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A message from President Matthew B. Pagels



**Gagwe:göh sgënö', agajëgwah
gagwe:göh jöhiyoa:je',**

I hope everyone is doing well on these beautiful days of summer. As of June 16, covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, restaurants, sports stadiums and festivals were given the green light to fully open their doors. While we are out enjoying familiar events, please remember many people are not vaccinated and if you are vaccinated you could still contract the virus. Our community numbers remain low, but we could see small spikes in cases now that

things have opened up more around our communities.

In keeping our communities safe, please be mindful while driving around the Territories. On Tuesday, June 8, the Cattaraugus campus experienced a terrifying incident that kept our community on edge for a number of hours. A high-speed chase resulted in an accident in front of the Cattaraugus Health Center, leading to a hostage situation. Thankfully the incident was resolved without harm to the hostage or the perpetrator. Our campus was in a shelter in place incident to keep people away from the situation and for the safety of our employees. Thank you to all employees who remained at their worksite until advised to vacate. Thank you to the Marshal's department, Seneca Fire and our partners in law enforcement for de-escalating the situation and protecting our workforce and community.

On a more positive note it's High School Graduation time and I had the pleasure to speak at Cattaraugus and Allegany recognition programs. I am very proud of this accomplishment, which is only the beginning of their life's journey. I know their futures are bright with a plethora of



opportunity around every corner. Don't be afraid to try different things and explore the world around us. Remember this is your home and will be here waiting for you to take charge when you're ready to come back home. Good luck Class of 2021!! Another important piece of information is the federal funding law American Rescue Plan Act signed by President Biden in March. It provides funding similar to

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.

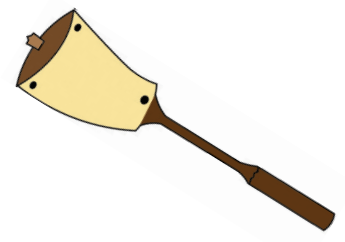
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CARES Act, for governments such as tribal governments to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19. The Nation leadership is currently developing a plan on how to allocate this funding and will seek input from the Seneca Nation membership to identify community need. More information is forthcoming.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Father's day.

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

Seneca Nation Statement On Raising Pride Flag At Nation's Administration Building

CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY – This afternoon, leaders from the Seneca Nation and members of the LGBTQ2S+ community gathered at the William Seneca Administration Building to raise a special flag, featuring the Seneca Nation seal, in recognition of Pride Month. The flag will fly outside of the Nation's administration building through the end of June.

President Matthew Pagels issued the following statement:
“We are a proud nation of diverse people from all backgrounds, where everyone is recognized, respected and supported, and



all voices are heard. Our people are all descendants of our eight clans, as represented on our Nation seal. We are all Seneca. We have stood united throughout history, and we stand together today.

I want to recognize the members of our LGBTQ2S+ community for their passion, and the members of our Council for their consideration and understanding. I believe this is a significant moment and an important display of unity within our Seneca community.

FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER



Greetings,

I hope all the fathers in our communities enjoyed their Father's Day weekend; and if you live near the Allegany Territory, were able to partake in the H.E.R.O. drive-thru event at the ACC, last Friday. That committee produces such great events all year long. I understand golf tournaments are in full swing, right now. As for lacrosse, we have a good number of Senecas playing for the Lake Shore Eagles Varsity Boys Lacrosse team, which is overall undefeated at 11-0. As for Salamanca Warriors Varsity Boys Lacrosse, they are currently number

one in their league, with an 8-1 standing; and the Salamanca Varsity Girls Lacrosse team has a couple of more games yet to play, but they also have done very well. Overall, lacrosse season is coming to an end and the playoffs will be starting soon. Keep up the good work everyone!

Also, for a little update on our baseball/ softball fields: the infield of the Cattaraugus ball field, situated behind the fire hall, has been freshly graded with Dura Edge, which helps to improve drainage and is well maintained by Chuck Steven's crew at the Cattaraugus DPW. We have about four teams that are currently utilizing that field: Majors/Minors Baseball and Majors/Minors Softball. There is also a T-Ball Division which plays on the makeshift field behind the Iroquois Legion Post 1587. Our Allegany ballfield, situated behind the ACC, is completed. Although it still needs some fencing and drainage work done to it; along with some seeding and mulching, it can be used.

