



The Official Newsletter of the SENECA NATION



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A message from President Matthew B. Pagels



Nya:wëh sgë:nö’,

I’m so happy for warmer weather. Summer is one of my favorite season’s. I enjoy seeing everyone out walking, running and playing sports.

Many of the COVID protocols have been lifted in the surrounding areas giving everyone more opportunity to get out and about. At this time our 10 day snap shot shows nine positive individuals. Although this is a low number we must continue to stay vigilant and follow safety protocols. The Seneca Nation has updated the mask

requirements to allow fully vaccinated individuals at most Nation buildings the option to go MASK FREE. Watch for mask signs at Seneca Gaming & Entertainment, AOA, One Stop and ECLC/Education establishments. Protocols for mask wearing will be determined by these departments.

We have some exciting news for this article. We celebrated the return of Red Jacket’s Peace medal. Red Jacket is known as a prominent Seneca

orator. He helped negotiate and sign the Treaty of Canandaigua, which pledged to respect, honor, and defend the rights of Haudenosaunee people. For this he was bestowed with the George Washington medal. (The Peace Medal-shown below- is displayed for viewing at the Onöhsagwë:de’ Cultural Center in Salamanca.)

This medal represents much more than an honor of respect, it is a physical artifact from a pivotal point in our history. It represents the sovereign Nation to Nation relationship each and every Seneca rightfully acknowledges. It is our heart and spirit of us as sovereign people and our rightful recognition that is passed from generation to generation. We welcome the medal to be kept, honored and remembered

by the Seneca people. It reminds us of who we are, our identity and can be shared with others so they know our history, and culture.

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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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MEMORIAL DAY
Monday, May 31, 2021.
Have a safe & happy holiday.

(See page 7 for info regarding the Iroquois Post #1587 & SNI annual Memorial Day event)

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We have exercised our sovereignty in many aspects of our businesses. On Friday May, 21st we officially opened the downtown Buffalo One Stop. We are proud to invest in this development on our sovereign land on our Buffalo Creek Territory. This will provide a needed and convenient service to our neighbors and visitors in Buffalo and Western New York. This is another small but significant investment and job creation in the area. We are proud to have had a role in creating a hub of activity in this South Buffalo section by creating a fabric of development. This enterprise will add to our revenue and support our current Nation programs.

Lastly, the month of May and Memorial Day signals the unofficial start of summer. Memorial Day, however, is a day to celebrate those brave warriors who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our interest. Many Native warriors have served in every military conflict and continue to serve today. They have traveled the world to answer the call to service, in defense of freedom. We are forever in their debt, we honor their courage and memory of those who did not return. We give them homage each Memorial Day. I'm honored to stand with our Veteran's to honor the fallen heroes, to hold their memories and honor their sacrifices. On behalf of our grateful Nation, Nya:wëh to our warriors and prayers to those still in service.

Stay safe, and enjoy your holiday.
Matt

Executive Order

Suspension of Mask Mandate for Fully Vaccinated Individuals

Below you'll find **PAGE 2** of the executive order. You can view the Executive Order in its entirety at: <https://sni.org/media/1020117/eo-suspension-of-mask-mandate-for-fully-vaccinated-individuals.pdf>

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT

The Seneca Nation mask requirements are now changed to the following:

- Fully vaccinated persons may go without a mask in most Nation's government buildings effective immediately (this includes fully vaccinated employees and visitors).
- "Fully vaccinated" means individuals who received a 2nd dose in a 2-dose series, or 1 dose of a 1-dose vaccination at least 2 weeks prior.
- If not fully vaccinated, you must continue to wear a mask in Nation government buildings.
- Temperature control screenings will continue at all entrances of SN buildings.
- Hand sanitizer stations will remain throughout SN buildings, and all staff and visitors should continue hand hygiene
- Employees and/or visitors may be asked to show proof of immunization, or be required to continue to wear a mask while in Seneca Nation government buildings.
- Exceptions to this Executive Order include the following departments or Nation entities which shall develop and post their own mask requirements which shall be no less stringent that the policy set forth in this Executive Order:
 - Seneca Nation Health System
 - Seneca One Stops
 - Seneca Gaming & Entertainment
 - Seneca Nation Elder programs and Seneca Nation Education Programs


Matthew B. Pagels, President
SENECA NATION OF INDIANS



Buffalo Creek Territory Seneca One Stop grand opening. Photo credit: Seneca Media



Left: Chief Red Jacket Peace Medal Repatriation Ceremony. President Pagels shown during the unveiling & displaying of the medal.

SNi Offices & Buildings will be CLOSED Monday, June 14, 2021
In honor of SNI President's Day, which is originally observed on June 15th, this year it will be observed on June 14th.



Treasurer Armstrong gives remarks at the Buffalo Creek Seneca One Stop Official Opening

Greetings,

I'm glad we are finally enjoying some spring temperatures and easing into summer. Somehow, this pandemic has made it seem like our winter was even longer than usual. Perhaps because we really couldn't gather, as we would have liked to do. I'm so glad we are getting on the other side of this thing and slowly transitioning into a renewed outlook. Surely, everyone is looking forward to traveling and freely socializing again, since all of our lives have been impacted by these changes.

I see graduation season is upon us once again. Our Higher Education Department kicked off festivities for the season on May 20th. The ceremony commenced at the Seneca Iroquois National Museum, on Allegany Territory, with a drive-thru dinner catered by Villagio, at the ACC. Our Seneca Training Center Construction Technology Program for Allegany, will hold their graduation ceremony

today, May 28th, at 11am at the Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center Amphitheater. June 4th, the Cattaraugus area high school graduate recognition event will be held at the CCC, with a take-out dinner catered by Fred's Catering of Fredonia. June 10th, the Allegany area high school graduate recognition event will be held at the Seneca Iroquois National Museum amphitheater, with a take-out dinner catered by Chiavetta's at the ACC. This last academic year had to have been very challenging for all of our graduates, due to the global pandemic. I hope each of you realizes you have stayed the course and managed to work through what, at times, had to have looked like an insurmountable barrier. You did it and you can now look forward to the next step in your educational and vocational careers. The graduating classes of 2021 are truly history makers!

On Friday, May 21st, our fifth Seneca One Stop held their grand opening. The preliminary plans for the Buffalo Creek One Stop began during the fall of 2019 and we

broke ground in September of 2020. The Buffalo Creek One Stop is a 4,800 square foot slab on grade, single story steel frame structure. It houses a convenience store, a drive-thru Dunkin' Donuts store and the fuel station has a total of 14 gas pumps. If you are in the Buffalo area, and running low, please stop in for some gas and check out your new store!

I would like to report, if you reside in New York State and are fifteen years of age or older, you should have received a package in the mail from the Seneca Nation by now. If you live on-territory or in the surrounding area, and received a refrigerator magnet containing important phone numbers, it was donated from the Seneca Nation Health System. I'd like to recognize my staff and all those who assisted with getting this task taken care of. We had help from the following departments: Deputy Clerk's Office, Human Resources, Disabilities, Museum, Library and Wastewater Management. Last, but not least, if it wasn't for the eleven employees from the Allegany Sanitation Department, this would have been a two or three day project! A heartfelt nya:wëh to Leona Lichy, her staff and everyone whom assisted my staff with this mail-out!

I understand the state of New York is now reporting a positive vaccination rate of 70%. Also, per the CDC, vaccines have recently been approved for those aged 12-15 years of age. Please help to keep our communities as safe as possible by making an appointment and getting vaccinated.

Respectfully,
Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.



Congrats to ALL of our Higher Education Graduates!

NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE



Marta Kettle, Clerk
CATTARAUGUS
TERRITORY



Bethany Johnson,
Deputy Clerk
ALLEGANY TERRITORY

Please continue to stay safe & healthy.

HOORAY IT'S MAY!

The Clerk's Office will continue to monitor the current pandemic & practice safety measures that protect the Clerk's Office staff and Community as a whole, please watch for changes. Nya:wëh

CLERK'S OFFICE UPDATE

Due to concerns with the COVID-19 cases on and near our territories, the Clerk's Office continues to 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; 8:00am – 4:30pm, 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:wëh for your understanding. (Continued on page 4)

We are happy to announce the Allegany & Cattaraugus Clerk’s Office is now accepting Credit Card as form of payment.

SNI ID CARDS

The Clerk’s Office is now scheduling appointments for members who need to update their picture or address for their Nation ID Cards. Please call the office to schedule your next appointment.

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
- 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 Sanford, Receptionist

The Buffalo Office Staff & 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

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

NEWS FLASH – PLEASE READ – DEADLINE IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER
Letters have been sent to those that have not yet registered

REGISTRATION

There is approximately 355 adults and 141 children who have NOT completed their annual registration and must do so **by June 30, 2021** to continue receiving benefits.

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 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.

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 (start-up checks will NOT be accepted).
- Members must be at least 18 years old to sign up for Direct Deposit
- Minors are **NOT** eligible for Direct Deposit

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

• 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 (<http://seneca.cm3solutions.com>)

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If you need to obtain a Financial Literacy Certificate please contact the Seneca Nation Education Department for details. Contact Info: Allegany Territory - Seneca Nation Education Department (716) 945-1790, traci.pacini@sni.org; Cattaraugus Territory - Seneca Nation Education Department (716) 532-3341, barbara.weston@sni.org.

