a Faithkeeper. Bill had previously taught Seneca Language & Cutlure at Salamanca Middle School and has performed and presented all over the country and international.

At Salamanca City Central School District, we offer Seneca Language & Culture to our students, Pre-K through 12th grade, Indigenous Studies (9th & 10th grades) and Seneca History (11th & 12th grades). We are located on the Allegany Territory, Ohi:yo’, of the Seneca Nation and we are fortunate to have so many amazing resources all around us, like Bill.

We will have videos posted to our YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/c/SalamancaCity-CentralSchoolDistrict>



Moving?

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

Call us at 716-945-1790, ext. 3030 or x3029.
Email: sninews@sni.org

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

There are numerous audio resources available to you and your family

By Flip White

Sgë:nö’ gagwehgoh! Agwadeyësta’ Do:gë:h would like to take a moment and share more ‘good news’ in regard to the Seneca language; that is the amount of Seneca language resources and materials that are currently available. Many of you may already be familiar with Senecalanguage.com, we simply want to encourage others who might not be and the public at large to spend some time visiting the site. And more importantly, to use the materials available.

There are audios, several language materials ready to print, posters to use in your home, Memrise (if you haven’t checked this application out, please do so), YouTube language clips, class schedules, progressive audio lessons, language research, etc. There are literally ‘tons’ of helpful language instructional

materials available! Agwadeyësta’ Do:gë:h is only trying to share this information with others who may not know. If there is one thing that is certain, it is that we have to communicate information several times, over and over. We have to create a buzz.

People continue to ask, “Are there books and CDs available?” Of course there are! The production of these language materials has been going on for decades! The language

departments and their talented staffs have been working diligently and it would be tragic to not use the materials they have produced. Just to clarify, there are several methodologies to learn language, but in this case we are specifically talking about diverse materials that are available to enhance your learning preference.

We also want to re-emphasize again that there are numerous audio resources available to you and your family. You can listen in and hear the language being

spoken. Our hopes are to simply increase the public’s awareness and hopefully get more people involved in the language effort. If it’s a few words and phrases, language proficiency, or fluency, it doesn’t matter, just give it a try. Let’s remain hopeful, positive, and do our collective best to encourage others to ‘get after it.’

Agwadeyësta’ Do:gë:h offers our thanks and appreciation to the Seneca Nation Language Department, the Immersion Program, the ‘language community and activists,’ individual families, and our precious Elder speakers for their love, dedication, and continuing commitment to the language.

Nya:wëh for your time and consideration.



Nominating petitions available for Salamanca school board election

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SALAMANCA — The Salamanca City Central School District has announced nominating petitions are available for this year’s school board election on Tuesday, May 18.

Eligible district voters will elect one member of the Salamanca School Board of Education to the seat currently occupied by Dale Colton. The one candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a five-year term, beginning on July 1, 2021, and expiring on June 30, 2026.

To qualify as a candidate, one must be a qualified voter and a district resident for one year immediately prior to May 18, 2021. By 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2021, each candidate must also

file with the district clerk a nominating petition containing the signature and legal address of no fewer than 100 qualified voters living in the district.

A qualified voter must be a United States Citizen, at least 18 years old, a district resident

for 30 days immediately to the date of the election, with their current address either correctly filed at the Cattaraugus County Board of Election in Little Valley, documented on the Seneca Nation Tribal Roll or properly registered at the district's registration to be held

on April 19, 2021. Native Americans who are properly registered and residing on the Allegany Reservation in the Steamburg or Coldspring area, for a period of 30 days preceding the election, which is located outside of the city school district, are eligible to vote in this school district’s election.

Nominating petitions and further information are available from Janet L. Koch, District Clerk, during regular business hours, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., or by phone, 945-2403.

The annual school board election will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2020, in the gymnasium of the Salamanca High School from noon to 9 p.m.



Haudenosaunee Filmmakers Festival—New Collaboration Between Friends of Ganondagan and Rematriation Magazine—Debuts April, 2021

Virtual Festival Free and Open to the Public
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 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 Haudenosaunee Confederacy.

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—plus workshop and panel topics—will be announced soon.

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.

Ja:goh to our very own (Cattaraugus Territory, Seneca, Turtle clan) Rory Wheeler, a member of THE 2021 PATHWAY TO LAW COHORT

CILA is thrilled to announce the members of the 2021 Pathway to Law Cohort, a diverse, talented group of indigenous young people pursuing a legal career.

