

# The Official Newsletter of the SENECA NATION



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## A message from President Matthew B. Pagels



To all school aged children and parents, great job surviving such a chaotic school year. I'm certain keeping everyone on track with zoom meetings, homework submissions and check ins has been overwhelming at times. Hopefully things will return to normal next school year.

Normalcy is what we are all aiming for and with everyone continuing to get vaccinated we get closer and closer each day. So far, the Seneca Nation has given 3,300 vaccinations and our daily Covid numbers remain low. As of Friday, June 4th we have one Covid case in Allegany and none in Cattaraugus. This is great!! Let's keep vigilant by practicing Covid protocols and encourage the vaccination so we can get back to normal.

### Nya:wëh sgë:nö gagwe:göh,

June (O:yaikeneh) is here and time for celebration as high school students prepare for graduation. It's hard to believe what these soon to be graduates have accomplished over the last year and a half during a pandemic. Everything drastically changed overnight as schools closed and instruction went to remote learning. Many exciting things should happen during a Senior year, proms, yearbooks, skip days, but for these Seniors many school memories were created virtually. I commend our students for meeting their expectations to finalize their high school careers, I know it hasn't been easy. From the world of Dr. Seuss, "You're off to great places, today is your day, your mountain is waiting so get on your day!!" Jagöh!

For children 12 – 17 parent consent is needed to receive the Pfizer vaccination. Parents can call for appointment and complete the consent form at the appointment. Please contact your Allegany or Cattaraugus Health Center to schedule an appointment.

On a more solemn note, an important discovery was made earlier this month at the Kamploops Indian Residential



Salamanca High School Students wear orange in memory of the 215 graves unearthed

**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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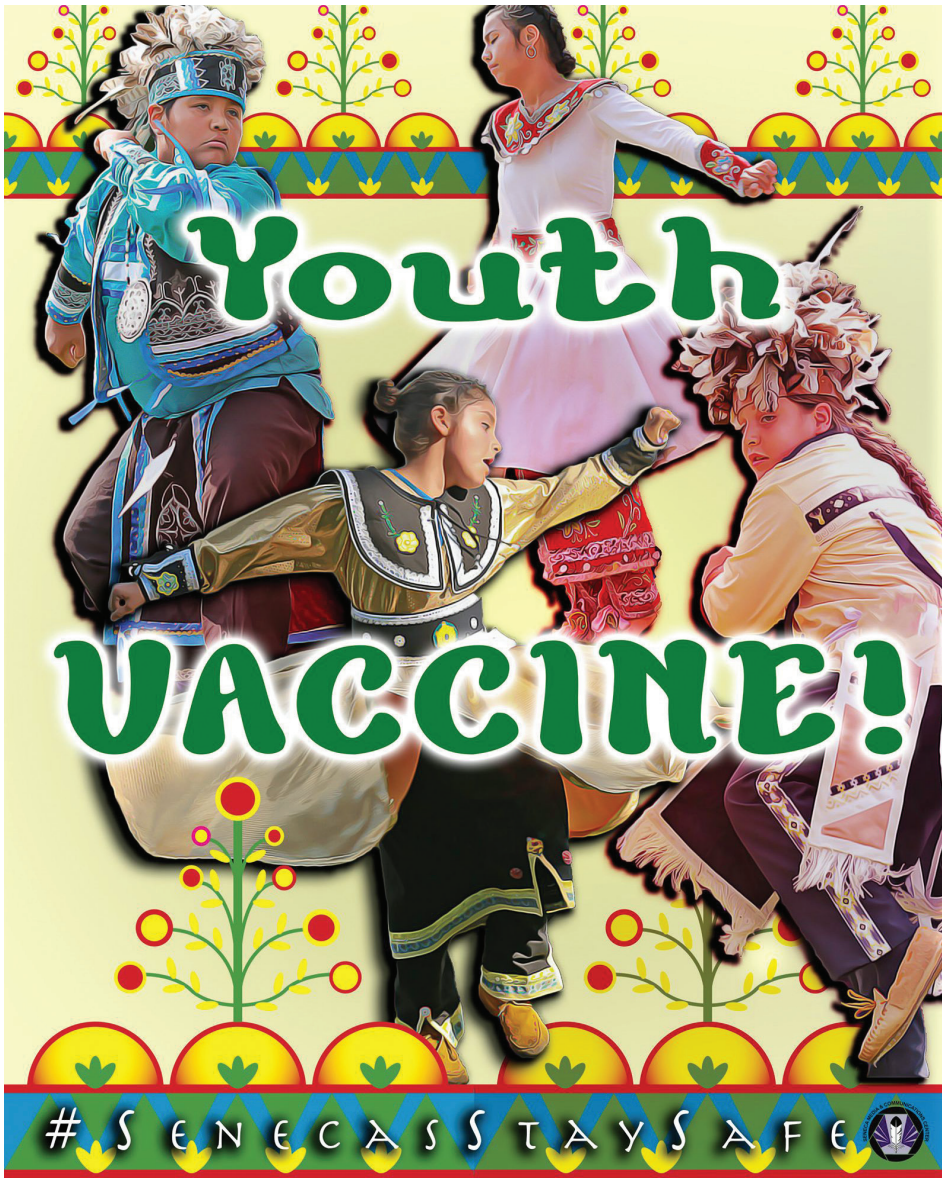
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**Import/Export Meeting**  
**June 24, 2021**  
**1:00pm**  
**William Seneca Council**  
**Chambers**

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School in British Columbia which operated between 1890-1978. Two hundred fifteen children were found in a mass grave on the grounds of the school. Although this finding is very emotional for many, it is not new to Indigenous people. We had the Thomas Indian School and Red House Quaker school on our Territories where similar assimilation practices occurred. We honor those who experienced injustice by remembering our history. We heal by learning our language and by living in our culture. Our trauma will continue if we allow it to. Let us continue to heal.

Our libraries and museum are filled with information on our own historical path. Let's understand it and teach our children that we are not only resilient or survivors, but that we are diverse, creative and strong individuals who can create change.

Lastly, this month's council session is open to members, following Covid protocols as well as virtually. Please contact the Clerk's office to set up the Go To meeting process.

**As always, stay safe, stay strong.  
Dah ne'hoh dih ae'.  
Matt**



FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER



Greetings,

I hope everyone is taking in all this nice weather. The mosquitoes are sure out! They are a sure sign summer is setting in, in the northeast. Also, I heard some people have been dealing with fly infestations and hanging fly paper inside their vehicles to deal with them. I sure hope that's helping. If you have been fully vaccinated by now, you're probably enjoying not wearing a mask as often as you had been. It's good to see everyone's face again, but I still keep one with me, just in case.

If you were around when our Highbanks Campground first opened, you may recall we had campsites 1-99, known as Old Town, which were opened and operating. Over time, and from wear and tear, all 99 sites had to be taken out of commission. Recently, Ron Ken-jockey, Al E. George and others have been spear heading a renovation project to re-open those sites. All of the electric and plumbing

infrastructure is being updated at each site. Of course, due to the large amount of work that needs to be done, the project will happen in phases. Judy Farmer, Highbanks Campground Director, reports that sites 1-26 could be open by July 4th weekend, with the next phase of sites 27-64 projected to open this fall. The remainder of the sites will be discussed in the spring. If you are interested in more details, please reach out to: Ashley King at (716) 354-2177, or by email at: [ashley.king@sni.org](mailto:ashley.king@sni.org).

As I reported in my last message, the Buffalo Creek One Stop held their grand opening on May 21st. I'm glad to report they served over 24,000 gas and convenience store customers in their first two weeks of operating. With this being our fifth fuel station and convenience store, we look forward to the future economic impact it will provide. Not only will the Seneca Nation's economy benefit, but so will the economy of the City of Buffalo. As the city continues to lift all COVID restrictions and life returns to a new normal, it goes without saying that our sales will increase. Please remember that all enrolled Senecas in Buffalo and the surrounding areas, whom provide their Seneca Nation identification/enrollment card, are eligible for a 5% discount on fuel; and all purchases in the store are tax exempt. Thank you to our dedicated One Stop staff for all of your hard work and making the Buffalo Creek One Stop another thriving and successful Seneca Nation enterprise!

I understand we are doing a great job in our communities with this virus. President Pagels reported zero cases in Cattaraugus and only one in Allegany, in a recent update. Thank you to those whom have taken the initiative to get vaccinated, which helps to keep our communities as safe as possible!

Respectfully,  
Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.





Please Continue to stay Safe & Healthy  
The Clerk’s Office continues 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:Weh

**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; 8:00 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**

Please have your SNI Enrollment # ready when you are visiting or calling the Clerk’s Office.  
We are happy to announce the Allegany & Cattaraugus Clerk’s Office is now accepting Credit/Debit Card as a form of payment.

**ANNUITY CLOTH**  
ANNUITY CLOTH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP ANYTIME IN BOTH ALLEGANY & CATTARAUGUS CLERK’S OFFICES.