Welcome and Congratulations to the newly enrolled members of the Seneca Nation

To Approve Additions To The Seneca Nation Roll / Enrollment Appearance / Waiver (May 8, 2021)

Caiden Michael Canella.....	Turtle
Ella Ann Clash	Snipe
Kanehsnehawi' Taimi Ferguson	Wolf
Brayden Antonio Fincher	Turtle
Aharihon Almadaeus Graham	Turtle
Soulara Eternity John	Snipe
Lloyd Luther Leroy	Wolf
Cole Jordan Sandy	Hawk
Malihe Truu Thomas	Hawk

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

To Approve Deletions To The Seneca Nation Roll (May 8, 2021)

Donna M Crouse.....	Deer
Ellen Rae John	Wolf
Andrew John.....	Wolf
Marian C Kenjockety	Turtle
Amy Lee Lindon	Heron
Kimberly A Pagels.....	Hawk
Kelly Marie Stevenson	Turtle

WELCOME OUR RECENT ENROLLMENTS TO THE SENECA NATION!
Due to Covid-19, the in person requirement for enrollment has been temporarily suspended, therefore we are asking parents who recently have or will be having their child(ren) enrolled and wishes to have their child(s) pictures included in future editions of the SN Newsletter, please email a picture to: Leslie.john@sni.org or Bjohnson@sni.org

We would like to say Nya:wëh for your patience and understanding during this time and please watch for updates as things may change unexpectedly. Any changes will be posted online.

GAMING

Cedric The Entertainer Show at Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino Officially Rescheduled For November 20th!

Original tickets will be honored!

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK: (May 6, 2021) - Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino is pleased to announce that Cedric the Entertainer and Friends will bring laughter back to the Seneca Niagara Event Center on **Saturday, November 20th at 8pm.**

The show at Seneca Niagara was originally scheduled for April 18, 2020 and was subsequently postponed and rescheduled as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Original tickets will be honored for the new date, and refunds will be available up to 14 days prior to the new date from the original point of ticket purchase with proof of purchase. Only verified re-sale tickets remain available through



Ticketmaster.com. This is an 18 years and older show.

Cedric the Entertainer is one of the most recognizable figures in the entertainment industry. A well-known actor, stand-up comedian, and television host, Cedric rose to fame in the 1990s as one of the Kings of Comedy stand-up

tour, along with Steve Harvey, D.L. Hughley, and Bernie Mac. It was at this same time that he began attracting attention for his acting roles, which have included movie roles in the “Barbershop” films, “Johnson Family Vacation,” and “Man of the House,” co-starring in television’s The Steve Harvey Show, appearing onstage as The

Cowardly Lion in “The Wiz,” and voicing one of the characters in the popular “Madagascar” series of animated films. He currently stars in the television series “The Neighborhood.”
More information is available by calling 1-877-8-SENECA (1-877-873-6322) or visiting www.SenecaNiagaraCasino.com. Follow us on Facebook: Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino Twitter: [@SenecaCasinos](https://twitter.com/SenecaCasinos) or Instagram: [Instagram.com/SenecaCasinos](https://www.instagram.com/SenecaCasinos). #SenecaNiagara. Download our mobile app and view us on YouTube.

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THE INSIDE SCOOP

WITH DR. LORI QUIGLEY

MAY 2021

On a Personal Note...

Nya:wëh Sgë:nö'! I hope you all are enjoying our beautiful spring weather. Doesn't it feel nice to put away our winter coats and boots and start thinking about summer?

In our March issue, I had the pleasure of introducing our four new Board Members. Now it's time to get to know each of them better. This issue, we'll meet Natalie N. Stahlman.

In June, we'll meet another new board member! Until then, be well!

Sincerely,



Chairwoman, Board of Directors
Seneca Gaming Corporation

MEET NATALIE STAHLMAN



Some of you may know Natalie Stahlman through her work with the Seneca Nation's Finance department, where she's currently the Government Budget Officer, or from her time on the Enterprise Board of Directors. But there's more to learn about our newest board member and Audit Committee chair.

For starters, she brings to our board not only an extensive background in finance (she has degrees in Business Management and Accounting), but a sports-minded approach to all that she does. Natalie is a fitness enthusiast who has coached cheerleading for many years and even sat on the CCMFL Cheer Board. She's also a big lacrosse fan. She's currently Vice President of the Allegany Arrows Minor Lacrosse Board and represents them on the Native American Minor Lacrosse Association Board.

Outside of her thriving career and sports, this Wolf Clan member is all about family. Natalie and her husband live on the Allegany Territory where they are raising their two children. And it's this next generation that really drives Natalie's desire to see Seneca Gaming Corporation thrive.

"I know how important financial prosperity is and I'm invested in seeing our Nation excel," Natalie said. "I want to see us remain profitable and sustainable not only for our generation, but for the future generations as well."

Welcome, Natalie! With your expertise and passion for winning, our future looks bright!



JOIN OUR TEAM!

Let **Matthew Snyder**, SGC's Native Recruiter, help you launch your new career.
716.501.2215 or 716.425.5289
MSnyder@SenecaCasinos.com

You can meet Matthew at our **Seneca Gaming Corporation Job Fair**
Tuesday, June 15, 10 AM to 6 PM
Cattaraugus Community Center
2767 Route 438, Irving NY 14081



CASTING CALL



SENECA

RESORTS & CASINOS

SGC Seeks SNI Members For Photo Shoot!

Contact them ASAP to star in their advertisements

YOU could star in our advertisements! Seneca Gaming Corporation seeks Seneca Nation members for an upcoming photo shoot the week of June 7 at the Seneca Office Building in Niagara Falls.

Interested? Email a recent photo with contact info to SNICastingCall@SenecaCasinos.com ASAP!

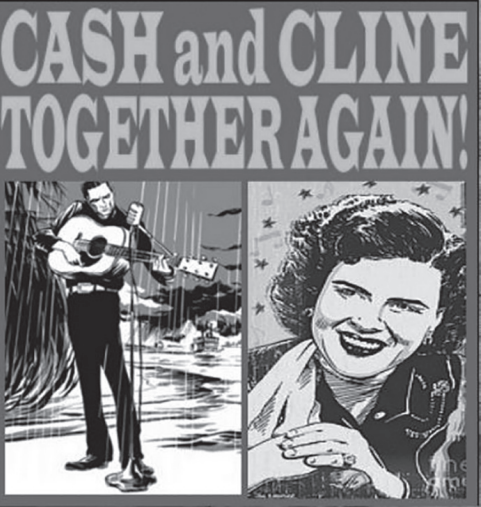
Cash and Cline - Together Again


Due to the current situation with COVID-19, Palladin is rescheduling the upcoming Cash & Cline Tribute Show at Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino to Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 2 PM.

All tickets will be honored for the new date or you may choose any other Seneca Allegany or Seneca Niagara Matinee Shows sponsored by Palladin Tour & Travel through 2021.

For any questions regarding Palladin shows please contact Jennifer Hopkins at Jenn@palladin.net

Relive these legendary performers in a tribute to the 1962 U.S. tour of Johnny Cash and Patsy Cline starring Monica Heuser and Scott Moreau. Scott has been traveling the US and Canada as Johnny Cash in the Broadway smash hit **MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET** and Monice is currently starring in **Menopause, The Musical** at the Luxor in Las Vegas. Monica toured the US and Canada portraying Patsy Cline in the national tour of **CLOSER WALK WITH PATSY CLINE**. This electrifying tribute to Cash and Cline's greatest hits including **Ring of Fire, Crazy, Jackson, Lovesick Blues, Walkin' After Midnight** and many more.

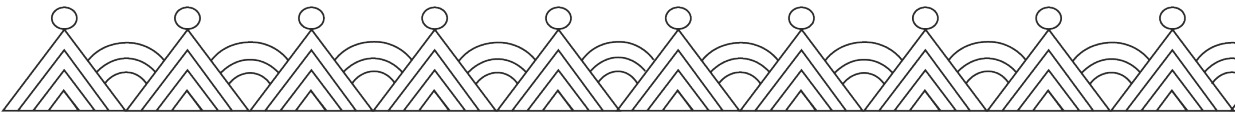




Follow Seneca Media on Instagram!

Seneca Media & Communications now has an official Instagram page.

Follow them at [@seneca_nation](https://www.instagram.com/seneca_nation) for regular updates!



New Seneca One Stop Officially Opens In Downtown Buffalo

Gas station convenience store will operate from 6 a.m.-10 p.m. daily



BUFFALO CREEK TERRITORY, BUFFALO, N.Y.
– With the unofficial start of the summer tourism and travel season just a week away, area motorists can now take advantage of the Seneca Nation’s latest investment in downtown Buffalo to help meet their needs.

Nation officials gathered on the Buffalo Creek Territory this morning to celebrate the official opening of the new Seneca One Stop at the corner of Michigan Ave. and Perry Street, across from the Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino. The store features 14 gasoline pumps offering unleaded, mid-grade, premium, and diesel fuel, a 4,800 square-foot convenience store with a variety of products, and a Dunkin’ Donuts drive-thru. Seneca One Stop will be open daily from 6 a.m. – 10 p.m.