This year's virtual Program runs March 5-6, 2021 and will prepare each participant for the law school application process and beyond.

This program is generously supported by California Change Lawyers, National Native American Bar Association, and the Tribal Justice Program at UC Davis School of Law.

CILA welcomes Native American and Alaska Native college juniors, seniors, recent college graduates, and professionals with an interest in law school. As mentioned, the program guides them through the law school application process and also pairs them with an attorney mentor.

Ja:goh Rory!



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RORY C. WHEELER
Seneca Nation//Niagara University



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2021 Pathway to Law Cohort

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Seneca Nation of Indians
SURROGATE’S COURT,
Cattaraugus & Allegany Territory

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


Missing LADIES Jacket
Blue & White Woman's Winter Jacket
Lost at Recent COVID Clinic

A few weeks ago at the Allegany COVID Clinic, Mae Shongo Lindstrom lost her blue & white winter jacket. If you've seen it, picked it up or know where it is, can you please help return it to it's rightful owner?

You can reach Mae at
716-499-7785.



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90 Ohi:yo' Way
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Salamanca 14779
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PEACEMAKERS’ COURT
THE SENECA NATION OF INDIANS

IN THE MATTER OF: Termination of Parental Rights of Felicia Buffalo

FA # 1224-07-1

TO: Bradley Kyler 1898 Buffalo Street, Olean, N. Y. 14760
Cheyenne Brooks 1898 Buffalo Street, Olean, N. Y. 14760
Felicia Buffalo 12444 Route 438; P. O. Box 151, Irving, N. Y. 14081
Casey Allen, Seneca Nation Child and Family Services

YOU ARE HEREBY notified that there is a Court Hearing scheduled for **February 16, 2021 at 11:00 A.M.** is rescheduled for:

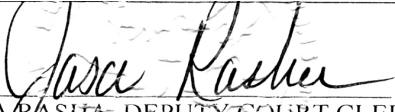
+March 11, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.
Seneca-Allegany Administration Building
90 Ohi:yo’ Way
Salamanca, New York 14779

(+Per the necessity of the court)

This notice is served upon you as required by law. You are **REQUIRED** to appear in person; however, if you fail to appear, it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested. If the defendant (s) does not answer the complaint, fails to plead, or appear in Court on the scheduled time and date, the plaintiff(s) upon proof that proper service was made, may upon motion, have judgment rendered against the defendant (s) by **DEFAULT**. You have a right to an Attorney at Law/Lay Advocate appear on your behalf. If the plaintiff(s) fail to appear on the scheduled time and date, all action requests will be dismissed. All parties must notify this Court within five (5) business days with names of their Attorney/Lay Advocate for pre-approval.

ALL PARTIES ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO BRING TO THIS HEARING ANY & ALL ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS THAT ARE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE COURT AS EVIDENCE

February 16, 2021
DATE


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March 2021

AOA Nutritional Menu	AOA Daily Trips Allegany Territory	AOA Daily Trips Cattaraugus Territory	USDA Schedule
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Tomato soup Grilled cheese sandwich Fruit & yogurt parfait	2 Vegetable pizza Roasted cauliflower Warm cinnamon applesauce	3 Chicken & wild rice casserole Roasted brussel sprouts Cherry crisp	4 Bean soup Garden salad Cornbread Peanut butter cookie	5 Pasta primavera Dinner roll Roasted butternut squash Apple crisp
	NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic			
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Call In Orders until further notice		Call In Orders until further notice		Call In Orders until further notice
8 Spaghetti & meat sauce Green beans Chocolate pudding	9 Split pea soup Carrot raisin salad Dinner roll Chocolate chip cookie	10 BBQ pulled pork Hearty wheat bread Seasoned peas Berry crisp	11 Traditional Meal Bison stew Succotash Rice pudding	12 Lasagna florentine Green salad Dinner roll Strawberry poke cake
	NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic			
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Cattaraugus - call to place your order for timely delivery	Delivery to Oaktree & Newtown	Delivery to Indian Hill & Pinewoods	Delivery to Ozarks, Gowanda & Dayton	Delivery to Irving
15 Shell macaroni & cheese w/ stewed tomatoes Blueberries & yogurt	16 Meatloaf w/ gravy Mashed potatoes Mixed vegetables Cinnamon peaches	17 Chicken noodle soup Dinner roll Garden salad Brownie	18 Zuppa toscana Breadstick Chocolate peanut butter cupcake	19 Ham & scalloped potatoes Steamed broccoli Pear crisp
	NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic			
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Allegany - call to place your order for timely delivery	Delivery to Sr. Complex & Salamanca	Delivery to Jimtown	Delivery to Steamburg & Kill Buck	Delivery to Olean
22 Cheese ravioli Green beans Dinner roll Vanilla pudding	23 Liver & onions Roasted red potatoes Sautéed spinach Applesauce cake	24 Chicken & dumpling soup Dinner roll Roasted brussel sprouts Oatmeal raisin cookies	25 Birthday Party Ham dinner Mashed potatoes & gravy Creamed corn Confetti birthday cake	26 Hamburger soup Fluffy biscuit Vanilla greek yogurt
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Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm
29 Lentil shepherd's pie Parmesan baked zucchini Fruit cup	30 Brunch Banana pancakes Oven baked bacon Fruit & yogurt parfait	31 Salisbury steak & gravy over seasoned brown rice Roasted cauliflower Apple crumble	AOA Menu: For Allegany please call 716-945-8414 For Cattaraugus call 716-532-5777 to make a reservation or cancel a meal by 9:30am the day prior to the meal	USDA PROGRAM: Call 716-532-1028, Ext 5446 Seneca Nation Area Office for the Aging Menu: SUBJECT TO CHANGE
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Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	NO DISTRIBUTION Inventory Day		