**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

533 Amherst Street  
Buffalo, NY 14207  
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 266 adults and 110 children who have NOT completed their annual registration and must do so by June 30, 2021 to continue receiving benefits. This does not exempt you from the 2021 Registration year.

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](http://www.sni.org) under Clerk’s Office documents.

- **ADDRESSES**  
Please remember to keep your address current with the Clerk’s Office. This includes changes with custody of minor children or legal guardians (Court orders).
- **BURIAL FUND**  
A Burial fund has been designated to pay for funeral expenses up to \$7000 for enrolled members. For additional details, please contact the Clerk’s Office during regular business hours.
- **DIRECT DEPOSIT OF ANNUITY AND/OR ELDERS PAYMENTS**  
If you would like to sign up for Direct Deposit of your Annuity and/or Elders Check, you will have to complete the form. The form is available on the web at [www.sni.org](http://www.sni.org) under Documents/Clerk’s Office / Direct Deposit forms or at the Clerk’s Office.
- All direct deposit forms MUST have attached a voided check or deposit slip (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>)

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](mailto:traci.pacini@sni.org); Cattaraugus Territory - Seneca Nation Education Department (716) 532-3341, [barbara.weston@sni.org](mailto:barbara.weston@sni.org).

**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](mailto:Leslie.john@sni.org) or [Bjohnson@sni.org](mailto:Bjohnson@sni.org)

NO SUBMISSIONS AT THIS TIME

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

IN THE NEWS

Seneca Nation Statement On Discovery Of Remains Of More Than 200 Indigenous Children At Kamloops Residential School Site

CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY, IRVING, N.Y. – Seneca Nation President Matthew Pagels issued the following statement regarding the discovery of the remains of 215 children buried on the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia, Canada. The school, which operated between 1890 and 1969, was once Canada’s largest Indigenous residential school, which hundreds of thousands of Indigenous children were forced to attend. Thousands of children are known to have died at these schools in the United States and Canada, and it is believed that the deaths of hundreds – if not thousands – were never documented.

“Senecas are grieving along with the Tk’emlups te Secwépemc First Nation in the wake of this recent discovery - another gruesome reminder of the treatment and terror that generations of Indigenous people suffered at the hands of foreign settlers on our own lands.

Residential schools were established in an attempt to erase Indigenous people, our culture and our very existence, from our own lands. We lived on these lands long before the arrival of European settlers and well before countries like Canada and the United States existed. Relocating Native nations to remote areas and taking our lands was and is a grave injustice in and of itself.

Taking children away from their families and trying to wipe away our native language and our very identity, often by force and violence, is a hate crime. These hate crimes can never and should never be forgotten. There are many Native people around the world, including many Senecas, who still carry the scars and terror of those days. Discoveries like the one at the Kamloops site re-open those wounds.

The terror our people face hasn’t ended. Today, countless Indigenous individuals are murdered or go missing across Indian Country. Our communities have long been the targets of violence, abuse and neglect. It must end.

We pray for the children whose bodies were discovered last week, for their families, and for all Indigenous people who have been the victims of violence and abuse, and for those who remain missing. They will never be forgotten and we will always fight in their memory.”





*Reprinted from Indian Country Today. June 3rd, 2021.*



It's been a rocky year for tribes. And then, for the Seneca Nation of Indians, came a victory. The tribal constitution was established in 1848. And more than 50 years before that. President George Washington gifted the Seneca Chief Red Jacket a peace medal. It's been gone from the Seneca people for more than 100 years. but now, it's home. Joining us today to talk about the return of the peace medal is the Seneca President Matthew Pagels.

**TERC**  
**JUNE**  
**Career Readiness Workshops**

Date	Topic	Time
15	Customer Service	10-11
17	Customer Service	2-3
22	Soft Skills	10-11
24	Soft Skills	2-3
29	Handling Criticism	10-11

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SENECA NATION OF INDIANS EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER

# HEAD START

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## APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE :

Early Childhood Learning Center  
2016 Hënödeyestá Drive  
Irving, NY 14081

## OR ON THE SNI.ORG WEBSITE

Any Questions? Feel free to call Tamara Piskorowski 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 within a 5 mile radius of ECLC.



# Seneca Gaming Corporation Observes Orange Shirt Day At All Properties In Remembrance Of 215 Victims Discovered At Former Indigenous Residential School In Canada



Moment of silence also observed at 2:15 p.m. at Seneca Niagara, Seneca Allegany and Seneca Buffalo Creek resorts

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK - BUFFALO, NEW YORK - SALAMANCA, NEW YORK: (June 2, 2021) In an effort to honor the victims and highlight the terror faced by generations of Indigenous children at residential schools across the United States and Canada, Seneca Gaming Corporation is observing an Orange Shirt Day at its three casino properties today, Thursday, June 3.

On Thursday, May 27, it was confirmed that the remains of 215 children were discovered buried at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia, Canada.

The school was once Canada’s largest Indigenous residential school. Thousands of Indigenous children are known to have died at residential schools across the United States and Canada. It is believed that the deaths of hundreds – if not thousands – were never documented.

“The Kamloops discovery is another gruesome reminder of the treatment and terror generations of Indigenous people suffered at the hands of foreign settlers on our own lands,” said Seneca Nation President Matthew Pagels. “Residential schools were established in an attempt to erase Indigenous people, our culture and our very existence from our own lands. Taking children away from their families and trying to wipe away our native language and our very identity, often by force and violence, is a hate crime that can never and should never be forgotten. There are many Native people around the world, including many Senecas, who still carry the scars and terror of those days. Discoveries like the one at the Kamloops site re-open those wounds.”

In addition to encouraging employees and guests to wear orange throughout the day, Seneca Gaming Corporation observed a moment of silence at 2:15 p.m. at Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino, Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino and Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino, in honor of the 215 victims whose remains were discovered at the Kamloops site.

“We want to stand in solidarity with the Tk’emlups te Secwépemc First Nation as they deal with this most recent discovery, and with everyone across Indian Country who has been impacted by the hate, mistreatment and terror perpetuated by the residential schools,” said Seneca Gaming Corporation President & CEO Kevin Nephew. “The children whose bodies were discovered last week, their families, all Indigenous people who have been the victims of violence and abuse, and those who remain missing today must never be forgotten.”

Each year, Canada observes Orange Shirt Day on September 30 as a way to educate and promote awareness of the impact Indigenous residential schools had on Indigenous people and communities. The commemorative event began in 2013.



# CASTING CALL



## SENECA

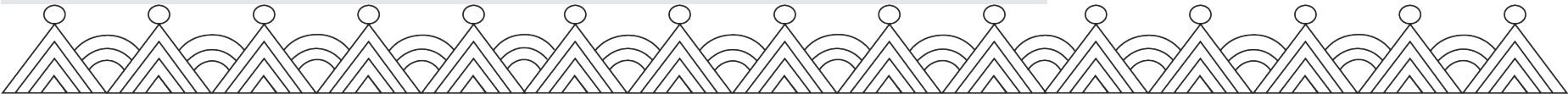
RESORTS & CASINOS

## 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](mailto:SNICastingCall@SenecaCasinos.com) ASAP!**





# FEMA RiskMap Survey of Cattaraugus Creek

## ATTENTION: SENECA NATION MEMBERS-

The Seneca Nation Emergency Management Department during the summer/fall of 2021, will be assisting in the coordination of an engineering analysis and flood plain mapping of the Cattaraugus Creek within the Seneca Nation, Cattaraugus Territory. This project is an ongoing effort to supplement the Seneca Nation, 1988 Flood Damage Ordinance. This project is funded by the United States- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Risk Analysis Branch-Region II to perform a RiskMAP Survey of the Cattaraugus Creek. The mapping survey is part of the Chautauqua County RiskMAP/STARR survey of land that sits adjacent to the Seneca Nation Territory. This portion of the actual survey will be conducted on the approximate three-mile stretch of Cattaraugus Creek stretching from the mouth of Creek on Lake Erie back inland.

The professional civilian land surveyors, Gayron de Bruin Land Surveying and Engineering PC based from Honeoye Falls, N.Y. will be the primary working survey crew, contracted by FEMA. The work conducted by the team will provide Seneca Nation with updated Base Flood Elevation information, a revised floodplain mapping profile, updated Flood Insurance Risk Maps (FIRM’s) and current engineering tools for multiple uses.

The survey crew will make every effort to restrict their movements from local points of access and general confines of the creek and the surrounding floodplains and banks. On occasion, surveyors may need permission to encroach on surrounding properties for brief periods of time in order to obtain accurate measurements. It should be noted that at certain points, these individuals may well have to enter the creek itself in order to conduct the depth profile surveys.

Further, a professor and student from the Rochester Institute of Technology and possibly two student interns from the University of Buffalo may also be present on Territory during these mapping surveys, assisting the survey crew and Seneca Nation Emergency Management in this work.

Every person involved in the project shall be able to identify themselves with a driver’s license or ID as well as produce a letter of agreement from Seneca Nation Presidents Office to be engaged in this project. Survey teams and college personnel alike will be using various equipment in the field; handheld tripods/cameras, survey theodolite, pole-mounted target reflectors, drone and personal computers.