“We are thrilled to once again invest in our sovereign land to develop a project that will provide a needed and convenient service to our neighbors and visitors in Buffalo and Western New York,” said Seneca Nation President Matthew Pagels. “We look forward to a long, successful history here on our Buffalo

Creek Territory.”
The \$5 million project expands the Nation’s history of investment and job creation in Buffalo. The new Seneca One Stop will initially employ 12 people at the store, and created approximately 100 construction period jobs over the course of the project. Beginning with the development of Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino in 2005, the Nation has now invested more than \$200 million on its Buffalo Creek Territory, creating thousands of local jobs and helping to transform the area from its industrial past into a vibrant destination for visitors, residents and businesses.


“The change over the past 15 years has been dramatic and we are proud of the early and impactful role the Seneca Nation has played in that,” President Pagels added. “Our investments and those that have followed have created a fabric of development and made this area into a hub of activity, not just a pass-through for people on their way into and out of downtown Buffalo.”




The Nation has extensive experience owning and successfully operating energy stations through its Seneca One Stop enterprises. The One Stop brand has been a proud part of the Nation’s economy for more than thirty years, beginning with the first travel plaza on the Allegany Territory in 1986, followed shortly by operations on the Cattaraugus Territory in 1988, the Oil Spring Territory in 1991, and the Niagara Falls Territory in 2016.

The Nation’s business enterprises fuel its economy and are its primary source of funding for providing services to the Seneca people.

“As a government, we are responsible for providing for the welfare of our people,” Seneca Nation Treasurer Rickey Armstrong, Sr. said. “In building and expanding our economy, which itself provides jobs, services and amenities in neighboring communities, we are able to create important pathways for the Seneca people. This includes pathways toward better healthcare, education, social services, housing, critical infrastructure, and, ultimately, a stronger quality of life.”

Please join Iroquois Post 1587 and the Seneca Nation this coming Memorial Day.





In commemoration of
MEMORIAL DAY
You’re cordially invited to
Honor the men and women who fought and gave their lives in service to protect our nation’s freedom
Monday, May 31, 2021
Mask required and social distancing in effect. 11:00am - 1:00pm
Lunch to follow

Seneca Nation Library Book Requests

Both Library Branches take requests for new book titles to be added to the collection.

Please submit your requests to: Catt.library@sni.org or Alleg.library@sni.org

News from SNI Utilities

Attention all waterline users on Cattaraugus Territory

Please note that during the month of June the SNI Waterline will be doing some routine maintenance to keep our waterlines working to their best capabilities.

We will be flushing lines in your vicinity on these dates:

- Zone I- Irving/Bucktown Area: June 8,2021
- Zone II- Mid Res: June 9, 2021
- Zone III- Eastern Res/ Ozarks & Indian Hill Etc: June 10, 2021

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

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

This department's waterline was primarily funded

through the Indian Health Service and we must adhere to strict guidelines. Therefore, if you've had water service for one year or longer, it is up to you, as the homeowner, to maintain your hook-up. All renters should advise their landlords of their responsibilities if they are not being met.

Should any community members notice any standing water on your lawn, under your trailer (especially if it hasn't rained in awhile), please notify us immediately so we may identify the problem. Please note if you hear any water running in a home that is unoccupied, there may be a leak. **THE WATERLINE DEPARTMENT MUST BE INFORMED WHEN OCCUPANTS ARE LEAVING THEIR HOME FOR ANY LONG PERIOD OF TIME SO WE MAY SHUT OFF THE WATER AND AVOID COSTLY REPAIRS TO THE OWNER.** We appreciate any help our residents can give us!

Also, please note that if you have to dig near any utilities you must contact **DIGSAFELY at 800-962-7962**. DIGSAFELY is an underground utility locating service. This could prevent you from accidentally ripping out dangerous electrical lines, natural gas lines and waterlines that could interrupt residential services. And, along this line, please note where you are tiling your gardens or having other doing it for you, septic lines and leach beds are not a good place to plant anything other than grass or flowers. Vegetables may not be safe to eat as home cleaning chemicals could be

leaching into these lines - roots from deep planting or hardy growing plants could pierce the piping and clog the leaching process.

Also, please take note of the process that occurs when applicants apply for services from our department for wastewater facilities. We are funded through the Indian Health Service, so we do have to follow protocol and their guidelines. This process is not the fastest but working hand in hand with the agency will attempt to get all systems installed on a timely basis. At this time, there is a six month waiting period (at least) for new systems to be checked, site spec'd and designed and ready for construction. We do emphasize to our residents to be aware of when they decide to build or buy a home and to put their application in as early as possible. Sometimes people decide to build or buy a home and think that this infrastructure can just be placed in at their timeline but planning ahead is very important unless you are able to wrap it into your own costs, we are not to be used as a resource as priority level residents could come in at any time. These guidelines are available to residents. Stop by our office and pick up an application - the first two pages outline what is required. We appreciate an informed resident!

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

Have a safe, healthy spring/summer season!
SNI Utilities - Cattaraugus Territory

Local NY Connects Office located at Wini Kettle Senior Center

Submitted by Briana Snyder, Options Counselor

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 individual 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 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 at 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 Dr.
Contact: Briana Snyder,
Options Counselor,
Phone (716) 945-8991
or Email briana.snyder@sni.org





Protecting Our Elders

June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month

Elders are an important part of our community. They are our first teachers. Their knowledge, language and experiences are passed down from generation through stories or by example. They share their pain, triumphs and vision for the future. As community members, we must respect, honor and protect our elders from abuse and mistreatment.

Elder abuse is any knowing, intentional or negligent act by a caregiver or any other person that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to an elder. Sadly, the neglect and mistreatment of elders happens most by family members. Most cases of elder abuse are undetected, under-reported and unresolved.

Reasons elders hesitate to self-report abuse:

- Fear of retaliation
- Fear that no one else is going to take care of them
- Shame of being abused
- Self-blame

Types of abuse:

- **Physical Abuse**- The use of physical force that results in bodily injury or physical pain. Warning signs: Pain that is different. Unexplained signs of injury. Sudden change in function or mobility.
- **Emotional/Psychological Abuse**- Treatment of an elder in ways that cause emotional or psychological pain or distress, including intimidation through yelling or threats, humiliation and ridicule or isolating an elder from friends or activities. Warning signs: Frequent arguments or tension between the caregiver and elder. Changes in personality or behavior. Threatening, belittling or controlling caregiver behavior.
- **Sexual Abuse**- Sexual contact that is forced, tricked, threatened or coerced upon an elder, including those who are unable to grant consent. Warning signs: Bruises around the breasts or genital areas and unexplained sexually transmitted diseases. Financial abuse or exploitation- Theft, fraud, misuse or neglect of authority to gain control over an elder's assets. Warning signs: Sudden change in finances and accounts, altered wills and trusts, bills not paid or utilities turned off, unusual bank withdrawals, checks written as loans or gifts and loss of property.
- **Neglect**- Leaving an elder alone and/or denying basic physical, emotional or social needs like food, hygiene, medicine and companionship. Refusal or failure to fulfill any part of a person's obligations or duties to an elder. Warning signs: Unkempt clothes or hygiene, unusual weight loss, malnutrition, dehydration,

untreated physical problems such as bed sores.

Report Elder Abuse

- In cases of immediate danger, call 911.
- If you or others experience abuse or neglect at home: Call **New York State Adult Protective Services at 1-844-697-3505.**
- **Erie County (716) 858-6877**
- **Chautauqua County (716) 753-4447**
- **Cattaraugus County (716) 373-8070**
- **Allegany (585) 268-9622**
- If you or others experience abuse or neglect in a long-term care facility (e.g. nursing home, assisted living facility): Call **New York State Long-term Care Ombudsman Program, 1-855-582-6769.**



Seneca Nation Resources

If you or someone you know is experiencing elder abuse, you can also contact any of the Seneca Nation departments and resources listed below. They can provide information, assistance, direct support, and act as a liaison with outside agencies.

- **Seneca Nation Crime Victim Services - Sharon Francis, Program Coordinator (716) 532-4900 ext. 5060**
- **Erie County Sheriff's Office - Brian Mohr, Domestic Violence Unit Coordinator (716) 858-7999**
- **Care Coordination Unit (former HOPE unit), Behavioral Health Unit – Mary Beth Buck, Clinical Care Coordination Supervisor (716) 532-5582 ext. 5075**
- **NY Connects – Briana Snyder, Seneca Nation AOA Options Counselor (716) 945-8991**
- **For 24/7 Victim Services, call Connecting Community in Action (716) 532-8185**
- **Seneca Nation Marshal's Office, Allegany (716) 945-2779 or Cattaraugus (716) 532-3040**



SENECA NATION
HEALTH SYSTEM



NOTICE - HEAP

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is accepting applications for the Emergency HEAP benefit. This benefit will run until June 24, 2021 or if the funding runs out, whichever comes first.

Also, The Advocate Program is accepting applications for Electrical Shut-off Notices only, the HEAP Furnace replace/repair program and for anyone who has an extreme medical need for an Air Conditioner. These programs will end on September 30, 2021 or if the funding runs out, whichever comes first.

You may pick up an application at the Tribal Advocates Office

located on the Cattaraugus (532-4900) or Allegany (945-2655) Territories.