Promoting Mental Health During COVID-19

Dealing with COVID-19 is Stressful

Community members of all ages may be experiencing increased stress and anxiety during the COVID-19 pandemic, whether due to concern for personal health and the health of loved ones, adapting to the disruptions of routine patterns of life, or managing feelings of isolation due to recommended distancing measures. Community members may also experience stress because they are not able to attend events and gatherings including powwows and ceremonies which reduce stress and promote a sense of connection.

When community members can cope in a healthy and good way, it can strengthen the individual, family, and community.

Notice the Signs and Symptoms of Stress

- Stress and anxiety can be physical, behavioral, and emotional. Individuals should monitor themselves and their loved ones for:
- **Changes in sleep or eating patterns**
 - **Difficulty concentrating**
 - **Pre-existing chronic health problems becoming worse**
 - **Pre-existing mental health conditions becoming worse**
 - **Increased use of tobacco, alcohol, or other substances**

Consider Providing Additional Resources for Specific Groups

- Some members in a community may experience more stress or need additional resources. It is important to consider mental health resources for:
- **Elders and adults over 60 years of age**
 - **Children and teenagers**
 - **Caregivers**
 - **Frontline healthcare workers**
 - **Individuals experiencing job loss or financial challenges**
 - **Individuals experiencing homelessness**
 - **Individuals who live alone or in remote settings**
 - **Individuals with substance use disorders or mental health disorders**

Staying Connected

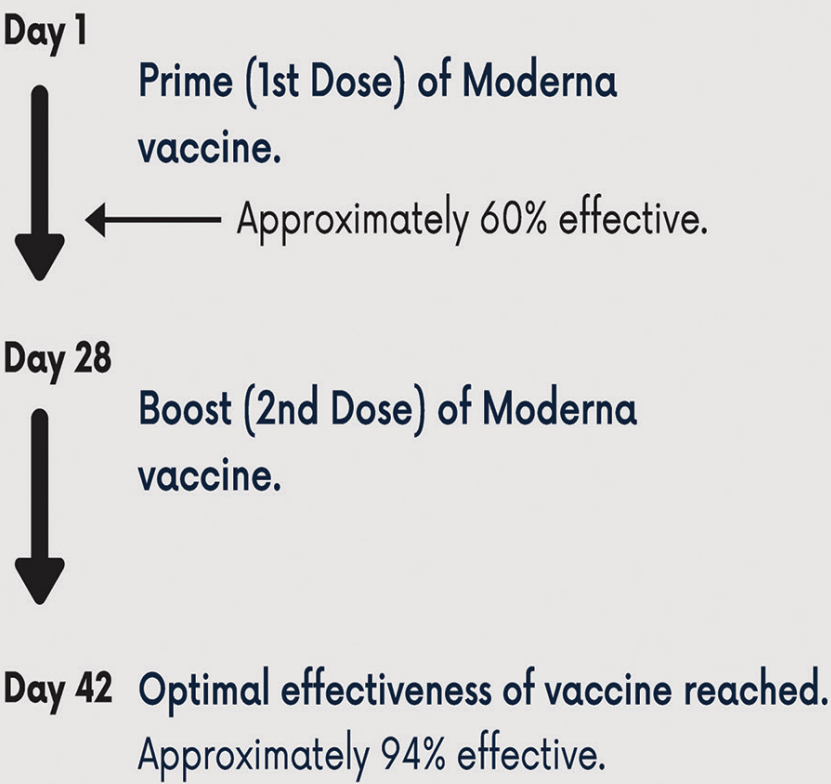
- Community members can uplift and support one another by staying socially connected even while remaining apart physically. Some ways to promote this within the community include:
- **Encouraging phone calls and messaging to friends, family, and loved ones**
 - **Safe and sanitary contactless drop-off of supplies, food, wellness supplies, letters, etc. at the home**
 - **Encourage balanced use of social media, including social or ceremonial events held over social media when possible**
 - **Use of large signs, banners, and billboards with cultural messages of strength**