**PROJECT CONTACT:**  
*Michael Gates*  
*Director, Seneca Nation Emergency Management*  
*716-244-0820*

***Project Tentative Schedule for the survey: TBD (at this point no details have been shared)***

**Key Agency Contacts outside of Seneca Nation:**

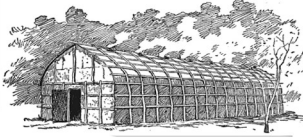
Patrick Dobbs, Project Lead, Atkins, Stantec & Dewberry (FEMA Study Contractor)  
Ph: 615-794-1524

Scott Smith, Branch Manager, Gayron de Bruin Land Surveying & Engineering  
Ph: 585-484-8100  
Shudipto Rahman, Civil Engineer, FEMA Region II Project Coordinator  
Ph: 202-702-4273

Professor Karl Korfmacher, Rochester Institute of Technology  
Ph: 585-475-5554

Chris Renschler, Assistant Professor, University of Buffalo Geography Department  
Ph: 716-645-0480

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.**

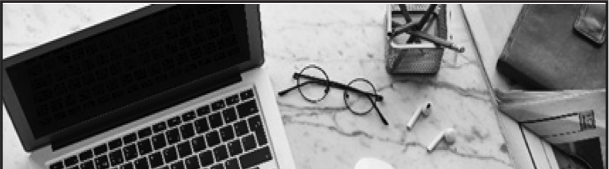
The SNHA is currently conducting INTAKE and answering any questions on the **EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**Seneca Mohawk, SNHA Cattaraugus ERA Intake**  
**Seneca.mohawk@snh.org**  
**\* PHONE: (716) 532-5000 ext. 7732**  
**FAX: (716) 532-3892**  
**Robynn George, SNHA Allegany ERA Intake**  
**Robynn.george@snh.org**  
**PHONE (716) 945-1290 ext. 7721**  
**Fax: (716) 945-5910**

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

**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).

**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

**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.

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@snh.org](mailto:jackie.jimerson@snh.org)

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

**SENECA HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS & SENIORS**

**SPONSORED & PRESENTED BY**



To sign up, email Hanna Sheridan [hsheridan@senecaholdings.com](mailto:hsheridan@senecaholdings.com) no later than May 28, 2021.

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

**Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center**

**82 W Hetzel St,**  
**Salamanca, NY**  
**14779**

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.**

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visit us on-line  
@sninews.org



# Protecting Our Elders

June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month

# HONOR OUR ELDERS

## Wear Purple - June 15th

### For Elder Abuse Awareness Day

#### Stand Up Against Elder Abuse

Elders are an important part of our community. They are our wisdom keepers and first teachers. They deserve our respect and protection. Sadly, elder abuse most often occurs at home and by family members or caregivers. Most cases of elder abuse are undetected, under-reported, and unresolved.

On June 15th show that you care by wearing purple. Help raise awareness of this important and often overlooked issue.

Reach out to elders in your life. Show that you care and appreciate them.

**Ēyōgwanohte:g Hadigēhji 'da'**  
We will cherish the elders.



SENECA NATION  
HEALTH SYSTEM



## SN Disability Services

## Social Security Assistance

### ALLEGANY & CATTARAUGUS TERRITORIES

Allegany & Cattaraugus residents can now call for an appointment for a phone conference for new claims, appeals, retirement & all other business.

**A SSI Rep. will be available on the following dates:**

#### Allegany Territory

June 16, 2021  
July 21, 2021  
August 18, 2021  
From 9am-3pm

#### Cattaraugus Territory

June 23, 2021  
July 28, 2021  
August 25, 2021  
From 9am-3pm



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Social Security Administration is still closed to the public. The appointments will be through phone conference ONLY until such time it is safe to open back up to the public. Please feel free to contact our office for details.

Phone: 716-532-4900 ext. 5152  
Email: ashley.kennedy@sni.org or leanna.leroy@sni.org

## 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)



## AOA is Opening for Dining!

### Monday, June 7th

**\*AOA is currently open for congregate dining only.\***  
Access to the AOA Elder Centers for activities, crafts and trips will begin at a later date.

#### JOIN US FOR LUNCH!

Served at 12-1pm, Mon-Fri  
Capacity is limited to **2 people per table**. Please call for Reservations by **3pm the day before** and leave a message with your name, phone number, and the day you will be coming for lunch:

- **Allegany**  
44 Seneca Street, Salamanca  
(716) 945-8414
- **Cattaraugus**  
Wini Kettle Building  
(716) 532-5777

#### MASK REQUIRMENTS:

- **Allegany** - Masks are required. Meals are only available at 44 Seneca at this time.
- **Cattaraugus** - Unvaccinated elders must wear masks. Masks are not required for vaccinated elders. **Please bring proof of vaccination.**
- Please maintain social distancing and wash hands thoroughly and often.



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# Congratulations to the STC Construction Technology Program Graduates!

The Seneca Training Center congratulated graduates of the Construction Technology Program on Friday, May 28, 2021 at the Allegany council chambers. Ja:goh graduates and nya:wëh Seneca Training Center! This is the 15th graduating cohort for the Construction Technology Program. The group learned about electrical, carpentry, plumbing, drywall and more at the Center located in Steamburg. They got certified in OSHA 10 for construction, CPR & First Aid and Blueprint Reading. Five trainees moved into employment the week after graduation and three are continuing on into the advanced training of the Seneca Training Center. We wish them success in their future goals! TERC staff are ready to assist new trainees and individuals seeking employment. Call for an appointment anytime. Allegany 945-8120 Cattaraugus 532-1033.

The list of graduates from this latest cohort is as follows:

- Bernard Gates Jr.

- Carter Crane

- Jade Vincent

- John Parker
- Keana John

- Kevin Beaver

- Kiona Welch



## Head Start Virtual Classroom is coming to an end



Our Head Start Virtual Classroom is coming to an end, I wanted to share what we have been doing with our students. We completed two-unit Studies in Spring they were," Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Study and Music study." The children enjoyed making recycled bird feeders and home-made instruments. They completed many hands-on activities at home for both of the Studies. Check out some of the students in Miss

Heather Ribbeck's classroom.

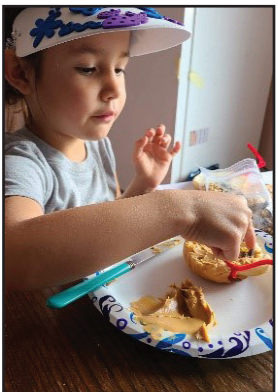
Check out Vincent Rivera finger-painting project. This activity was called, " I can take care of our earth with my two hands." It encouraged children to think how we can take care of mother earth.



Check out Sylvie Williams and Zinia Parker jamming out on their newly decorated wooden guitars.

Cassius John grew this magic bean plant from a seed, we've been recording the growth of our bean plants. I wonder how tall that bean plant is now?

Andi Crooks is creating her bagel bird feeder, she spread peanut butter on the bagel and sprinkled it with bird seed. The next day on Zoom Andi told me her bagel bird feeder disappeared outside. I wonder who ate it?





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



The Seneca Nation’s Council has authorized **National Grid (NGRID), Verizon (VZ) and Asplundh** to complete “make-ready” construction and tree clearing throughout the Cattaraugus Territory in order to prepare the lines for the Seneca Nation’s fiber internet project.

This construction is required to initiate the **broadband, high-speed Internet project**. Construction

will take place throughout the summer.

Broadband will bring **high-speed Internet and digital voice access to all Cattaraugus residents!!** In order to accomplish this goal, we must contract with NGRID, VZ and Asplundh to complete the required construction and tree clearing. Seneca Nation’s construction will begin once the “make-ready” construction has been completed.

You will see NGRID, Asplundh and Verizon trucks on the Cattaraugus Territory. We ask the community to be patient with the construction taking place on Territory as this is necessary to provide high-speed internet access to the entire Cattaraugus Territory.

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



### 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

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# Heritage Day

**Saturday July 17, 2021**  
**10am-5pm**

**82 West Hetzel Street  
Salamanca, New York 14779**

**This year’s theme: Native Boarding School Awareness**  
\*Auction to benefit the Thomas Indian School Alumni

Free and Open to the Public

**Food Vendors**

**Craft Vendors**

**Smoke Dance Competitions**  
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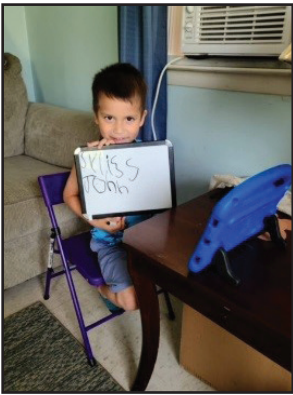


Head Start Hard Workers of 2020/2021

Submitted by Tamara Piskorowski

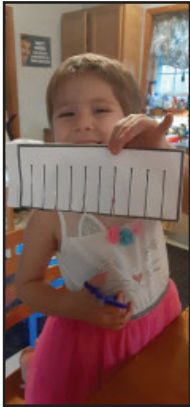
**Syliss John** is a Head Start student at the Seneca Arts and Learning Center. This is year has been full of virtual and hands-on learning activities. Syliss has succeeded through this difficult school year of uncertainty. He is always on time, prepared, eager to learn, and is helpful to the other students. He is a smart, funny, and caring young boy. Syliss and his family have made this school year a success through zooming because of their dedication.