Documentation Requirements:

- ~Doctor's Note (Air Conditioner Only)
- ~Tribal I.D.
- ~Social Security Card
- ~Proof of Address
- ~Current Utility Bill
- **Oak Tree Residents must provide a current rent receipt
- ~Proof of Income
- ~Deed or Home Ownership (Furnace repair/replacement Only)

Broadband Project NGRID and VZ “Make-Ready” Construction and Tree Clearing

The Seneca Nation’s Council has authorized National Grid (NGRID) and Verizon (VZ) to complete “make-ready” construction and tree clearing throughout the Cattaraugus Territory. This construction is required to initiate the **broadband, high-speed Internet project**. Construction will begin in March / April 2021 and it will take a number of months to complete.

Broadband will bring **high-speed Internet and digital voice services to all Cattaraugus residents**. In order to accomplish this goal, we must contract with NGRID and VZ to complete the required construction. Seneca Nation’s broadband network construction will begin once these two entities have completed their respective work.

You will see NGRID and Verizon trucks on territory. We ask the community to be patient with the construction on territory since this is necessary to bring high-speed internet to the entire Cattaraugus community. We will provide updates throughout the project.

Nya:wëh,
Seneca Nation / Seneca Energy / Seneca Telecommunications

Seneca EMS COVID Testing Update

Please take note of the updated COVID-19 testing process offered by Seneca EMS

#SenecasStaySafe

COVID TESTING

Cattaraugus Fire Hall
Mondays 3PM-5PM

Allegany Fire Hall
Tuesdays 3PM-5PM

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

To schedule contact

Michele Redeye
Office-716-532-8550
Cell-716-574-2007

BRINGING HIGH SPEED INTERNET TO CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY

CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN IN LATE 2020/EARLY 2021
Are you a Cattaraugus resident interested in purchasing high-speed Internet or digital phone service?

SIGN UP HERE:
sni.dftcommunications.com
or call
716-532-3131
Toll Free
833-989-2876

The entire Cattaraugus Territory will be provided with high-speed internet and digital phone access.

Packages starting at \$49.95 a month

Contact: Seneca Energy @ email: senecabroadband@sni.org

Seneca Nation Training and Employment Resource Center T.E.R.C. - VR Program

If you or a family member struggle to maintain employment due to a documented disability, or think you may benefit from our services but not sure if you qualify we invite you to meet with our staff members.

The Vocational Rehabilitation program will be available at the Buffalo Native Resource Center on a monthly basis. Meet with our Intake Specialist and/or VR Counselor to learn more. Our goal is to help remove all barriers so you can be successfully employed.

We will be at the BNRC: 533 Amherst St., Buffalo, NY 14207 on the following Mondays and Fridays: 9am-4pm

***April 5th (Mon) & April 23rd (Fri)**
***May 3rd (Mon) & May 21st (Fri)**
***June 7th (Mon) & June 25th (Fri)**

Bring any documentation you have from your medical provider, 3 forms of ID including a proof of address.

RSVP to 532-1033 or 845-6304
Walk-ins Welcome

DPW - Salamanca, NY

Equipment Operator (1FT) - \$16.45/hr

Laborer I (1FT) - \$12.31/hr

www.sni.org
shelly.rivas@sni.org
716-945-1790 ext. 3526



ATTENTION: TO OUR LICENSED SENECA BUSINESS OWNERS, ENTREPRENEURS & VENDORS

THROUGH a project partnership with the Community Planning & Development Department (CPDD), Training & Employment Resource Center (TERC), and Seneca Nation of Indians Economic Development Company (SNIEDC), a **business directory** will be developed in pursuit of providing our communities with awareness of the many products and services available through our native owned businesses in hopes they will choose to support these companies to help economically support our nations.

The directory will be digitally based for ease-of-access for consumers and will also be printed in the SNI Official Newsletter.

Information provided about the businesses will include:

Name of Business

Address/Location of Business

Contact Information

Days & Hours of Operation

Type of Business & Products/Services offered

Links to Social Media sites to follow

If you are interested in being listed in this directory, business promotion, and/or training options, you may contact Jackie Jimerson CPDD at 716-532-4900 ext. 5065 or e-mail: jackie.jimerson@sni.org

BUSINESS PROMOTION

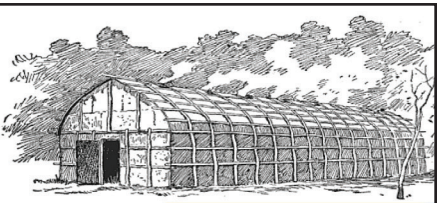
DID YOU KNOW?
The Training & Employment Resource Center can promote businesses by assisting in recruiting for vacancies? They can also assist with advertising through brochures at public locations!

SNI BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The Community Planning & Development Department, Training & Employment Resource Center, and SNIEDC are all working together to provide business training for Seneca business owners and employees. **We are seeking input from Seneca owned businesses** on which types of trainings will benefit you most. These trainings will be provided at no cost to you. They will be coordinated by the Training & Employment Resource Centers on both territories.

Types of trainings could include:
ServSafe
Accounting & Software
CPR/First Aid
OSHA
and any other trainings that could increase your and your employees' skill levels.

Seneca Nation Housing Authority (SNHA)



EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE (ERA) INTAKE

ERA can help with:

- Rent/Current and/or Arrears
- Utilities/Current and/or Arrears
 - Gas
 - Electric
 - Water
 - Other

MAY RESIDE ON OR OFF TERRITORY
SERVICE AREA COVERS SURROUNDING TOWNS, CITIES, ETC.

FOR:

- ENROLLED SENECA'S
- FIRST DESCENDANTS OF ENROLLED SENECA'S
- OTHER FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES

ERA Program will run until September September 30, 2022 (subject to the availability of funds).

The SNHA is currently conducting INTAKE and answering any questions on the EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Senee Mohawk, SNHA Cattaraugus ERA Intake
Senee.mohwak@sni.org
* **PHONE: (716) 532-5000 ext. 7732**
FAX: (716) 532-3892

Robynn George, SNHA Allegany ERA Intake
Robynn.george@sni.org
PHONE (716) 945-1290 ext. 7721
Fax: (716) 945-5910


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

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

SENECA HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS & SENIORS

SPONSORED & PRESENTED BY





To sign up, email Hanna Sheridan hsheridan@senecaholdings.com no later than May 28, 2021.

These sessions are open to all current Seneca high school juniors and seniors. The program will provide professional skills training that is indispensable for anyone entering the workforce.

Commitment to attend all 4 sessions is encouraged. Topics will include:

- Professional writing
- Social media usage
- Financial literacy
- Public speaking
- Team building

Transportation will be provided for anyone traveling from Cattaraugus. Refreshments and rewards/gifts will be provided. **Sign up by 5/28.**

Thursdays 4-6pm
June 3, 10, 17, 24

Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center

82 W Hetzel St,
Salamanca, NY
14779



ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS AND GUESTS

HIGHBANKS IS INSTALLING A NEW ELECTRIC GATE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE. THEREFORE, EVERYONE WILL NEED TO STOP AT THE MAIN OFFICE PRIOR TO GAIN ACCESS INTO THE CAMPGROUND.

ONCE THE GATE IS INSTALLED

ACCESS CODES WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE GENERATED WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATION AND WILL EXPIRE AT YOUR CHECK-OUT TIME.

ACCESS CODES WILL AUTOMATICALLY CHECK YOU IN WHEN YOU ENTER YOUR CODE AT THE MAIN GATE SO YOU WILL BE ALL SET TO BEGIN YOUR CAMPING FUN.

ACCESS CODES CREATE ZERO CONTACT AT CHECK-IN TIME.



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT Highbanks AT 716-354-2177 OR THE GENERAL MANAGER AT 716-341-2332

Seneca Arts & Learning Center celebrates NAEYC's "Week of the Young Child"

This year the Seneca Arts and Learning Center (SALC) celebrated the 50th anniversary of NAEYC's Week of the Young Child. This event is celebrated annually to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. NAEYC first established the Week of the Young Child in 1971, recognizing that the early childhood years (birth through age 8) lay the foundation for children's success in school and later life.



Daylen Kennedy planting his sunflower

Each day of SALC's week had a different theme and mini celebration of our young children. The days were as follows:



Behavioral Specialist Lacy Nickola showing off the flower growth

Music Monday: The children received a CD of the Seneca Songbook by Midge Dean with a print song book and a ring of key Seneca language vocab words correlating with the songs. The children also received rattles and tambourines for the classroom music corners.

Tasty Tuesday: Each classroom worked with the SALC Nutrition Specialist to build their own healthy picnic lunch. The kids assembled their own sandwiches and had choices of healthy side options. Each SALC family received a '2021 Cook with Me' recipe book compiled of child/adult cooking recipes submitted by each classroom.

Work Together Wednesday: Each child participated and learned about the gardening process. The SALC staff accompanied and supported each child in planting their own sunflower to take home and grow with their family. The children also planted a seed into the SALC family garden boxes to watch grow together.

Artsy Thursday: The children were provided blank canvases to create masterpieces independently. The teaching staff documented and captured the process of the children's art work to display along the SALC walkway Thursday at pick up.

Family Engagement Friday: Each SALC family received a goody bag of s'mores kit materials, a Llama Llama book to read together and information of the importance of family engagement in the development of children.