Well, it has finally happened. New York State, which had possibly the highest rates of COVID-19 cases in the entire world, now has one of the lowest positivity rates in the U.S. As an incentive to get vaccinated, the State of New York is offering an opportunity to win a four-year college scholarship. If

you are between the ages of 12-17, and get vaccinated, you are eligible to register to win a four-year full-ride scholarship (includes tuition, fees, room-and-board, and expenses) to any New York State public college or university. If interested, complete the form on-line, at: <https://forms.ny.gov/s3/Get-A-Shot-To-Make-Your-Future-Registration>. The last drawing to win a scholarship will be June 29th, so all entries must be received by June 28th. In addition, they have officially announced the New York State fair will be opened at 100% capacity this year, with minimal restrictions. The Erie County and Cattaraugus County Fairs will also be open this year. And, if you haven't already heard, our own Fall Festival, held on the Cattaraugus Territory, will be taking place this year.

I know this pandemic has been very difficult on all of us, but we have a new normal to anticipate and we're almost there. Again, if you have not yet received your COVID-19 vaccinations, please consider getting them - to help keep everyone in our communities as safe as possible.

**Respectfully,
Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.**



Marta Kettle, Clerk
CATTARAUGUS
TERRITORY



Bethany Johnson,
Deputy Clerk
ALLEGANY TERRITORY

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

The Clerk’s Office on the Cattaraugus Territory has re-opened our doors with safety protocols in place. If you have not been 100% vaccinated, you must wear a mask and social distance.
The Clerk’s Office on the Allegany Territory will be opening soon, we will remain open with a walk-up window for limited services. Our hours are Monday through Friday; 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. We encourage members to bring their own pen if needed, as a safety precaution.

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 are now accepting Credit/Debit Card as a form of payment for Id’s, utility bills, business & fishing licenses, etc.

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

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
Lexus McClune, 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 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

Welcome our recent enrollments to the Seneca Nation!

FOURTEEN (14) ADDITIONS TO THE SENECA NATION ROLL – JUNE 12, 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

1.	Andreas Arlo Cornfield	-	Snipe
2.	Aaron Michael Cornfield	-	Snipe
3.	Naveya Kay Galante	-	Beaver
4.	Katana Waverly Harris	-	Turtle
5.	Markus Anthony Hawkins	-	Bear
6.	Gracie-Lu Jacein Jamieson	-	Turtle
7.	Lanayah La’niece Jimerson	-	Wolf
8.	Ikerson Roy Jimerson	-	Bear
9.	Eugene Lynn John	-	Heron
10.	Charlotte Grace Pezon	-	Heron
11.	Mazikeen Twoguns	-	Turtle
12.	Zoey Loretta Lynette Wagenman	-	Snipe
13.	Kyah Warrior	-	Turtle
14.	Kyla Warrior	-	Turtle

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



Gracie-Lu Jacein Jamieson
Turtle Clan
Daughter of Sasha Jamieson
Enrollment Date: June 12, 2021

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.

Seeking Invocators

The Seneca Nation Clerks Office is seeking Individuals interested in

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; Cattaraugus Territory - Seneca Nation Education Department (716) 532-3341, barbara.weston@sni.org.

On Behalf of the Seneca Nation we send our heartfelt condolences to the families and friends that have lost their loved ones.

FOUR (4) DELETIONS TO THE SENECA NATION ROLL – JUNE 12, 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

1.	Duane R Lichy	-	Heron
2.	Richard Alan Loomis	-	Deer
3.	Clinton Edward Nelson	-	Heron
4.	Michael Justin Thumm	-	Bear



Invocating/Opening with Gano:nyok for Council each month. Anyone interested for Allegany may contact Charisse Ground at Charisse.ground@sni.org, 716-945-1790 ext. 3036 and for Cattaraugus you may contact Leslie Cooke at Leslie.cooke@sni.org, 716-532-4900, ext. 5038.

Seeking Non-Profit Organizations

The Seneca Nation Clerk’s Office is seeking Non-Profit Organizations to serve refreshments and or dinner during Council each month.