Healthy Ways to Manage Stress

- Know what to do if you are sick.** Having a plan in place will increase feelings of security and can reduce stress and anxiety. Tribal leaders should communicate clearly and frequently about the latest guidance for what to do if an individual has COVID-19. Urban Indian Health Centers and programs can serve as a source of information and guidance for Native communities living in urban areas outside of tribal lands.
- Individuals and families can make a plan for how to deal with COVID-19 in the home, how to gather food and supplies, and how to isolate from others.
 - Tribal leaders can communicate clearly and frequently about the latest guidance for what to do if an individual has COVID-19. Make sure that community members know the latest guidance about testing, including where to get a test.
- Know where to access mental health resources.** Tribal and community leaders should communicate about the resources available for mental health support, including counseling, suicide prevention, prevention and treatment of substance use problems, and other support networks.
- Take care of your mind, body, and spirit.** It is important for community members to stay healthy by eating a nutritious balanced diet, getting physical exercise, getting enough sleep, avoiding excessive drug and alcohol use, and participating in activities that promote holistic well-being. Participating in cultural events or religious events (when done safely) can also help to boost a sense of connection with others and put things in perspective.
- Know the facts about COVID-19.** Staying educated and relying on trusted sources for facts can help dispel myths, reduce stigma, and dispel rumors that can cause stress and harm in the community.

COVID-19 Vaccine Effectiveness

TIMELINE



Even after being vaccinated, you should continue to avoid or reduce your exposure to individuals outside of your own household. Universal precautions including social distancing, hand washing, and wearing a face covering should be continued.



Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/different-vaccines/Moderna.html>

COOKING CLASS

ON ZOOM



Pistachio Nut Pudding in a Mini Piecrust

WEDNESDAY
MARCH 10th
4:00 pm

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

TO SIGN UP CALL JODY AT
945-5894 Ext 3242



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

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

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Allegany LRJHC
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senecanativeconnections.org



SENECA NATION COVID-19 VACCINE



- CURRENT CALL LIST FOR BOTH TERRITORIES:
- SNHS high risk patients, 50-54 years of age
 - SNHS patients, 50-54 years of age



1,600 prime doses received



1,290 prime doses administered



550 individuals fully vaccinated



week ending 2/12/2021

(Feb. moon)

2021

Nis'ah

(niece-ah!)

Ögwaiwa'shö'öh nē:gēh Wēni'dade'

Gano:nyök Nigawēnō'dēh

Dēdwanö:nyö: '

(den-dwa-known-yo!)

We will give thanks to it

Niwēni'dade' Nigawēnō'dēh

Ögyade:o '

(ohn-gya-day-oat!)

My friend

Gaedzēönyök nioiwa'geh na'od

To Become A Human Being

Gayadōshā' wa:dōh

"Now we must join with the indigenous peoples around the world and become one with respect for all of life. We can do this by showing that we are stronger than all the forces that have tried to separate and remove us from Mother Earth."
-Tadodaho Chief Leon Shenandoah

Aedwajä:'dak Onöndowa'ga:' Gawē:nö'

Sajashē:h!

(sa-jus-hehn)

Lie down! (command)

Dēgögwayö: '

(den-go-gwa-yote!)

I will kiss you

Satowestha'?

(suh-toe-ways-tot!)

Are you cold?

Saja'dawi:t!

(suh-jot!-duh-wheat!)

Put your coat on!

Dētge: '

(dent-gate)

I'll come back here

Content provided by AKS

Audio can be found on

Quizlet on Senecalanguage.com

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

Next SNI Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the SNI Official Newsletter will be **Tuesday, March 02, 2021**.
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