Allie Crouse planting her sunflower

Seneca Arts & Learning Center

PARENT/ TEACHER COMMITTEE FORMING NOW!!

Make a difference!

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE!

If you're interested in joining our team email Parent Involvement Coordinator Liz.Smith@sni.org TODAY!!

SENECA NATION

HEAD START PROGRAM

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

BACK 2 SCHOOL

CONTACT: ELIZABETH SMITH, PARENT INVOLVEMENT COORDINATOR FOR THE SENECA ARTS AND LEARNING CENTER 716-945-5035 EXT. 3303

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER

HEAD START

FREE HIGH QUALITY PRE-SCHOOL FOR INCOME QUALIFIED CHILDREN 3-4 YEARS OLD.

NOW ENROLLING FOR FALL.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE :

Early Childhood Learning Center
2016 H  n  dey  st   Drive
Irving, NY 14081

OR ON THE SNI.ORG WEBSITE

Any Questions? Feel free to call Tamara Piskowski 532-0505 at Ext: 5323 or Cindy Sanford at Ext: 5304

⇒ Priority enrollments goes to children with disabilities, homeless, in foster care or on TANF/SSI.

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE NEEDED WITH THE APPLICATION:

- ⇒ Birth Certificate
- ⇒ Custody Papers (If applicable)
- ⇒ Tribal ID of child or parent/guardian (If applicable)
- ⇒ Proof of income

⇒ Free transportation for children who live with-in a 5 mile radius of ECLC.

Chief Red Jacket Peace Medal Repatriation Ceremony

Submitted by Hayden Haynes, Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center, Photos by SNI Newsletter Staff

On May 17th, the Red Jacket peace medal was repatriated to the Seneca People in front of a crowd of 160 at the Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center on the Allegany Territory. The medal was previously in the care of the Buffalo History Museum.

Under NAGPRA (Native Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) § 3005(a) (5), the Nation requested the return of the Red Jacket Peace Medal as an object of cultural patrimony that has significant historical and ongoing cultural and traditional importance not only to our community but to all Seneca peoples.

The medal was gifted to Seneca Chief Red Jacket by President George Washington in 1792 to commemorate discussions that culminated in the Treaty of Canandaigua of 1794, in which the Seneca Nation served a crucial role. It was given as a symbol of peace, friendship and enduring relationships among the United States and the Six Nations. The Peace Medal stayed with Red Jacket for the remainder of his life and he reportedly wore it every day. Upon Red Jacket's death in 1833, the medal was passed down to his nephew, Jimmy Johnson. Johnson wanted to sell the artifact to what was then the New York



Museum in 1851, but the sale was intercepted by another descendant, Col. Ely Parker.

Parker also reportedly wore the medal frequently. He was well connected, though unable to fulfill his desire to practice law due to his Native heritage. As a result of his relationships, the medal came into contact with a number of high-profile individuals - including President Abraham Lincoln, who was said to have held the medal the day before his assassination in April 1865. Parker kept the medal

until his death in 1895. It was subsequently sold to the Buffalo Historical Society (now the Buffalo History Museum) that same year. The Museum has served as a steward of the medal for the past 125 years and sustained popular interest in it, as well as in Red Jacket and all Seneca communities. Despite this laudable stewardship, the reality is that no individual can own an object of cultural patrimony. Though the Nation understands Ms. Parker's need for financial stability, it also believes she was not authorized to sell the heirloom.

NAGPRA § 3001(3)(D) defines cultural patrimony as objects with ongoing cultural importance to a tribal nation, rather than property owned by an individual. The Red Jacket Peace Medal fits this description. As such, and pursuant to NAGPRA, the Red Jacket Peace Medal cannot belong to any individual or museum; it is inalienable and belongs to the Seneca People as a collective.

Like the Canandaigua Treaty, the Red Jacket Peace Medal is a representation of the ongoing sovereign relationship between the federal government and the Seneca Nation. Even though the Red Jacket Peace Medal has been out of our hands for many years, it has always maintained an inviolable place in our cultural memory. We will continue our efforts to repatriate other important objects of cultural patrimony that rightfully belong with the Seneca People.

The Peace Medal is now being held at the Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center in Salamanca and is currently on display for public viewing.

Museum/Cultural Center hours are:
Monday-Friday
from 10am-4pm.



WE ARE HIRING
JOIN OUR TEAM

Job Announcement

Check out Seneca Nations website for job postings at:

www.sni.org

Submit applications/resume for Allegany Territory to:

Human Resources Department Phone: (716)-945-1790 ext. 3526
Attn: Shelly Rivas
90 Ohi:yo Way, P.O. Box 231 Fax: (716)-945-8676
Salamanca, NY 14779 Email: shelly.rivas@sni.org

Cattaraugus Territory to:


Human Resources Department Phone: (716)-532-4900 ext. 5091
Attn: Darcy Kettle
12837 Route 438 Fax: (716)-532-8235
Irving, NY 14081 Email: darcy.kettle@sni.org

WE WANT YOU

PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY

Slow Down Yield to Pedestrians

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SENECA NATION
Keeper of the Western Door

Seneca Nation Training and Employment Resource Center



Work Experience Interactive Workshops Career Readiness Classes

Summer YES. Program

Summer Youth Employment Services Program

Summer Employment From: July 12–August 20

35 Hour work week | 5 Days per week | 3 Days Work Experience | 2 Days Workshops

Must be between 14–18 years old (9th–12th grade)

Contact your Youth Services Coordinator for information

Applications available at the T.E.R.C. offices

Cattaraugus: 23 Thomas Indian School Dr. (716)532-1033 | Allegany: 3674 Administration Dr. (716)945-8120

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ECLC & SALC Teachers Honored

Photos by Seneca Media & Communications

President Matthew Pagels, Executives and Council honored the ECLC/SALC teachers in celebration of Teacher Appreciation Week. Ja:goh for all that you do for our children!



SNI Department of Education Higher Education Graduation Program

On Thursday, May 20th, the Seneca Nation Higher Education Department, along with Nation Executives held a ceremony and drive-thru dinner from The Villaggio for the Class of 2021 college graduates at the Onöhsagwë:de’ Cultural Center and Allegany Community Center. The graduates received congratulation remarks from President Matthew Pagels, Trudy Jackson (Cattaraugus Director of Education) and Nancy Williams (Allegany Director of Education). The Keynote Speaker was Kevin Nephew who is the CEO of Seneca Gaming Corporation. *(Continued on page 15)*





Allegany Territory Graduates

- Carrie Abrams**
Jamestown Business College - Marketing & Management AS
- Nathan Abrams**
Syracuse University - Magazine Journalism BS
- Kendell Beckett**
University of Pittsburg at Greensburg - Biology BS
- Logan Booth**
Syracuse University - Public Relations BS & English BA
- Alyson Brown**
Arizona State University - Community Health BS
- Tyrone Bowen-Collateta**
Clarion University - Sports Management BS
- Kimberly Fitzpatrick**
Continental Beauty School - Esthetics & Nail Specialty Certificate
- Sara Bowen-Isaac**
University of Nebraska Omaha - Emergency Management BS
- Serafina Kirkpatrick**
University of Akron - Social Work MSW
- Alex Martinez**
Slippery Rock University - Modern Languages & Intercultural Studies BS
- Johan Moor**
University of South Florida - Marketing BS
- Andrea Perkins**
Jamestown Business College - Marketing & Management BBA
- Gina Roselli**
University of Pittsburg at Bradford - History/Political Science BA
- Natalie Stahlman**
Jamestown Business College - Business Management BBA
- Kira Steinwandt**
Jamestown Business College - Business Management AS
- Robert Tasner**
Canisius College - Instructional Technologies & Curriculum MS
- Anand Veeraswamy**
Syracuse University - Civil Engineering BS
- Autumn Vogle**
Jamestown Community College - Individual Studies AS
- Elijah Vogle**
St. Bonaventure University - Business Administration BBA
- Maurice Watt**
Erie Community College - Mechatronics Robotics Certificate
- Lynsey White**
Jamestown Business College - Marketing & Management AS
- Frank Wolfe**
Erie Community College - Liberal Arts AS

Cattaraugus Territory Graduates

- Jennell Fox**
Finger Lakes Health College of Nursing & Health Sciences - Nursing RN AS
- Marissa Haring**
Southeastern Oklahoma State University - Native American Leadership MS
- Jillian Jimerson**
Canisius College - Data Analytics MS
- Courtlyn Jones**
Erie Community College - Business Administration MS
- Kiana Marshall**
Niagara University - Computer Science & IT BS
- Sydney Martin**
NY Chiropractic - Chiropractic DC
- Ivee Pagels**
Monroe Community College - Accounting AS
- Valene Peters**
Medaille College - Business Administration BA
- Carter Sabuda**
Manhattan School of Music - Music/Theater BM
- Shayla Scanlan**
University of Louisville - Science BA
- Bernedette Scott**
University of Buffalo - American Studies - American Indian History MA
- Nikki Seneca**
Empire State - Business Management & Economics BS
- MaryElle Steeprock**
D'Youville College - Nursing BS
- Barb Weston**
Empire State - Business Studies BS
- Rory Wheeler**
Niagara University - Political Science BA
- Raeann White**
SUNY Fredonia - Criminal Justice BA
- Keayona Woodward**
Canisius College - Psychology BA

Ja:gö̃h to all of the Class of 2021 College Graduates!