Any organization interested for Allegany may contact Charisse Ground at Charisse.ground@sni.org, 716-945-1790 ext. 3036 and for Cattaraugus you may contact Leslie Cooke at Leslie.cooke@sni.org, 716-532-4900, ext. 5038 to request a form. Forms are also available at the Clerk’s Office. Any questions can be directed to Charisse Ground or Leslie Cook.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Seneca Nation of Indians is currently accepting letters of intent for those interested in serving on the:

- SENECA NATION TRAILS COMMISSION (8)
- 4- Allegany Territory Community Members
- 4- Cattaraugus Territory Community Members

(This is a non-paid voluntary committee and will meet outside of standard business hours)

Purpose:

The purpose of the Trails Commission is to establish a formal mechanism for coordination and implementation of trail planning and development throughout the Seneca Nation. Coordinated by the Seneca Nation Community Planning and Development Department and Department of Transportation

Qualifications:

Must be a current resident of either the Cattaraugus or Allegany Territory

If interested, please submit your letter of intent to:

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

Posted 4/16/21

Councillor Abrams gives opening address for the Interior Department’s virtual event for Native graduates

Councillor Tina Abrams recently gave the opening address for a virtual event for Native graduates of the Class of 2021. The event was sponsored by the U.S. Department of the Interior and included addresses by dignitaries such as Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, Principal Deputy Secretary of Indian Affairs Bryan Newland, and U.S. Poet Laureate Joy Harjo.

Please view the entire address by Councillor Abrams at: <https://t.co/4ddwHIP4fp>

Ja:goh Councillor Abrams!



PUBLIC NOTICE

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

SENECA NATION DISABILITIES COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Committee is to provide enrolled members of the Seneca Nation with useful tools whereby a Nation member with a disability can gain and maximize his or her independence, competencies, productivity and ability to learn in all life settings, particularly in a setting with non- disabled peers.

ELIGIBILITY

An individual shall be eligible to serve as a committee member if the individual satisfies the following criteria:

- A. An enrolled Nation member, including:
 - 1) Individuals with disabilities;
 - 2) Parents, spouse or guardians with disabilities; or
 - 3) Representatives of public and private agencies providing services to individuals with disabilities
- B. Has earned a high school diploma or equivalent; and
- C. Has not been convicted of any felony

If interested, please submit a letter of intent & current resume/ qualifications to the address listed below no later than: July 30, 2021 to:

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

Posted 06/15/2021

Two amazing women acknowledged for their outstanding achievements!

Ja:goh Fantasy Jimerson-Kenjockety and Michelle Redeye



On June 6th 2021, Council acknowledged Fantasy Jimerson-Kenjockety (Seneca-Beaver Clan, Cattaraugus) and Michelle Redeye (Seneca-Turtle Clan, Cattaraugus), for their outstanding achievements and were presented with embroidered Pendleton blankets.



Fantasy Jimerson-Kenjockety is a 2021 Tewaaron Scholarship Recipient, she will be attending Alfred University to major in Chemistry and has committed to the Women's Lacrosse Team.

Michelle Redeye has dedicated many years in the CIRVFD and is recognized for EMS Week 2021 State EMS Director

Citation, EMS Leadership. Ja:goh!

Seneca Nation: State Must Reject Invenergy’s Attempt To Develop Site Of Cultural, Spiritual & Historical Significance — Press Release

Solar Company’s Effort to Ignore Concerns Cited by Nation, State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historical Preservation Cites Previous Injustices and Cannot Stand The Seneca Nation has called on the state Department of Public Service (DPS) to reject efforts by Invenergy to ignore concerns raised by both the Nation and the State Office of Parks, Recreation and History Preservation (OPRHP) and proceed with siting a significant solar project that threatens to destroy a landscape rich with Seneca, Haudenosaunee and American history.

Specifically, Invenergy noted in a June 14, 2021, letter to the state that is seeking to proceed with locating the Horseshoe Solar project on the site of the Canawaugus Reservation, despite the fact that OPRHP in a March 2, 2021, letter specifically

stated its preference “for the avoidance and protection of cultural resources” and recommendation that portions of the project that overlap the Canawaugus site be eliminated.