-Mrs. Alicia, SALC Head Start



show off his magic bean growing. Vincent created a bird feeder from recycled items and was beyond excited to have a bird visit the feeder.

**Layriya Beaver** worked hard as one of my younger students attending Zoom. Layriya would love to get on Zoom and tell me what's going on in her life. She was always very talkative sharing her experiences with me. Layriya would try her hardest when working on zoom from letter making to forming shapes. I'm happy to see her progress. Laryriya enjoys doing crafts and Zoom dance parties with her favorite stuffed animal.

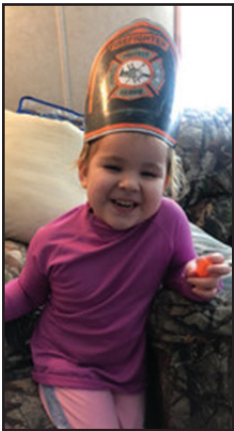


**Cyrus Williams** is a student in the Seneca Nation of Indians Head Start 1 virtual class. He is 5 years old and the son of Jayde Stevens and Curtis Williams Sr. Cyrus has done an outstanding job participating in our virtual program this year. He has attended almost all of our weekly Zoom meetings, has completed his learning packet activities and has done a great job on the Hatch Ignite online games. Cyrus can name all of his letters and letter sounds, can count

to 100 and above and recognizes all of the numbers. He can write both his first & last names and is starting to add & subtract. Cyrus loves to show me how much he knows and loves to surprise me when he has learned something new. He is definitely ready for Kindergarten, where I know he will shine bright!!

**Briley Thompson** is a student in the Seneca Nation of Indians Head Start 1 virtual class. She is 5 years old and the daughter of Joleen Lone. Briley has done a great job participating in our virtual program for the second half of the year. She has attended many of our weekly Zoom meetings and continues to complete her learning packet activities. Briley knows all of her shapes & colors and is working on writing her first name and naming the letters in her name. She is almost able to count to 20 without missing numbers and loves to show me all of her favorite toys!! She also enjoys playing outside and drawing! Briley is excited to go to Kindergarten, where I believe she will continue to blossom!!

-Mrs Lori, Head Start 1



This year in Head Start we faced many different obstacles with introducing our students to a virtual learning world. I'm proud of all my students and families for their hard work and dedication. I have a few families that I would like to recognize that went above and beyond. **Mrs. Heather, Head Start 2**



**Montana Jimerson** is a hard worker. She loves finding colors and knowing what letter we are doing for the week. She gets so excited. She has come a long way academically from being in a virtual classroom this year. She is a very friendly little girl, she attends Zoom every day. Montana notices when her friends are missing from Zoom.



**Heaven Harper** has been a joy to get to know, she is a hard worker. She loves interacting with her peers on Zoom. She enjoys going over her colors, shapes, and the letter of the week. She is very observant and notices when her friends are not on Zoom. She attends zoom every day.



**Alora White** has improved in her academics daily. She attends Zoom every day and has participated 100%. She loves singing and finding colors. She enjoys talking about how much she loves her Mom and Dad. She often talks about what her parents have done the day before.



**Sylvie Williams** has worked really hard attending any and all zoom meeting I have provided. I'm very proud of the progress she has made academically. Her outgoing personality has made the Zoom meetings fun and interactive for all of us. Sylvie has shown great achievements with writing her first and last name along with many letters of the alphabet. Sylvie is also very artistic. I also love her dance moves when we have Zoom dance parties.

**Vincent Rivera** has shown boundless dedication in all the work he completes with great determination to complete new tasks. Vincent has become our scientist and loves to watch the outcome of our science activities. Vincent enjoys nature he was very excited to



**Royalty DeJesus** has attended Zoom 100% she is a hard worker and when she is on Zoom by herself she will ask where her friend is. She has made a bond with the girl that she Zooms with. Royalty is a very friendly little girl and loves to learn. She is improving on recognizing letters.



**Harper Abrams** is a hard worker, she participates Zoom 100% . She enjoys going over the colors, shapes, and letter of the week. She will take turns with the peer that she zooms with. Harper will wait to see if the peer knows the answer before she answers.

-Mrs. Crystal, Head Start 3



# Annual Memorial Day Commemoration

Photos by Seneca Media

On Monday, May 31, 2021, the Iroquois Post 1587 & Auxiliary, along with the Seneca Nation, co-hosted a Memorial Day commemoration at the Seneca Allegany Administration Building.

Post Director, Ron Cook Jr welcomed everyone and words were offered by Seneca Nation President, Matthew Pagels. The customary Tolling of the bell & Taps were conducted by Sally Snow (Auxiliary President) and Al George (US Army). Swearing in of post officers was conducted by Dorothy Button, USCG.

Special honorees this year included Kenneth Parker, USMC WWII and Arnold White, USN WWII. Families of the fallen warriors were presented with eagle feathers, in honor of their ultimate sacrifice. A delicious lunch was provided by Chiavettas and closing remarks were given by SNI Treasurer, Rickey L. Armstrong.

The event concluded with a showing of the PBS documentary, Warrior Tradition. We honor all who those made the ultimate sacrifice.





# World War II Warrior Veteran

## Private First-Class

### Kenneth Parker

Private First-Class Kenneth Parker enlisted in the Marine Corps 24 February 1941 from Versailles, New York. Qualified as a Rifle Sharpshooter and completed recruit training with the 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, Marine Corps Base, Parris Island, SC. On 25 April 1941, PFC Parker was assigned to the Guard Company, Marine Barracks in Washington D.C. with duties of ensuring the security, force protection, screening, training, and evaluating personnel for presidential support operations in and around the Capital White House. *(Class A photo enhancement courtesy of Evenhouse Printing).*

PFC Parker wanted to expand his service capabilities and volunteered to attend Airborne School on 30 January 1942 and became a Paramarine as part of a special troops' unit. After graduation Airborne Training, PFC Parker received orders to C Company, 1st Marine Parachute Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Base at Hadnot Point on the New River in North Carolina in June 1942. On the 7th of August 1942, PFC Parker moved with his battalion to a place called Guadalcanal fighting alongside the 1st Marine Raiders during the Tasimboko raid with follow-on combat operations at the battle of Edson's (Bloody) Ridge where he was wounded in action on the 13th of September 1943. Suffering from high casualties during this time frame, the Marine paratroopers were transported to Camp Kiser in Tontouta, New Calendonia by the end of September 1943 to recover and refit.

After returning state-side and furlough, PFC Parker was reassigned to A Company, 1st Battalion, 27th Marines and made his way back to the Pacific Theater and participated in beach assault rehearsals in January 1945 in Maui, Hawaii. PFC Parker's unit deployed with the 27th and 28th Marines on 16 February 1945 on LST (Landing Ship, Tanks) from the island of Saipan. On February 19th, 1945, PFC Parker and fellow Marines landed on Red Beach Two, Iwo



Jima where intense fighting took place during D-Day. This beach assault was the bloodiest battle in the Pacific theater where PFC Parker along with many of his fellow Marines were fatally injured or killed-in-action. The 28th Marines quickly realized that the Japanese forces were utilizing the summit of Mount Suribachi as a vantage point to direct artillery fire onto the American forces below and the Marines would continue to fight and eventually capture the summit and raise the U.S. Flag on the summit.

PFC Parker's awards include: two Purple Hearts, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Presidential Unit Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, American Campaign Medals, and the WWII Victory Medal. Honoring our fallen Warrior Private First-Class Kenneth Parker killed in action February 19, 1945. May our Warrior Rest-in-Peace.

*Kenneth Parker's sister Maxine Smith was in attendance to receive this highest honor of the Eagle Feather heirloom. Maxine Smith in turn heirloomed the Eagle Feather to family member Joseph Skutt to ensure the family legacy would not be forgotten. Biography was read by Iroquois Post 1587 Officer Josette "Nini" Wheeler.*



# World War II Warrior Veteran

## Radiomen 2nd Class

### Arnold White



Seaman Arnold White enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1940 as a Radio Operator and would participate in six sea battles, including combat operations aboard the U.S.S. O'Brien during World War II. The

combat vessel U.S.S. O'Brien destroyer would join Task Force 54 in support of the invasion of Kerama Retto, which became the "Key to Victory at Okinawa."