Congratulations to Mason Rose! *(Submitted by Brenda L. Bennett)*



Congratulations to Mason Rose, swimmer athlete representing Erie Community College (ECC) Men's Swimming & Diving, Northeast District, who recently competed in the 2021 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Swimming and Diving National Championships held at Indian River State College (IRSC) in Fort Pierce, Florida. On May 1, 2021, Mason Rose was not only the recipient of the National Title representing ECC, but was also recognized and received the MVP Award at the National Championship. During the preceding week, Mason received 4 Gold Medals for Men's

Swimming & Diving: 1st Place - 50 Yard Backstroke; 1st Place - 100 Yard Backstroke; 1st Place - 50 Yard Freestyle; 1st Place - 100 Yard Freestyle; and 1 Silver Medal: 2nd Place - 200 Yard Backstroke.

Mason had entered competitive swimming while attending high school in West Seneca often placing and winning various district events which has contributed to and led up to his recent achievement. He is currently a Freshman attending ECC and works part time. His interests include sound design and he has built his own PC while also starting to produce his own music.

He is the son of proud parents Ashley Lay and David Rose and



ECC Team picture.

is a member of the Hawk Clan. What makes his story even more endearing and remarkable is that Mason was born with Hemophilia (a bleeding disorder). His mother shared that Mason had experienced

some discouragement at the beginning of the swim season due to a thigh bleed that required medical treatment. **During this recovery time he was medically advised to only perform upper body workouts which prevented him from training in the water.** In the words of his mother, "Watching him go through that was a roller coaster of emotions, he was discouraged but he sprung right back and pushed as hard as he could to beat a previous record he had set for himself.....he sure didn't let it [recent injury] slow him down!"



Frontside & backside of Mason's medals

FORE!

11:30 Shotgun Start!

\$300.00
4 PERSON TEAM
INCLUDES GREEN FEES, CART, BANQUET

REGISTRATION & SPONSORSHIP DUE BY JUNE 9TH

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
ALLEGANY ARROWS MINORS LACROSSE

ALLEGANY ARROWS

10th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Monday, June 14th
11:30am
CONCORD CREST GOLF COURSE

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:
\$1000.00- INCLUDES 1 FOURSOME & TEE SPONSOR
TEE SPONSOR- \$250.00
FLAG SPONSOR- \$250.00
PRIZES: MEN'S, WOMEN'S, MIXED DIVISION:
LONG DRIVE- M & W
CLOSET TO PIN- M & W
\$20 TEAM SKINS AVAILABLE

CONTACT:
SHARON RAY (716)244-0590
JESSICA NEWARK (716) 244-7988

GOLF AWARDS TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER TOURNAMENT @ CONCORD CREST

Iroquois Nationals Women's Program Evaluations

Mark your calendars for June 26-27th!

Calling all interested female lacrosse players: Evaluations for PALA 6s, World Games 2022, and the 2022 World Championships **will be held June 26-27 at SUNY Cortland, NY.** Evaluations will be free to all interested. Ja:goh Interim Coach Claudia Jimerson.

Any questions may be directed to the Iroquois Nationals facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/IroquoisNationalsOfficial>.

REGISTER: <http://bit.ly/33LqRHx>

Agwadeyësta’ Do:gë:h Update *(By Don "Flip" White)*

Nya:wëh sgënö swagwehgo-

Agwadeyësta’ Do:gë:h is currently seeking additional volunteers for our gently used retail store **Nearly New**. Extra help is needed on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Volunteers provide customer service, work the register, and help out with organizing, sorting, and displaying our merchandise. *Nearly New* has a very relaxed atmosphere and we have our share of fun and laughter with our customers. Our plan is to expand our days of operation but we will definitely need additional volunteers to do so. Other areas where volunteers can help are with fundraising and organizational events. With the onset of good weather, farmer’s markets are getting ready to kick off their season, Agwadeyësta’ Do:gë:h would like to participate in the markets but need more volunteers to do so.



Nya:wëh to the Seneca Nation DPW Department for installing the new playground equipment at the FKS campus.

In addition, we continue to seek out those who would like to get involved with our Board of Director and Advisory Committee activity. We are growing and evolving and welcome participation, direction, and suggestions from the community at large.

Please note that all of our Board of Director meetings are open to the public; everyone is welcome to attend.

If interested in volunteering and getting involved, please contact:

Darlene Miller - 716.378.9818,
Michael Schindler - 716.390.7270,
Flip White - 716.244.0431.

So what have we been up to?

First, revenues from *Nearly New* are currently being used to assist with another Montessori Scholarship. On-going Professional Development is a priority for Agwadeyësta’ Do:gë:h’s strategies and plan for the FKS language staff and the school in general.

A huge shout out goes out to the Seneca Nation DPW Department. They did a wonderful job in putting together new

playground equipment at the FKS campus. Good weather is back and the kids at the school will surely put this new playground equipment to good use. We are grateful and appreciate their help and partnership. Nya:wëh.

Our Sugar Shack is up and running. This past spring ‘the Shack’ was given a test run. It passed the test and is now operational and plans are underway to prepare for the spring of 2022 and a full season of maple syrup production! The list of those who helped out with the Sugar Shack is long, you know who you are and all of you deserve kudos for a job well done, we can’t thank you enough.

This Sugar Shack is another step toward making the FKS campus self-sufficient. Next maple season we will have need for volunteers to operate the Sugar Shack, monitor the ‘burn’, collection of the sap, cut wood, etc. Please let us know if you are interested.

We would also welcome any assistance with the animals, the High Tunnel Garden Project, maintenance of the facilities and general upkeep of the Medicine Walk. Our hands are full but the students, the school, and language are all great causes.

We are coming to the end of year 1 of the 5 Year Esther Martinez Initiative language grant (EMI). Here is a list of the objectives of year one.

- Two FKS teachers will complete Montessori Certification in Elementary 1 and 2.
- Additional Montessori teachers are needed as the school will be expanding in the fall of 2022.
- To gain greater proficiency of the Seneca language; FKS staff attends daily Seneca Language classes. These classes provide both conversational and culturally



New climbing wall, slide & saucer swing all ready to be enjoyed!



- based language.
- To move closer to 100% Seneca Immersion Instruction, FKS staff will increase the daily amount of time they speak Seneca in the FKS classrooms.
 - To influence FKS parents to participate in language learning with their children; innovative language learning materials are being produced to enable parents to practice and speak Seneca with their children in and outside of school.

On June 23, 2021 at the FKS Annex, at 6pm, we will host a public meeting to review, in more depth, year one of the EMI grant. This meeting is for everyone and we encourage your attendance.

The staff at FKS and all those directly involved in the EMI grant are to be commended for their commitment and dedication. They have successfully taken on added responsibilities due to the grant requirements. They are all doing a great job and making a difference.

We appreciate your time and consideration.

Nya:wëh.



News From The Four Corners United
Methodist Church

Rte. 438 and Versailles Plank Road, Cattaraugus Territory | Pastor – Holly Brittain
716-930-4661 | HBRIT37014@aol.com | Submitted by Marilyn Anderson

From Deuteronomy 4:9 “...*watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.*” In May we celebrate two holidays filled with memories – Mother’s Day and Memorial Day. On Memorial Day we honor the many men and women from our territories that have served – and are currently serving - in the U.S. military. We must not forget our honored ancestors and we must tell our families about them and the importance that they have in our lives. Many of our veterans are dealing with long lasting effects of being in combat and so we need to pray for them and their families. Continue to pray for our communities as



we recover from the COVID pandemic. Many of us have never experienced such a traumatic event and it will take time for us to return to our “normal” life. Even though we can begin to enjoy each other’s company we are grieving for those who are no longer on earth. There are others who are suffering the long term effects of having

survived COVID. Faith will see us through these times.

Our Bible study group continues to study Exodus and the story of Moses. We meet on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm in the Four Corners Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to join us so come enjoy the fellowship (and snacks)!

You and your family are invited to join us for word and song on Sunday mornings. We have fellowship time at 8:30am and begin our worship service at 9am. You can contact Pastor Holly directly at the phone number or e-mail address listed above if you have questions about the church or need spiritual guidance. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday. Peace be with you.

Ja:goh Jared Breeden

Jared graduated from Eden In 2017. He always wanted to go into the Army but also wanted a college degree. He applied to 3 local colleges that offered ROTC programs along with 3 military schools. He was accepted to all 6 of them but chose Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, VA.

They challenged him academically, physically & mentally, at a 4 year boot camp. While there he joined the Virginia National Guard and drilled with the 29th Infantry Division as an enlisted cadet. While at VMI, the Army offered him an officers contract to serve once he graduated from VMI.

On Saturday May 15, 2021, Jared was officially sworn into the Army as a 2nd Lieutenant & Sunday, May 16, 2021, he graduated from VMI, with a bachelor’s degree in History. In October he reports to Fort Gordon in Augusta, GA for his training with the Signal Corps and will be on active duty orders afterwards. The Signal Corps is a branch of the Army that creates & manages communications & information systems for the Army.

Jared is the son of Janine Marx Breeden, Grandson of Eileen & Tom Marx, Great-Grandson of Calvin (Army WWII Veteran) & Corrine Lay.



Congratulations to
Ira E. John!