Adding insult to injury, Invenergy is using as a rationale for its unconscionable effort an outdated recommendation by OPRHP to allow an invasive and harmful gravel mining operation on the Canawaugus Reservation. The Nation has repeatedly highlighted – and strenuously objected to – the fact that it was neither informed of nor involved the decision to allow that operation, which has caused significant damage to the site that can never be repaired or remediated.

Invenergy’s argument that this site has already been damaged by previous aggressors does not justify its further impairment

by the Horseshoe project, and to argue as such reflects a callous disregard on the part of the company for the importance of treaty lands granted to the Nation.

“The OPRHP’s recommendation regarding the Horseshoe Solar project is clear, and it is critical that past injustices do not dictate future action by the state,” Seneca Nation President Matthew B. Pagels said. “Invenergy’s blatant disregard of the importance of treaty land to the Seneca Nation, as well as OPRHP’s opinion on the matter demonstrates that the company does not, in fact, wish to be a partner or good corporate citizen, despite its claims to the contrary.”

“Far too much damage to Indigenous lands, history and culture has been done to date, and the state in this case

has the opportunity to do the right thing,” Pagels continued. “Protecting the Canawaugus Reservation will not undo decades of mistreatment and disinvestment that the Nation has suffered, but it will send a message that a new day has dawned, and the rights and desires of Native people are finally being taken into consideration and recognized.”

The Nation joins OPRHP in requesting that portions of the Horseshoe Solar project located within the Canawaugus Reservation be immediately removed from inclusion in the plan. If allowed to proceed, this project will only continue a pattern of historical destruction to this historically sacred land – an outcome that will not be tolerated by the Seneca people.

Seneca Resorts & Casinos Properties Stand Out In Annual ‘Best Of Dining & Nightlife’ Awards From Casino Player Magazine

Seneca Allegany and Seneca Niagara combine for eight First Place awards

SALAMANCA, NEW YORK-NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK: (June 16, 2021) The readers have spoken and Seneca Resorts & Casinos properties have once again stood out for serving up the best dining and nightlife options in the gaming industry.

Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino and Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino combined to win an impressive eight First Place honors in the annual “Best of Dining & Nightlife Awards” presented by Casino Player magazine. Every year, Casino Player asks its readers to vote for their favorite casinos around the country and across an enormous range of categories. Categories include everything from the very best in steakhouses and coffee shops to happy hours, lounges and more.

Among New York casinos, Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino took the top honors in five categories, including: Best Place to Celebrate, The Western Door Steakhouse; Best Coffee Shop, Seneca Café Express; Best Deli, Bear Claw Café; Best Late Night

Dining, Seneca Café Express; and Best Lounge, Fire Lounge.

Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino was recognized as the best in three categories, including: Best Place for Cocktails, Lounge 101; Best Casino Cocktail Service; and Best Asian Dining, Koi.

“Being recognized by our guests is the most rewarding honor we can achieve,” said Kevin Nephew, President & CEO of Seneca Gaming Corporation. “Exceptional dining and nightlife are an essential part of the overall experience and atmosphere we provide at all three of our properties. Whether someone is celebrating a special occasion, enjoying a weekend away or simply having an evening out, we want them to leave happy and hungry for more. Earning eight First Place awards is a testament to everything that our team does each and every day.”

In all, Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino, Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino and



Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino offer guests 20 delicious dining destinations and 12 exciting bars to help give each visit its own unique flavor. Beyond exceptional dining and exciting nightlife, guests can enjoy more than 5,400 slot machines, 140 table games, luxurious spas & salons, high end retail outlets, and over 1,000 deluxe rooms and suites at two AAA Four Diamond Award-winning hotels.

Indigenous communities taking the lead on climate change adaptation

Submitted by Climate Change Task Force

The effects of climate change have been ramping up for decades. We are currently seeing this as: a steadily warming planet, severe and unpredictable weather events, droughts and wildfires, and rising sea levels. While these changes affect the entire planet, indigenous peoples are expected to be one of the most vulnerable groups in North America. Indigenous communities have relied on the land for generations and have extensive knowledge of the natural cycles in their local ecosystems. However, climate change disrupts these natural systems and threatens sacred lands, wildlife, and medicines. On the bright side, indigenous communities across North America are developing climate action plans to protect their way of life.