On March 27, 1945, a little after 6am, four kamikaze airplanes were spotted skimming the low cloud cover, heading directly for the U.S. destroyer ship O'Brien. The ship's anti-aircraft guns immediately opened fire peppering the air with explosives and shrapnel, sending two of the Japanese planes crashing into the sea in flames. A third plane was taken down by an American combat air patrol aircraft. Tragically, the U.S.S. O'Brien sustained a critical blow just behind the bridge of the ship from the fourth kamikaze airplane. The plane collided with the ship with a terrible ear-splitting roar



transforming the central superstructure into an inferno of leaping flames with blackened twisted metal. The suicide plane carrying a 500-pound bomb hit the radio room just behind the radar room where Radiomen 2nd Class Arnold White was performing his duties when the horrific blow to the ship occurred. Second Class Radiomen Arnold White was killed during this combat action against the Japanese kamikaze attack in support of Task Force 54 invasion operation. *(Arnold White photo enhancement courtesy of Evenhouse Printing).*

Radiomen 2nd Class Arnold White along with 52 other Sailors who were killed-in-action that day and posthumously received the Purple Heart from the President of the United States. Arnold's other awards and decorations include the Combat Action Ribbon, World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal, Navy Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and the Navy Expeditionary Medal. Honoring our fallen Warrior Radiomen 2nd Class Arnold White killed-in-action March 27, 1945. May our Warrior Rest-in-Peace.

*Biography was read by Iroquois Post 1587 Officer Nancy Scott.*



# Ja:goh Leroy Halftown, (Seneca, Turtle clan, Cattaraugus / Seneca Falls Territory)

(June 2, 2021) – The New York Riptide recently announced the signing of LeRoy Halftown to a two-year contract.

"Selected in the second round, 20th overall, in the 2018 NLL Entry Draft by the Georgia Swarm, Halftown earned USILA third-team All-American honors as a senior at New York Tech in 2018. That season, he was also named the ECC and ECAC Offensive Player of the Year after scoring a team-high 52 goals and dishing out 18 assists for 70 points. As a member of the Onondaga Redhawks in the Can-Am Lacrosse League in 2019, Halftown had 30 points on 19 goals and 11 assists in seven games."



The Riptide will return to Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum for the franchise's second season this December. For more information please visit [NewYorkRiptide.com](https://newyorkriptide.com) or on social media at [@NewYorkRiptide](https://twitter.com/NewYorkRiptide).

<https://newyorkriptide.com/news/new-york-riptide-sign-nine-players-to-contracts/>

# Ja:goh Scotia Snyder

Congratulations to Gowanda Senior Scotia Snyder on her 100th varsity goal! She has signed to continue her lacrosse career at NCAA D1 Lacrosse at Coastal Carolina University. Ja:goh!



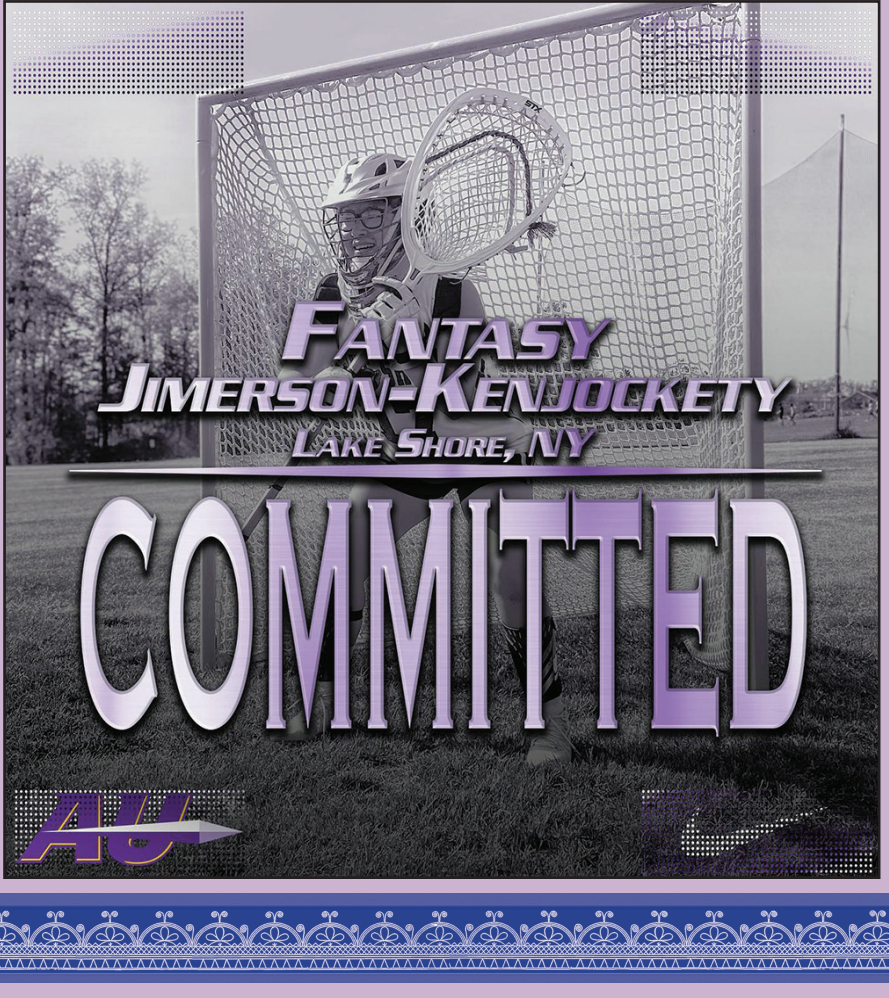
# Ja:goh Nolan Smith, (Cattaraugus Territory, Konadaha Seneca, Bear clan)

Nolan is a Gowanda Central High School Senior and has been selected to participate in the Western NY All-star game, The "BIG 30" in Pennsylvania, and the Top 200 football events.



# Ja:goh Fantasy Jimerson- Kenjockety (Cattaraugus Territory, Seneca, Beaver clan)

Fantasy will be graduating from Lake Shore High School where she was the 3 year starting goalie. Fantasy will be attending Alfred University to major in Chemistry and has committed to the Women's Lacrosse team.





# Ja:goh Larson Sundown & his R.I.T Teammates!

*They won their first-ever DIII national championship in double-overtime*



Congratulations to Larson Sundown and his R.I.T. Tigers teammates who recently made program history. They recently took home the 2021 NCAA DIVISION III MEN'S LACROSSE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP!

The Tigers won the heart-stopping double-overtime game against Salisbury University by a final score of 15-14.

They also finished the season with a perfect 14-0 record. Ja:goh!



## Sundown named USILA Men's Lacrosse All-America Ja:goh Larson Sundown!

May 27, 2021 | ritathletics.com | Men's Lacrosse

Sundown is second on the team with 49 points, including a team-high 26 assists, and sits third with 23 goals. He totaled a season-best six points (3 goals, 3 assists) in the 11-9 victory over Union in the Liberty League Semifinal (May 5), and again against Tufts (2 goals, 4 assists) last Sunday. He lead RIT during the NCAA Tournament with 16 points on nine goals and seven assists.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

# New Sponsor for Iroquois Market at Lewiston Art Festival

Submitted by Eva Nicklas, Lewiston Council on the Arts | May 24, 2021

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of AMD Environmental Consultants Inc., the Hennepin Park Gazebo area will once again be transformed into an Iroquois

Market during the Lewiston Art Festival on Aug. 14-15.

The event will showcase the work of some of the finest local Native American artisans and crafters. The Iroquois Market will also bring to life the rich culture of our Haudenosaunee friends and neighbors, and will feature traditional and contemporary drumming, music and dance.'

said, "We are excited to share these traditions with our community so they may better understand the people, the customs and the beauty of Native American culture:'

Anthony DeMiglio said, "A.MD Environmental Consultants is proud to invest its resources so local Native American artists can feature their work at the Lewiston Art Festival. The Native American culture is an important part of this community and our company wanted to make a way for their artists to show their work.

We invite you to reserve a spot at the Iroquois Market to be held August 14&15, 2021. Work by more than 175 exceptional artists is

featured in this prestigious festival and we invite YOU to be a part of it. The \$200.00 fee is dropped and space is LIMITED. Artists must have direct, hands on involvement in the creation of each piece. Cash & ribbon prizes valued at \$6,000 are awarded to artists in 7 categories: Painting, Graphic Arts, Mixed Media, Photography, Jewelry, Sculpture and Fine Craft (Ceramics, Glass, Fiber & Wood). Buy/sell vendors are prohibited. Don't miss this opportunity to showcase YOUR artwork to thousands of interested buyers!

For more information & a copy of the artist application contact: Irene or Eva at (716) 754-0166 or email [director@artcouncil.org](mailto:director@artcouncil.org) or [enicklas@artcouncil.org](mailto:enicklas@artcouncil.org).



Anthony DeMiglio of AMD Environmental Consultants; Randy Greene, Iroquois Market host & emcee; and Eva Nicklas of Lewiston Council on the Arts. Credit - Mark Williams, Jr.