Congrats on your achievement of making the Dean’s List at Indiana University of PA! We are so proud of your hard work! Ja:goh.

Love your family.
(Submitted by Sally John)

INDIANA UNIVERSITY
OF PENNSYLVANIA

NEW YORK STATE OF NY Connects

IF YOU SEE THIS GUY
ON JUNE 2ND;
Make sure to wish him a
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
(Submitted by Maryann Williams)

FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit Program

The FCC has an Emergency Broadband Benefit program to help families and households struggling to afford internet service during the pandemic. **Those who qualify and are located on qualifying Tribal lands can be eligible for up to \$75 a month in assistance and can receive up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers.** Check <https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit> to see you or your household quality. This program is not affiliated with Seneca Nation and is a Federal Communications Commission benefit program.

EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is an **FCC program** to help families and households struggling to afford internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. This new benefit will connect eligible households to jobs, critical healthcare services, virtual classrooms, and so much more.

About the Emergency Broadband Benefit

The Emergency Broadband Benefit will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month towards broadband service for eligible households and **up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands**. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than \$10 and less than \$50 toward the purchase price.

The Emergency Broadband Benefit is limited to one monthly service discount and one device discount per household.

More Information and How To Apply

Go to <https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit> for eligibility requirements.

There are three ways for eligible households to apply:

1. Contact your preferred participating broadband provider directly to learn about their application process.
2. Go to [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](https://www.getemergencybroadband.org) to apply online and to find participating providers near you.
3. Call 833-511-0311 for a mail-in application, and return it along with copies of documents showing proof of eligibility to:

Emergency Broadband Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 49742

After receiving an eligibility determination, households can contact their preferred service provider to select an Emergency Broadband Benefit eligible service plan.

Congratulations to Jenna Marshall!

We are so proud of you on receiving membership in the National Junior Honor Society at Herbert Hoover Middle School and receiving the Beacon Award from the Kenmore Teachers Association for a second year in a row. You maintained high honors, worked very hard, and dealt



with the challenge of a hybrid schedule and virtual glitches. This accomplishment is well deserved. We are so proud of you! Keep up the good work!!

Love Mom, Dad & Kiana
(Submitted by Phil Marshall)

Ja:goh Blayze Becker, Daylin John-Hill and Landen Jimerson

Submitted by Erin Tallchief

Congratulations to Blayze Becker, Daylin John-Hill and Landen Jimerson and the rest of the ELPS (Eden-Lakeshore-Pioneer-Springville) JV hockey team on an undefeated 2020-21 season. The JV championship game was held Friday April 23, 2021 where ELPS defeated Orchard Park 6-5 in double overtime.



(Pictured L to R)
Blayze Becker, Daylin John-Hill, Landen Jimerson

Ja:goh Louis Nephew, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Graduate

Credit: Kyle Nephew

Louis Nephew, son of Kyle Nephew and brother of Brittany Nephew, graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona after 4yrs of classroom. Louis is currently finishing 1500 hrs of air training for his airlines license and is contemplating joining the U.S Air Force upon completion. **Ja:goh Louis.**



Next SNI Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the SNI Official Newsletter will be **Tuesday, June 01, 2021.**
Next issue to be dated Friday, June 11, 2021.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF ARNOLD JAMERSON

Executor: Charles Jamerson,
12841 Route 438, Apt. 249, Irving, NY 14081
~ Cattaraugus Territory - Final Notice ~

ESTATE OF SUZANNE NEPHEW

Administrator: Gloria J. Nephew,
38 Thompson Ln., Irving, NY 14081
~ Allegany Territory - Final Notice ~

ESTATE OF WINIFRED JOHN

Administrator: Esther Maybee,
8320 Old Route 17, Salamanca, NY 14779
~ Cattaraugus Territory - Final Notice ~

ESTATE OF ELIZABETH WATERMAN

Administrator: Rose Guthrie,
2511 Brighton Ave. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418
~ Cattaraugus Territory - Final Notice ~

ESTATE OF JOHN WATERMAN

Administrator: Rose Guthrie,
2511 Brighton Ave. NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418
~ Cattaraugus Territory - Final Notice ~

ESTATE OF RAYMOND C. SUNDERLIN

Administrator: Laura Cooper,
3638 Center Rd., Salamanca, NY 14779
~ Allegany Territory - Final Notice ~

ESTATE OF SHARON L. JOHN

Administrator: Stephanie L. John,
44 Seneca St., Apt. 33, Salamanca, NY 14779
~ Allegany Territory - Final Notice ~

ESTATE OF CORRINE B. MARTIN

Administrator: Denise Bennett,
12553 Route 438, Irving, NY 14081
~ Allegany Territory - 2nd Notice ~

ESTATE OF BETTY JACOBS

Executor: Richard Rubeck, Jr.,
12149 Brant Reservation Rd., Irving, NY 14081
~ Cattaraugus Territory - 2nd Notice ~

ESTATE OF ABBIE DOXTATOR

Administrator: Susan Abrams,
12560 Route 438, Irving, NY 14081
~ Cattaraugus Territory - 2nd Notice ~

ESTATE OF KIMBERLY PAGELS

Administrator: Matthew Pagels,
12040 Sulphur Springs Rd., Irving, NY 14081
~ Cattaraugus Territory - 1st Notice ~

ESTATE OF MIRANDA WILLIAMS

Executor: Esther Williams,
P.O. Box 98, Brant, NY 14027
~ Allegany Territory - 1st Notice ~

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

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

New York State Fair (NYSF)
Indian Village Meeting

When: June 5, 2021 | Time: 11am
Where: At the Village Mound on the NYSF Grounds,
Syracuse, NY



Bring Your Own Chair | Masks & Social
Distancing Enforced
Bring Your Own Lunch
Updates Given for 2021 NYS Fair



**BUILDABLE LAND OR
EXISTING HOME WANTED!**

**Allegany Territory-Not in City
-Preferably Jimtown-At least 1 acre**

Call: 716 378-5618

Office Space/
Hair Salon Space
AVAILABLE TO
RENT!
On the Cattaraugus
Territory

Located at 12232 Brant Reservation Rd.,
Irving, NY
Call 716-549-4710 or 864-0551 for
more information.

Land Wanted on Cayuga Road for
Purchase by Seneca Nation



The Seneca Nation will be constructing a new wastewater collection system on Cayuga Road on the Cattaraugus Territory. As part of the project a small parcel of land is needed to construct a pump station. The parcel should be approximately 30 ft by 30 ft and have frontage on Cayuga Road. The Seneca Nation requests interested landowners, possessing a deed, to contact the health engineer,
**Joel Merrill, at (716) 945-5894 or
joel.merrill@senecahealth.org** for consideration.

June 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 Broiled fish Steamed mixed vegetables Coleslaw Yogurt berry parfait	2 Philly steak & cheese sliders Steamed carrots Fresh fruit	3 Roast pork w/ gravy Dinner roll Roasted potatoes & peas Cookie	4 Grilled chicken strawberry poppyseed salad Dinner roll Ice cream
	NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic			
	NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic			
	Call In Orders until further notice	Call In Orders until further notice	Call In Orders until further notice	Call In Orders until further notice
7 Pepperoni & vegetable pizza Side salad Cinnamon peaches	8 Ranch chicken Green beans Brown rice Mandarin oranges	9 Sloppy joe on a bun Buttered corn Potato salad Fresh fruit	10 Father's Day Chicken BBQ Broccoli salad Biscuit Strawberry cake	11 Oven baked pork chop Applesauce Steamed carrots Roll Pistachio pudding
	NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic			
	NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic			
Cattaraugus - call to place your order for timely delivery	Delivery to Oaktree & Newtown	Delivery to Indian Hill & Pinewoods	Delivery to Ozarks, Gowanda & Dayton	Delivery to Irving
14 Sites CLOSED <i>For President's Day (Observed)</i>	15 Fettuccine alfredo Broccoli Dinner roll Oatmeal cookie	16 Breaded crispy fish sandwich Sweet potato wedges Coleslaw Fresh fruit	17 Traditional Meal Green bean soup Roll Watermelon Strawberry juice	18 Spaghetti & meat sauce Tossed salad Dinner roll Cinnamon peaches
	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
21 Crispy chicken fingers Sweet potato wedges Steamed asparagus Ambrosia fruit dessert	22 Teriyaki pork Steamed carrots Apple slices & craisins Biscuit Lime jello	23 Macaroni & cheese Zucchini & squash blend Cinnamon pears	24 Birthday Party Meatloaf w/ gravy Mashed potatoes Roasted zucchini Dinner roll Birthday cake	25 Baked parmesan tilapia Sautéed spinach Apple broccoli carrot salad Cookie
	NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic			
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Delivery to Olean	Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm
28 Ham & pineapple Sweet potatoes Glazed carrots Biscuit Raspberry sherbet	29 Brunch Pancakes w/ fresh berry topping Greek yogurt Bacon	30 Manicotti w/ marinara sauce Sautéed spinach Dinner roll Chocolate pudding	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
NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic				
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Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	No Distribution Inventory Day		

SNHS Employee Spotlight



Teresa Montour, who also goes by the nickname “Treet”, is a certified coder and her office is located at the Community Health and Wellness Center. She has worked at the health system for 31 years.