Tulalip peoples in California have relocated beavers from urban areas back to their natural habitat in order to lower river temperatures and strengthen salmon populations. The Salish and Kootenai in Montana are gathering and planting whitebark pine saplings that are naturally resistant to climate-related diseases. Alaskan communities are developing scientific methods to identify and contend with harmful algal blooms polluting their now-warmer waters. The Karuk of

northern California have returned to the longstanding method of prescribed burning to control wildfires in their adaptation plan. The Swinomish of Washington State have gained some attention with their climate adaptation plan as well. They have seen their salmon population crash over the last 30 years and the shellfish they rely on are literally dissolving due to ocean acidification. In order to combat these issues they have developed innovative solutions such as planting trees along rivers to lower temperatures, building clam gardens, blocking mining operations, and bringing in truckloads of oyster shells to act as new homes for threatened native oysters they have imported. Programs like the ones above can have a marked effect on the environment and may help conserve important resources for generations to come.

The Seneca Nation has committed to combating the effects of climate change on our area. In 2020 the Climate Change Taskforce (CCTF)* was created to increase understanding about tribal adaptation and mitigation planning in preparing for the impacts of climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. This includes consideration of traditional knowledge in

understanding climate change impacts and identifying culturally appropriate strategies to address them. In collaboration with University of Buffalo, the Nation has taken on two interns to gather information, identify hazards, and draft a Seneca Nation Climate Adaptation Plan. Stay tuned for updates from the CCTF and information regarding climate change and sustainability.

*Climate Change Taskforce Members

- Councillor Tina Abrams
- Councillor Angie Kennedy
- Councillor Ross John, Sr.
- Councillor Lisa Maybee
- Larry Becelia
- Jason Corwin
- Jessica Crouse
- James Douglas
- Allie George
- Anthony Giacobbe
- Gerri Jimerson
- Josh Jimerson
- Courtney John-Jemison
- Greg Lay
- Clifford Redeye III
- Shannon Seneca
- Chelsea Snow
- Michael Snyder
- Shane Titus
- Agnes Williams

Update on Gypsy Moths

Submitted by Seneca Nation Environmental Protection Department

The Environmental Protection Department has seen a recent uptick in messages about gypsy moths, so we would like to give the community an update and provide some useful information.

Aerial spraying for these invasive pests has been conducted in the past, but will not occur this season. Due to the low availability of the proper pesticides and the current stage of larvae, it appears that widespread spraying would be impractical and ineffective.

The moth's larva stage (caterpillars) will be concluding at the end of the June or early July, when they enter the pupal stage. During this stage they will be encased in a dark brown shell for one to two weeks. When the adult moths emerge they do not feed and will only live for about two weeks while they breed and lay eggs. Before they enter this pupal stage, caterpillars can be controlled with the following methods:

- Tree banding: Using tape and other sticky substances to prevent larvae from climbing trees.
- Manual removal: Wearing gloves, physically remove caterpillars from the tree and then drop them into soapy water or destroy them by other means.

- Pesticide: Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki (BTK) products are natural pesticides which only target caterpillar populations, but must be ingested by the larvae to be effective; so the product must be sprayed on foliage.

You can find various demonstration videos of these methods on the internet but if you would like more information, please contact EPD at (716) 945-1790 ext. 8994.

Gypsy moth outbreaks are difficult to predict and control once they have begun, so we will continue to monitor trends and adapt to prevent future outbreaks. Follow our social media accounts for more information on how you can help stop the next wave of gypsy moths or one of the many other invasive species threatening our environment.

SENECA GAMING CORPORATION STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

JULY 24, 2021 • 10 AM

Enrolled Seneca Nation members are invited to join the SGC Board of Directors and members of the Corporation’s management team to discuss updates of the gaming facilities and ongoing financial health and well-being of the Corporation.

JOIN US VIRTUALLY OR IN PERSON! RSVP REQUIRED

Enrolled members must send an email to request access by **Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 10 AM** to SenecaStakeholders@SenecaCasinos.com as follows:

I would like to register to participate in the July 2021 SGC Quarterly Stakeholders' Meeting.