LCA Executive Director Irene Rykaszewski



# Fantastic FREE technology/cyber opportunity for Native American high school students

Submitted by Renita DiStefano, SGC Chief Information Officer

The USD and its Center for Cybersecurity Engineering and Technology (CCSET) is offering a unique cybersecurity training program this summer called, the GenCyber, “Academy of Distinction”(AOD). This program is exclusively for Native American rising 10th, 11th, and 12th-grade high school students and is paid for by a National Science Foundation and National Security Agency grant so there is no cost to students.

This is a five-day-long cybersecurity training program focused on teaching the technical aspects of cybersecurity including core concepts in a fun and unique hands-on way that includes; animated coursework, building your own VM, and securing your own home technologies.

It's designed to prepare students for a college or career pathway in Cybersecurity. Program dates: Monday, July 26th – Friday, July 30th, 2021 | 8:00 PM – 5:00 PM.

Space for the GenCyber AOD program is limited to 35 students so please have your students apply today!

## Link to apply:

<https://lnkd.in/gjEWYht>

If you'd like to speak with Renita DiStefano, Chief Information Officer for Seneca Gaming Corporation, about the career landscape for information technology/cybersecurity, she can be reached at 716-501-2038.



### USD GenCyber 2021 (Virtual)

A Cybersecurity "Academy of Distinction" Camp for Native American High School Students  
July 26 – 30, 2021 | 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

#### What is the GenCyber Program?

The GenCyber Academy of Distinction is a week-long virtual program exclusively for Native American high school students focused on technical aspects of cybersecurity including core concepts guided by Cyber First Principles.

**PROGRAM FEATURES & ACTIVITIES:**

- Online ZOOM Lectures & animated coursework through our integrated LMS.
- Formal instruction from USD faculty, industry experts and community leaders
- Hands-on experience with cybersecurity defense tools
- Team projects to solve cybersecurity problems
- Virtual Cyber Field-trip to organizations in the San Diego area
- CATI and cybersecurity career development for students
- DoorDash Lunches & Snacks delivered daily
- Students receive a "Program Package" (Raspberry PI PC, T-Shirt & Backpack)

#### Who is the GenCyber Summer Program for?

This years GenCyber program is exclusively for Native American high school students. The objective of the program is to inspire a new generation of students to get interested in the emerging and critical cybersecurity field.

- Incoming 10th, 11th and 12th graders interested in acquiring cybersecurity skills and exploring cybersecurity as a career goal

\* Login instructions & credentials will be provided prior to the start of the camp \*

**Apply for your seat today! Space is limited.**  
619-260-4564 | [cybercenter@san Diego.edu](mailto:cybercenter@san Diego.edu)

#### No Cost To Participate

In order to stimulate learning and encourage future professionals to the cyber industry, the National Security Agency (NSA) has awarded funding to the University of San Diego to provide this program, materials and meals at no cost for admitted students.

#### How to Apply?

Admission to the GenCyber Summer Program is through an application process. [APPLICATION LINK](#)

If you have questions regarding this program or the application process, please contact us at: [cybercenter@san Diego.edu](mailto:cybercenter@san Diego.edu)

Application deadline:  
June 24th at 11:59 p.m.



# SHS students wore orange on June 1st to stand in solidarity for the 215 children that never made it home

Many lacrosse players wore emblems and graphics on helmets and sticks in their game that day also.





Inspired by Community

Haudenosaunee Promise Scholar flourishes on campus while staying committed to her cultural teachings

Reprinted from [syracuse.edu](#) | June 1, 2021

On any given day this summer, Logan Booth '21 might be found unpacking a case of portable studio equipment and carefully editing the recording inside. She's producing audio interviews with Indigenous students as part of an internship with Sound Beat, a National Public Radio show featuring archived recordings from Syracuse University's Belfer Audio Laboratory and Archive.

The post-graduation internship calls upon the expertise Booth has gained as an English and textual studies major in the College of Arts and Sciences and public relations major in the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications. It also draws on her passions—she has been fascinated with photography, videos and storytelling since she was a child. The project is one of many ways she promotes her heritage as a member of the Seneca Nation residing on the Onondaga Nation near Syracuse. For Booth, documenting current students' experiences to provide knowledge for the future reflects the value of the Good Mind, a traditional teaching of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. According to the Haudenosaunee, being aware of our thoughts and intentions causes our spirit to grow and helps us fulfill our purpose on Earth. "Practicing the Good Mind, we can help others in future generations of our community," Booth says.

A first-generation college student and a Haudenosaunee Promise Scholarship recipient, Booth takes great pride in representing the young Native women of her community at Syracuse University. She acknowledges there were challenges at first. On campus her first year, she struggled with homesickness and adjustment to college life. But before too long, she says, she found her



*A Haudenosaunee Promise Scholarship recipient, Booth takes great pride in representing the young Native women of her community at Syracuse University.*

communities among some 350 Native American students at the University.

During a three-day focused orientation program for new Indigenous students, Booth was introduced to specialized resources that helped her navigate what she says can feel like "two worlds" to a modern Haudenosaunee college student. She recalls occasions when she attended a ceremony at the Onondaga Nation and had a class on campus soon after on the same day. She needed to build effective time management skills to maintain her involvement with her traditional culture and community, while also being fully present as a University student. "My professors seemed to understand that the

**A Mentor and a Mentee**

In addition to her involvement with Onondaga Nation culture and traditions, Booth has been an academic tutor for young people in her home community, responding to a need that developed as a result of remote schooling during the pandemic. Every week during her senior year, she has helped students in grade school through high school—including her brother Arrow—with their homework assignments. The tutoring takes place online and on-site at the Onondaga Nation School, where Booth was once a student herself. She says it's rewarding to pass along the value of critical thinking she's learning at Syracuse, and all the possibilities she's exploring. "I know I'm having an impact

offer it to younger generations. Booth has been on the receiving end of such uplifting mentorship from other Native American members of the University community. She says Scott Manning Stevens, citizen of the Akwesasne Mohawk Nation and director of the Native American and Indigenous Studies Program, has taught some favorite courses in her minor and has been a valuable resource and colleague. "He has a helpful perspective on the experience of a Native student, a Native studies expert and a Native professor," she says.

Throughout her time as a student at Syracuse, Booth says she has also cherished her involvement with the Native Student Program through the Office of Multicultural Affairs and its director, Regina Jones. A member of the Oneida Nation and a resident of the Onondaga Nation, Jones works with Syracuse University students, faculty, staff and families on initiatives that help Indigenous students transition to college and remain connected with their heritage, which is recognized as key to the success of their college experience. "Regina Jones has the ability to make anyone feel at home," says Booth. "Having her here really helped me, in my best moments and my worst."

**Connected Communities**

Booth also feels bonded with her peers in Indigenous Students at Syracuse (ISAS), a community that celebrates traditions through projects and activities on campus. During her sophomore year, the student organization put on a major runway fashion show for Native American Heritage Month featuring members from many nations and areas of study. Booth oversaw public relations and **(Continued on page 18)**

*At Syracuse, I've been able to stay close to my culture and my identity and still be the very best student I can be.*

*—Logan Booth '21*

traditional part of my identity is very important to me," Booth says. "At Syracuse, I've been able to stay close to my culture and my identity and still be the very best student I can be."

on students when they see that each success leads to the next one," she says, adding that she would have benefited from this type of peer support when she was in school and is happy to



helped plan for the event. “The show represented our people through three themes: traditional regalia, a mix of contemporary with reflections of longhouse and smokehouse styles, and contemporary interpretations of traditional dress,” she says. Participants were from the Onondaga, Seneca, Mohawk and Tuscarora nations, among others. Booth went on to serve as secretary for the group, and in her senior year she has helped launch a pilot program for Indigenous students in which upper-class students are paired with first-year students to serve as mentors.

Booth’s college experience has also led her to adventures far beyond the communities she has known. Thanks to the Haudenosaunee Promise Scholarship, she studied abroad



*Tutoring schoolchildren is just one way Logan Booth shares her commitment to helping future generations of her home community of the Onondaga Nation.*

last year, taking courses on Shakespeare and fashion media in London and traveling to Madrid before the pandemic ended the program early. “Being so passionate about and involved in my home community, it was amazing to

be in a land outside my own,” she says. “I recommend that all students—maybe especially Native students—go abroad if they can. It’s an incredible experience.” And, after participating in competitive volleyball throughout high

school and playing on the practice team at Syracuse for two years, Booth has enjoyed her community of club volleyball. “We have fun, and we’re all connected just by the love of volleyball,” she says.

While she is producing those audio interviews for future generations this summer, Booth will also pursue a job as a media practitioner and participate in her hobby of traditional smoke dance competition. “It’s important for me to keep broadening my perspective,” she says. “It inspires me, because I want to represent my culture and communities the best way I can.”

Source: <https://www.syracuse.edu/stories/logan-booth-haudenosaunee-promise-scholar/>

## Next SNI Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the next edition of the SNI Official Newsletter will be **Tuesday, June 15, 2021**.  
Next issue to be dated Friday, June 25, 2021.

### Ja:goh Logan Booth!



We would like to congratulate our very own Vision 2020 summer intern Logan Booth. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a Bachelor of Science in Public Relations, with a minor specialization in Native American and Indigenous Studies.