We asked what she likes best about her job and what her job duties are. She says “I have always enjoyed the medical field especially medical coding and working with all the SNHS Staff. My job duties are to review documentation and to make sure that proper codes are on the billing ticket.”

What is the most beneficial/inspirational part of her position? She says “To be able to be a productive member of my Seneca Nation and work for my community. To have held various positions such as the Buffalo Program Office Secretary, Medical Secretary, Secretary II, Billing Clerk II, Health Information Technician at the SNHS.”

Teresa says she grew up in the community of Jimerson Hill. She attended the State University of New York Empire State College earning an associate in science with studies in health information. She is also a Certified Medical Coder (CMC) through Practice Management Institute (PMI).

We asked what she likes to do in her spare time. She said “I like to spend time with my family baking cookies & cakes, cake decorating, crafts, riding bike, planting, traveling, camping, and playing scrabble.”

Favorite quote or words/advice that she lives by? She said “Go to school and get your education be it a college degree or trade skill; no one can ever take that away from you. This is what was told to me by my mother and this is what I have told my children.”

We asked her: Please tell something interesting or extraordinary about yourself that you would like people to know: Her reply was “My husband, Leroy and I have been together 43 years and will celebrate our 37th wedding anniversary this October. I am a proud mother of 4, step-mother of 2, grandmother of 19, and great-grandmother of 6.”

She adds “Invest in yourself by continually learning. You are never too old to learn something new. I recently learned and made a pair of beaded moccasins.”

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

Simply HR ~ April

- New Hires**
Jordan John
Peer Recovery Advocate, CHWC
April 5, 2021
- Raychel Schenandoah**
Seneca Strong Admin. Assistant, CHWC
April 12, 2021
- Nancy Schenandoah**
Family Peer Advocate, Allegany Seneca Strong
April 12, 2021
- Roxanne Spengler**
RN, Contact Tracer, CIRHC
April 26, 2021
- Michelle DeYoe**
MICA Case Manager, LRJHC
April 26, 2021

Congratulations on your new positions!



REMINDER:

Seneca Nation Health System will be closed:

**Monday, May 31
Memorial Day**

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

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

NATIVE connections

Honor your journey.

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

Cattaraugus CHWC
36 Thomas Indian School Drive
716•532•5583

Allegany LRJHC
987 R.C. Hoag Drive
716•945•9001

senecanativeconnections.org

COVID-19 Vaccine Effectiveness

TIMELINE

Day 1

↓

Prime (1st Dose) of Moderna vaccine.

← Approximately 60% effective.

Day 28

↓

Boost (2nd Dose) of Moderna vaccine.

Day 42

Optimal effectiveness of vaccine reached. Approximately 94% effective.

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>

Get Your COVID-19 Vaccine!

Protect Your Teammates

Against COVID-19



Did you know that chiropractic services are offered at the CIRHC?

Open to enrolled patients of the Seneca Nation Health System on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You must get a referral from your provider in order to see Dr. Timothy Smith, chiropractor. For more information, call CIRHC 716-532-5582.

Frozen Strawberry Yogurt



Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 0 minutes
Total time: 10 minutes
Number of Servings: 7
Serving size: 1/2 cup

Ingredients

- 4 cups frozen strawberries (unsweetened)
- 1 cup nonfat plain yogurt
- 3 Tablespoons sugar

Directions


1. Combine frozen strawberries, yogurt and sugar in a blender or food processor. Blend until creamy, about 2 to 4 minutes.
2. Serve immediately or freeze in an air-tight container or frozen treat molds for up to 1 month. Frozen leftovers will be very firm. Scrape into serving bowls with a spoon.

Notes:

- Frozen berries are a good choice when strawberries are not in season. Look for those with no sugar added.


Find more delicious recipes from Food-Hero.org

*Source: medlineplus.gov



Nursing-Friendly Regalia Sewing Workshops

Tuesday June 22, 2021
1:00pm - 7:00pm
Seneca-Iroquois National Museum
or
Tuesday June 29, 2021
1:00pm - 7:00pm
Stanley "Sully" Huff Heritage Center



OUR PEOPLE
OUR HEALTH
OUR LEGACY

All materials will be provided to create regalia that is breastfeeding friendly! Only 6 spots are available for each workshop. Safety is a priority and all COVID-19 guidelines will be followed.

Registration Deadline: June 3, 2021


To register, contact Heather Ward:
716-532-8223 Ext. 5573
hward@senecahealth.org

You can reach us here:

Lionel R. John Health Center
716-945-5894

Community Health and Wellness Center
716-532-8223

Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Health Center
716-532-5582



FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES
when the health centers and associated facilities are closed:

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES
CIRHC (716) 532-5582
LRJHC (716) 945-5894

CHILD AND FAMILY
Cattaraugus Marshal's Office: 532-3040
Allegany Marshal's Office: 945-2779

SENECA STRONG
Cattaraugus: 532-8456
Allegany: 945-8413
Toll Free#: 1-844-9SENECA

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Erie County residents:
Crisis Services 834-3131
DV Hotline 862-4357

Cattaraugus County residents:
Crisis Services 945-3970
OGH Crisis Hotline 1-800- 339- 5209

Chautauqua County residents:
Crisis Services 1-800-724-0461
DV/Rape Hotline 1-800- 252- 8748


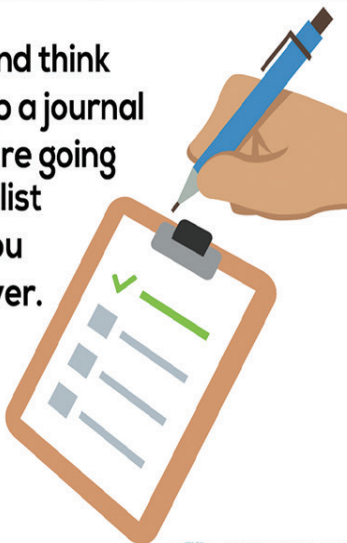
Catt. Community Action Hotline
1-888-945-3970

Haven House
884-6000

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-TALK

Staying mentally well is an important part of staying healthy!

Stay hopeful and think positively. Keep a journal of things that are going well or make a list of the things you have control over.



Ambrosia Salad (Wajesa’geh)

Nëyönishe’t: Gë:öje’ sga:d no’gaisda:e:g

Deyögwadë:dzo:nih:

- ♦ Sganyö’öseähgwa:d Fruit Cocktail (onegitgë’öh)
- ♦ Sganyö’öseähgwa:d Mandarin Oranges (onegitgë’öh)
- ♦ Sgashe’da:d Maraschino Cherries [de’ne:’ oöda’] (onegitgë’öh)
- ♦ Jeähgwad Cool Whip
- ♦ Ha’degayäeh Mini Marshmallows
- ~Hae’gwah ogwe:nyö:h aedwajä’dak neh...
- ♦ Shredded coconut
- ♦ Walnuts, pecans, nuts



Da:h onë:h nëdwa:ye:’:

1. Ha’degagö:n ögwajä:’dahgöh neh deyohsowa:nëh. Joje:ëhdöh ogyödahöh neh Cool Whip.
2. Do:gës onë:h dewajesda:nö’ ha’deyojiyage:h, ogwa:a’, gä:ne’shö’ koh.
3. Jë:gwah i:swe:h ogwe:nyö:h ögwawëhda:döh neh ha’deyonyo’gwa’ hae’gwah neh coconut.
4. Hesga:gö:n dewajesdöh neh marshmallows.
5. Da:h onë:h ganö’nosdöh ne’hoh ganö’nosta’neh gë:öje’ sga:d no’gaisda:e:g.

Onödowa’ga:’ Gawë:nö’ Pronunciation Key

a	.....	father
ä	.....	cat
e	.....	they
ë	.....	men
i	.....	police
o	.....	note
ö	.....	own
u	.....	tune
w	.....	wash
n	.....	not
y	.....	yes
d	.....	dog
t	.....	tail
g	.....	girl
k	.....	kite
s	.....	sit
j	.....	job
h	.....	hat
š	.....	show
tš	.....	chalk
dz	.....	adze
:	.....	long vowel
’	.....	glottal stop

The purpose of the Allegany Language Department, Ögwaiwanösde’ Ögwawënö’, is to promote conversational Seneca language use at the Seneca Nation.



JOB POSTINGS

ÖGWATÄHDÖ:NYO’!

(We have opportunities!)

Visit us at the following locations:

Cattaraugus Territory

1ST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

SNI Human Resources Dept.
12837 Route 438
Irving, NY 14081

Allegany Territory

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

SNI Human Resources Dept.
90 Ohiyo Way
Salamanca, NY 14779

Buffalo Area

3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH
8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

SNI Tribal Advocate Office
Buffalo Resource Center
533 Amherst Street
Buffalo, NY 14207

Apply online at SenecaPath.SenecaCasinos.com






Seneca Gaming Corporation’s Native Recruitment Specialist is here to assist enrolled Senecas with the hiring process. Our Team offers:

- One-on-one assistance with your online application
- Assistance with creating and uploading resume
- Assistance with creating your job profile

Start the process today, email our Recruitment Team: MWang@SenecaCasinos.com or call 716.501.2215

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(WE WILL REMAIN VIGILANT)



#SENECASSTAYS SAFE



Don't forget to FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!

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.

https://twitter.com/TheSenecaNation