My information is: Name:____, Enrollment #:____, Telephone #:____. I would like to attend virtually/in person.

To participate virtually, interested enrolled members will need access to a computer, tablet, or smartphone, as well as have a valid email address to sign up.



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Gypsy moth caterpillars defoliating forests across New York

By RICK MILLER *Olean Times Herald Jun 17, 2021*

Gypsy moth caterpillar
Leaf-chewing gypsy moth caterpillars have been reported throughout New York state this spring.



A state Department of Environmental Conservation forester said Wednesday that many forests across the state are being defoliated by invasive gypsy moth caterpillars.

In a Zoom meeting with reporters, forester Rob Cole said gypsy moth caterpillar damage has been reported in Western New York. Some defoliation has been reported locally in oak trees along the Allegheny River Valley Trail.

Joseph Snyder, a timber buyer for Fitzpatrick & Weller Co. of Ellicottville, said there appear to be more gypsy moth caterpillars around the county than in 2020, but he has seen no major defoliations this year.

Cole said gypsy moth caterpillars are hitting Clinton, Saratoga, Warren, Ontario, Orleans and Livingston counties the hardest.

The defoliation in parts of the Adirondacks is unusual because they had not been reported in those areas last year, Cole told reporters.

The caterpillars favor oak trees, aspen and willows, but can also eat the foliage of alternate hosts like blue spruce, white pine, maples and hemlock trees.

Cole said in most cases, the trees will re-foliate in July, although successive years of defoliation can kill trees. If blue spruce and white pine are completely defoliated, they can die.

The acorns in oak trees — which many animals depend on for food — are not eaten by the caterpillars and should continue to grow, but possibly in reduced numbers, Cole explained.

Damage from the gypsy moth caterpillars to trees effectively ends after three years when the populations succumb to virus and fungus, Cole said. These are natural enemies that have evolved since the caterpillars escaped from captivity in Massachusetts in the mid-1880s where they had been imported from Europe to make silk.

There is also a commercial product available, BT, a biologic that targets the caterpillar larvae, Cole said. The time for this application has about closed, however, because it is less effective as the caterpillars grow larger. They can grow to about 2 1/2 inches. Some forestry companies that own

large tracts of property in the gypsy moth caterpillars’ path will contract for aerial spraying.

For homeowners hoping to save their ornamental trees from the voracious gypsy moth caterpillars, the same BT can be successfully applied to trees in early spring as the tiny caterpillars emerge, Cole said.

Another method of protecting individual trees is to apply a belt of a sticky substance around the tree trunk. Do not apply it directly to the tree, Cole warned. The caterpillars climb up and down the tree trunk and will become stuck to the substance.

In late June, when the caterpillars pupate to become adults, Cole advised homeowners to place a burlap bag around the base of the tree. The caterpillars will go into the burlap, where they can be collected.

Another way to reduce the gypsy moth caterpillar population the following year is to hunt for the light brownish egg masses they lay on houses, trees, fences, furniture and other outdoor surfaces. Scrape them off and drop the egg mass in water, he suggested.

Cole followed the Zoom press conference with a Facebook Live event. To watch on Facebook, go to <https://t.co/KYRRn8S2FI>

(Contact reporter Rick Miller at rmiller@oleantimesherald.com. Follow him on Twitter, @RMillerOTH)

Free Legal Services for Elders

Submitted by AOA - Cattaraugus Territory

The Seneca Nation AOA has contracted with two different legal firms to provide FREE legal services for elders:

- Lee Redeye (Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP) provides estate planning & will construction.
- The Center for Elder Law & Justice provides a wide range of legal services including guardianship

services, consumer protection, health care proxy/power of attorney and more. Please contact AOA for more information at (716) 532-5777.

Message from Lee Max Redeye: *"I am honored to announce that I am providing free basic will drafting for Nation elders. Have them call AOA for more information and to set up a consultation."*

ESTATE PLANNING & WILL CONSTRUCTION

SNI AOA has a signed service agreement with Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP to provide estate planning and will construction to enrolled Seneca Elders. Lee Redeye, an attorney and Seneca Nation member from the Cattaraugus Territory, provides estate planning services for all Seneca Elders.