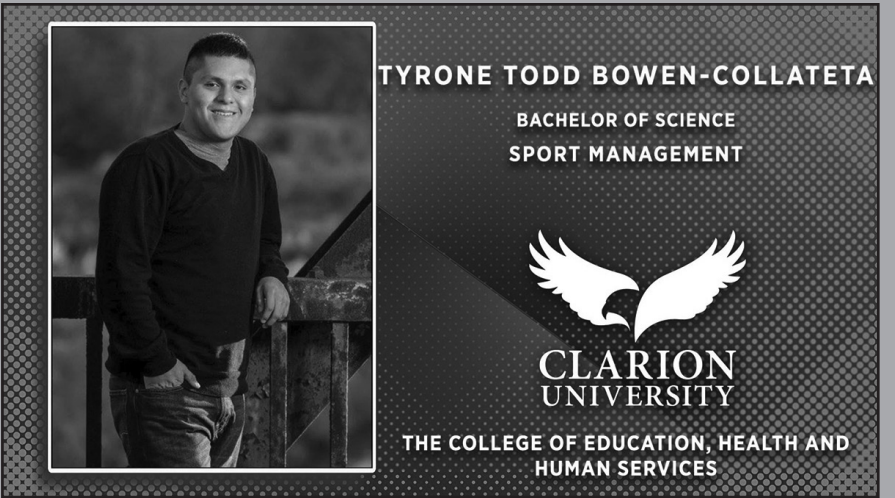
We wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

**Ja:goh.**



### Ja:goh Tyrone Todd Bowen-Collateta, Clarion University Graduate

Ja:goh Tyrone (Allegany Territory, Seneca, Bear), who graduated from Clarion University with a Bachelor of Science in Sports Management. Tyrone plans on continuing his education for his masters in Interscholastic Athletic Administration.







# 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

June is here which is the end of the school year for some students and for some others it's time for graduation from high school. Our prayers are with all students for a safe and happy summer and for the graduates our prayers are for a successful future. Congratulations go out to all students and parents for completing the school year.

June is also a time to celebrate fathers. Our community needs strong male role models to build strong loving families. We all have one father – the Creator – who shows us his love every day of our lives.



We can be thankful for our earthly and heavenly Father.

Please continue to pray for those in our communities who are affected by drug or alcohol abuse, those who are struggling with illness and those who are mourning the loss of a loved one. Pray for their families. We all need healing.

Everyone is invited to join us at Four Corners on Sunday morning 8:30 a.m. to meet with Pastor Holly or just to visit. Worship service begins at 9 a.m. We look forward to seeing you!

**Peace.**

## Notes from Red House Memorial Chapel

8077 East Loop Rd., Jimersontown  
Submitted by Winfield Bowen

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness (Doing the right things in life)." **2 Timothy 3:16.**

"Jesus said to Him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father (Creator in Heaven) except through Me!'" **John 14:6.**

Come and celebrate with us on Sunday mornings at 10:30am as we praise, pray to, and preach concerning our Creator, Sustainer, and Savior Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory. Come and hear his word, it is living and powerful, it can and will bring new, everlasting life if you will believe and follow Him. **Titus 2: 11-14.**

*"Our mission is to re-establish our identity as Allegany Senecas by preserving our language, culture and customs as specified in our spiritual guide, the Gaiwi:yoh."*

**Ganöhsesge:kha: Hënödeyë:stha'**

P.O. Box 136 · Steamburg, NY 14783 716-354-2219 · Longhouse Teachings  
Founders: Lehman "Dar" Dowdy Fax: 716-354-2220



## Day One: It's Time To Heal

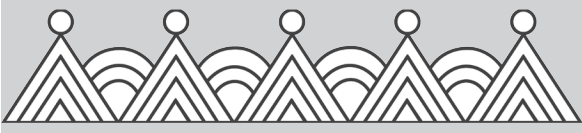
By Lehman 'Dar' Dowdy | Provided by Steve Gordon

*Below is a letter written by "Dar" Dowdy in 2009 that still resonates today.*

Over the past three years, I have spent a great deal of time trying to find a solution to help my people deal with the various social and health problems that attack them emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually. I learned, through different discussions with other educators and healers that the majority of our physical ailments begin as emotional problems. I further came to understand that these emotional triggers begin at childbirth and can even be transferred to us through our mothers and fathers. As I dug even deeper into the extent of our emotional attachments I found that collectively, as a distinct race of Native people, we have all been exposed to the same type of emotional garbage: forced assimilation, education process, cultural persecution and genocide, prejudice, boarding schools, relocation, substance abuse, diabetes and other health disorders. We are walking around with five hundred years of emotional and spiritual trauma strapped to our backs. Throughout our lifetime, we grow accustomed to bearing this heavy load and we learn to live our lives without any outward signs of discomfort or disease. But the deep, ugly signs of this bodily stress are there:

domestic violence, low self esteem, drug and alcohol abuse, child abuse, greed, sickness, indifference and a general lack of caring. Our ancestors were wise when they advised us to **"Let it go"**; let go of the negativity; don't own the pain. They understood the connection between the mind, spirit and physical body. Throughout our history, we learned to consistently adapt and change; this is how we arrived into this new period of time; we are survivors. But we are not free of the emotional burdens that we carry. Many of us walk around with our heads down; behaving as helpless victims. Once, we had an entire community, extended families, clans, who would help us to bear these loads. Today, too often, we find ourselves alone. So we self-medicate and bandage up the pain; hoping that it will just go away. Before long, it appears as a disease, an illness that robs us of our vitality and the will to be happy and healthy. That unhappiness spreads to anger and affects our families and communities.

Finally, the spirit begins to falter and all hope is lost. That hopelessness spreads to the borders of our communities and affects everyone **(Continued on page 20)**





DAY ONE: IT'S TIME TO HEAL

and everything. Because we have abandoned our traditional ways of caring for one another we've lost our sense of community. Our society is becoming one of; every man for himself. Deep in our hearts, we know that this type of thought is wrong but we don't know how to correct it. It is too simple to realize that the change has to begin with one's self. We need to come together again as a community, as an extended family of caregivers. We need to stand one another back up; to lend that helping hand or to express our caring. These are easy things that we can remind ourselves to do; to start making that difference. When we see our children adopting another culture as a way to behave, dress and belief; we have taken a giant step toward terminating

our Native culture and defining who we are as a distinct Native people. There is a feeling of indifference to preserving our language and culture, not realizing that these are the foundations to our sovereign survival. We are who we are because our grandparents chose to speak their Native language and to retain the customs and traditions of our ancestors; they knew that this would someday matter. They knew that the day would come when we would need our traditional thoughts and ways to carry us through these difficult times. I do not recommend a return to the 'old ways'; history will not allow us to go backwards; I'm recommending a going forward with our language, culture and traditions firmly preserved and rooted in our communities.

I'm advocating that we again think like our ancestors; to understand that it is our

responsibility to make a better world for our children. Our life roads can all be different but they should all lead to creating the best possible results for those yet unborn; that thought will insure our survival as Native people. With the help of all the Native educators and healers we can raise an awareness of the true strength and power of our Native spirituality. No one has to have a title or position of power to raise this issue; all it takes is caring, love and compassion for our Native people. It is my greatest desire to find a way to help our people, to give them the spiritual strength to better themselves, their families and their communities. That is my intent and I look forward to all your positive suggestions, solutions and feedback.

Lehman 'Dar' Dowdy  
2009

A Message from Burchfield Nature and Art Center  
*Burchfield Nature and Art Center continues the tradition*

The volunteers at the Burchfield Nature and Art Center have missed having the annual Treaty Commemoration Ceremony for the last 2 years. It was always such a wonderful day.

We wanted you to know that

we have continued to make the public aware of the Seneca Nation history in this area. The weekend of May 15th, a group of Boy Scouts completed a project in the park to improve the area around the Commemoration area. The area has been cleaned up and planted (including a

Three Sisters Garden). The white pine tree the Nation presented us with 2014 is now over 8 feet tall. A seating area has been added near the tree. A post was put in to hold a QR code that leads people to an SNI history page. Penny Minner provided us with a design that

was printed onto a sign that highlights the clans. The area is now an informative and beautiful section of the park. We look forward to seeing you next year.



Connections: Understanding the truth about American and Native American history - Listen to the TALK program at [wxxinews.org](http://wxxinews.org) that featured guest speakers, Peter Jemison & Gabriele Papa!

Topics addressed during the May 17th program:

- We talk about this history, what is misunderstood or whitewashed, and how to better teach these lessons.
- We talk with the artists about their craft and about a renaissance of Indigenous art. We

also address recent anti-racism movements and if Indigenous communities feel included.

- The City of Rochester is getting ready to celebrate its inaugural Indigenous Peoples' Day on October 8. The holiday will coincide with Columbus Day, which has long been controversial. To name a few.

**Connections w/Evan Dawson** talks about what matters to you on Connections, Every weekday from noon-2 p.m. Participate in future programs with questions or comments by phone - 1-844-295-TALK (8255), email, Facebook or Twitter.





NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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12553 Route 438, Irving, NY 14081  
~ Allegany Territory - Final Notice ~

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~ Allegany Territory - 2nd 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.

Nya:wëh Sgë:nö’ To All Seneca  
Community Members

(Submitted by Lafayette Williams)

We at New York Connects would like to let you know that we are still operating during this pandemic of the COVID-19. We can



help you with your long-term services and supports and needs for people of all ages, any

disability, and caregivers. New York Connects can help you apply for Medicaid, find care and support, get answers about Medicare, learn about supports in caregiving, and much more.

There are two ways to contact us: **By phone.** Call 1-800-342-9871. Interpretation and translation services are free. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing can use the Relay System 7-1-1. Western New York Independent Living Inc. 1-888-564-5171 **Online.** Please visit our website: [www.nyconnects.ny.gov](http://www.nyconnects.ny.gov) . Please be safe and healthy, Nya:wëh.

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.



SAVE THE DATE

UPCOMING EVENTS

- |           |  |
|-----------|--|
| JUNE 12   | SERVING COUNCIL IN CATTARAUGUS   |
| JUNE 13   | REGULAR MONTHLY MTG 10AM AT BALLFIELD  |
| JUNE 19   | FATHERS DAY BBQ 12PM,<br>CORNHOLE SWITCHOLIO TOURNAMENT:<br>2PM REGISTRATION, 3PM BAGS FLY |
| JULY 3    | CARNIVAL DAY WITH FIREWORKS  |
| JULY 11   | REGULAR MONTHLY MTG 10AM AT BALLFIELD  |
| AUGUST 8  | REGULAR MONTHLY MTG 10AM AT BALLFIELD  |
| AUGUST 14 | FAMILY FUN DAY WITH SMOKE DANCE CONTEST<br>& VENDORS                                       |

FOR MORE INFO AND FLYERS CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE:

PINEWOODS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

OR ANY OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS:



KERRY KENNEDY, COURTNEY JOHN-JEMISON, SAM JACOBS,  
LORI WATERMAN, VERONICA COOK, JACKY SNYDER, BJ JOHN

WANTED:

A young lady to represent the  
Cattaraugus Indian Reservation as the  
2021 NYS Fair Indian Village Princess

Submitted by Mary Jacobs

The NYS Fair is held in Syracuse, New York from August 20 - September 6, 2021. The young lady needs to meet certain requirements:



- Be an enrolled Seneca member from the Cattaraugus Reservation
- Between the age of 16-22 years
- Single with no children
- Knowledge of Haudenosaunee culture and traditions
- Have a traditional outfit for presentations
- Knowledge and ability to dance Iroquois social dances
- Able to travel to the NYS fair as requested - dates to be determined
- Willing to attend an interview for princess selection process

Submit a letter of intent by July 9, 2021 and mail to:

Princess (c/o Mary Jacobs)  
PO Box 254, Collins, NY 14034

For more information, please contact Mary Jacobs at  
716-803-2608 (leave a message).





## Veggie Bucks Are Coming in July 2021!

Adult patients (over 18 years old) of the SNHS can earn Veggie Bucks for attending appointments with:

- Medical
- Dental
- Optical
- And by meeting with our Certified Diabetes Educators, Registered Dietitians, Health Educators and Exercise Specialists

Contact the following staff once your appointment is completed to pick up your Veggie Bucks!

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

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



**NOTICE:**

Seneca Nation Health System will be closed:

**Monday, June 14th**  
**President's Day**

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

### 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


## SENECA NATIVE CONNECTIONS CALENDAR

### JUNE 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jennifer Stebbins 716.532.5583 ext. 5433 JStebbins@senecahealth.org <i>*Virtual events are hosted on LifeSize. You will receive login info when you register!</i>		1	2 Adult Journaling Class 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	3 Bonsai Tree Check-In 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	4	5
6	7 Environmental & Wildlife Guest Speaker 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	8 Job Interview Workshop 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	9	10 Family Geocaching 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	11	12
13	14	15 President's Day No Programming	16 Adult Journaling Class 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	17	18	19 LGBTQ+ Healthy Relationship Color Run 10:00 a.m.
20	21 Career Readiness Jeopardy 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	22	23	24 Family Fitness Night 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	25	26
27	28	29 Youth Tie Dye Kits 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	30 Adult Journaling Class 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.			

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

**Event Color Codes**  
Purple: 24 and under and their families  
Green: Open to the community  
Teal: Ages 12-17  
Orange: Ages 18 and up  
Pink: No programming/holiday





June

 SENECA NATION HEALTH SYSTEM

2021

 Allegany  
945-8413

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Art projects per your request with Lynne</b>		1 Red Road 10:00-12:00 Men's/Women's Group 1:30-2:30	2 Reiki (Energy Healing) By Appointment	3 Outreach Crafting 10-2	4 Walking Meditation/Sound Bath 10-11	5
6	7 Codependency 10-11	8 Red Road 10:00-12:00 Men's/Women's Group 1:30-2:30	9 Reiki (Energy Healing) By Appointment	10 Outreach Crafting 10-2	11 Walking Meditation/Sound Bath 10-11	12
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Continued Mask Mandate

Regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, all Seneca Nation Health System patients, visitors, and employees are required to wear a face mask or face covering within SNHS facilities.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with the continued mask mandate.



June

Cattaraugus: 532-8456

2021

  SENECA NATION HEALTH SYSTEM

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(June moon)

# JUNE: O: YAIKNEH

(Oh-yike-nay)

## Ögwaiwa'shö'öh nē:gēh Wēni'dade'

**Gano:nyök Nigawēnō'dēh**

**HA'DEYONÖHGWA'SHÄ:GE:H**  
(hot-day-yo-nonH-gwot-sat-gay)

All of the medicines/medicinal

**Niwēni'dade' Nigawēnō'dēh**

**ĒDWADA:YE:K**  
(end-dwa-duh-yay-k)

We will gather berries  
(referring to Strawberry Ceremony)

**Gaedzēönyö:k nioiwa'geh na'od**  
**To Become A Human Being**  
**gayadöshä' wa:döh**

"I never call on the Creator for anything. I don't have to. Nobody else does either. The Creator gives us all we need in this life. He gave us a good mind to think clearly. He instructed Mother Earth to provide all the necessities to sustain our lives. She's doing that."  
-Tadodaho Chief Shenandoah

**Aedwajä:dak Onöndowa'ga:' Gawē:nö'**

**HA'NIH/HAGE'NIH**  
(hot-knee)/(ha-gate-knee) Father/my dad

**DEWAGADĒ:DZÖ:NIH**  
(day-wug-ah-dan-dxo-knee) I need it

**DO:GĒS**  
(dough-gas) It's true

**DĒ'ĒH NISAJE:ĒH?**  
(dent-ehn)(knee-suh-jay-yehn) What are you doing?

**DASGYA'DAGE:HA?**  
(dusk-yut-duh-gay-hut!) Help me?



Content provided by AKS  
Audio & more resources can be found on

# SENECALANGUAGE.COM

## Onödowa'ga: Gawë:nö'

### Pronunciation Key

<b>a</b> .....	f <u>a</u> ther
<b>ä</b> .....	cat
<b>e</b> .....	the <u>y</u>
<b>ë</b> .....	m <u>e</u> n
<b>i</b> .....	pol <u>i</u> ce
<b>o</b> .....	not <u>e</u>
<b>ö</b> .....	own
<b>u</b> .....	t <u>u</u> ne
<b>w</b> .....	wa <u>s</u> h
<b>n</b> .....	no <u>t</u>
<b>y</b> .....	ye <u>s</u>
<b>d</b> .....	do <u>g</u>
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<b>h</b> .....	ha <u>t</u>
<b>š</b> .....	sh <u>o</u> w
<b>tš</b> .....	cha <u>k</u>
<b>dz</b> .....	ad <u>z</u> e
<b>:</b> .....	long vowel
<b>'</b> .....	glottal stop



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

# Nya:wëh! *(Submitted by Taryn White)*

Bryant Sanchez, 6yo, underwent open heart surgery March 4th, 2021 and following post op complications was able to come home April 1st. Bryant is still recovering post op and is currently thriving with his new heart anatomy. Bryant and family would



love to send out many nya:wēh's to our community, and family members for the good vibes, prayers and monetary donations sent our way while Bryant was in the hospital recovering from his third open heart surgery. We cannot put into words how we all felt receiving such an abundance of love from everyone.

We are so thankful for having  
such an amazing, loving and  
caring community!

**Nya:wëh!**

**Happy 10th Anniversary,  
Maryann!**

**(June 18th, 2011)**

I LOVE YOU MORE THAN  
YOU KNOW!

*Submitted By Lafayette Williams*



**Happy 10th  
birthday to  
Kalvin F. Cirrito  
on June 23rd!**

Love always,  
**Mom, Lou, Aubrie,  
and LuLu!**

*(Submitted by Lynsey White)*