FREE BASIC WILL CONSTRUCTION

SNI AOA will cover all costs of Basic Will Construction. A Basic Will is limited to: disposing of on-territory assets, including no more than three off-territory bank accounts, with no more than five beneficiaries and drafting and execution of power of attorney and healthcare proxy documents.

COMPLEX ESTATE PLANNING

Complex Estate Planning includes, but is not limited to: the creation of trusts; the formation of corporations; estate plan tax advisement; litigation of any kind; and acting as an administrator or executor of any estate.

If an eligible Elder requires Complex Estate Planning, the AOA will provide funding towards the representation not to exceed the amount of a Basic Will. The cost for complex estate planning beyond the initial amount covered by AOA is the sole responsibility of the elder .

For Free Basic Will Construction or Complex Estate Planning, eligible Elders should contact:

Lee Redeye
Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP
50 Fountain Plaza, Suite 1700
(716) 853-5100 ext. 1382
lredeye@lippes.com

Lippes Mathias Wexler Friedman LLP

FREE ELDER LAW SERVICES & LEGAL HOTLINE

The SNI AOA has contracted with the Center for Elder Law and Justice (CELJ) to provide free legal assistance to Elders, age 60 and older, in our service area. This service is not dependent on Seneca Nation enrollment.

CELJ provides:

- Health Care Advocacy(Medicaid, Medicare, Long Term Care, Insurance)
- Elder Abuse Prevention
- Income Maintenance (SS, Pensions, VA Benefits)
- Kinship Care
- Guardianship Services
- Consumer Protection
- Foreclosure Prevention
- Health Care Proxy & Power of Attorney
- Housing (Eviction defense, housing code violations, community development)

To access CELJ's free legal services, please contact:

Alex Fehrman
Center for Elder Law & Justice
438 Main Street, Suite 1200,
Buffalo NY 14202
(716) 853-3087 ext. 242

CENTER FOR ELDER LAW & JUSTICE

FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE HOTLINE

(844) 296-6404
or email:
helpline@elderjusticenyc.org

Seneca Nation Training & Employment Resource Center Update and Upcoming Events

Submitted by Jackie John, TERC Vocational Rehabilitation Program Manager



Please allow me to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the community.

My name is Jackie John and I am the Vocational Rehabilitation Program Manager. Prior to this I was the VR Counselor for six years with the TERC department. I have worked in many capacities in the local communities from group homes to emergency rooms, while serving diverse populations. My true passion is working with individuals who have diagnosed disabilities.

I am very excited to take on this new challenge and look forward to working with the staff as the program manager. We want our program to fulfill the needs of the community. We believe everyone can become employable. Please contact us for more information.

We have two locations but serve all 5 territories: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Oil Springs, Niagara Falls & Buffalo Creek.

Our locations are:
23 Thomas Indian School Dr., Irving, NY 14081
3674 Administration Dr., Salamanca, NY 14779

If you have any suggestions on how we can serve you better, please feel free to reach out to me via email at jackie.john@sni.org or call **716-532-1033**.



**Hosted by
Training &
Employment
Resource
Center**

**Fun In The Sun -
Brighten Your Future**

**Wednesday, July 21, 2021
1:00pm - 4:00pm**

**Allegany Community Center Complex Area,
Green Space Across the Elder Center**

Learn About Our Services:
Allegany Community Center
Behavioral Health
Health Dept.
Higher Education Program
SNEDC
Seneca Transit System
Human Resources
Seneca Gaming
And More!!

**FREE
Hot Dog
&
bottle
water**

**Yard Games With Prizes and
Door Prizes Will Be Drawn**

**Mask Will Be Required For
Individuals Not Vaccinated.**

**Contact Information:
Call TERC 945-8120 for more information**

Training and Employment Resource Center
Presents

Battle of the Bags!

A cornhole tournament.
July 10th, 2021

Registration @ 11am
Backyard tournament @ 12pm
Competitive tournament @ 3pm

**\$10 Registration fee
Cash Payout to
winners**

**40 Players/
20 Teams/
Blind Draw!**

**Location: Cattaraugus TERC office
23 Thomas Indian School Dr. Irving NY, 14081**

Friends | Food | Fun

Bring your boards, bags, and chairs

**Pre-register:
Email colby.curry@sni.org or
call (716) 532-1033 ext. 5421**

What types of training do you need?
Stop in and visit us.

Need employment? We're hiring the following positions:

- Job Developer/Coach
- Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor/Transition
(in our Allegany office)

Visit <https://sni.org/departments/human-resources/employment/> for more information.

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

Cattaraugus Territory
July 28, 2021
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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



WIN UP TO \$500

Take an R.V. or Powersports loan with us this summer and you will be eligible to win a gift certificate.

Take an R.V. loan for a motorhome, camper, or boat and you will be eligible to win a **\$500** gift certificate for Highbanks Campground.

Take a Powersports loan for an ATV, snowmobile, jet ski, or dirt bike and you will be eligible to win a **\$250** gift certificate for the Seneca One Stops.



4.5% APR*
Up to 5 years

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Up to 10 years



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*APR = Annual Percentage Rate. Rates shown are the standard rates for SNIFCU members based on a preferred credit rating
Your savings federally insured to at least \$250,000 and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government.

Irving Office	Hours	Salamanca Branch
12837 Route 438 Irving, NY 14081 (716) 532-8179	Mon - Fri 9am - 4pm	90 Ohi:yo Way Salamanca, NY 14779 (716) 945-8510

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

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

DFT COMMUNICATIONS **SENECA ENERGY** **SENECA NATION**

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

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

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.

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

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

Attention Steamburg Community

An Internet service provider named Kinetic by Windstream provides high-speed Internet service to the Steamburg area with no data caps and no long-term service contracts. Windstream advertises faster streaming for reliable video, gaming or remote working.

For more information contact:
Kinetic by Windstream
Jamestown Retail Store
201 E. 4th St., Jamestown, NY 14701
716-661-5151
GoKinetic.com

Save the Date!

The annual Heritage Day Festival is back & this year it's free!

- Food and craft vendor applications now being accepted.
- Youth smoke dancers, come and compete for cash prizes.

Call 716-945-1760 for questions or more information.





Ultra fast speed with ultimate reliability. Count on Kinetic.

You can count on Kinetic for ultra-fast internet with all the speed and reliability you need to stream, work, game and learn from home – no matter how many devices you connect to.

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716-661-5151

 **kinetic**
by windstream.

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
Tiny Tots (0-4) Girls and Boys (5-12) Teen Girls and Boys (13-17)

Seneca-Iroquois National Museum



We are pieces of our past.

www.senecamuseum.org   @senecairoquoisnationalmuseum

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Opening weekend at Highbanks Campground was a success!

Photos by Seneca Media

Despite a rainy start to opening weekend at Highbanks, the campground was full and everybody had a fantastic time exploring the beauty of the Allegany Territory!

Highbanks Manager, Judy Farmer, and her amazing crew have been working around the clock to make your next camping experience the best one yet so be sure to book your reservation now because they're filling up fast!



CCC Summer Vendor Day

Photos by Seneca Media

Summer Vendor Day was held at CCC today with over 20 vendors offering local crafts and foods from noon to 4pm. For Father's Day, all dads were entered into a drawing for great door prizes.





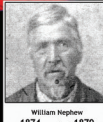





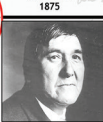





















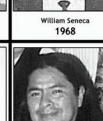
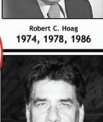

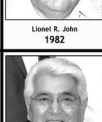
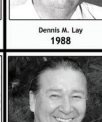


Seneca Nation President's Day

This year, the Seneca Nation observed President's Day on June 14th, the day before the late Calvin "Kelly" John's birthday, (b. June 15, 1920 - d. October 8, 2004).

Nya:wëh to our current leaders Matthew B. Pagels as well as our past presidents!

Presidents of the SENECA NATION

Solomon W. McLane (1848, 1849), Zechariah Lewis Jameson (1850), Seneca White (1851), Jacob Blacksnake (1852), John Luke (1853, 1856, 1859, 1861, 1862), Henry Twoquins (1864), Peter Jameson (1865), John Seneca (1867), Joshua Parkey (Appointed 1867), Edward Parkey (1868), Isaac Halfpaw (1869, 1870), Peter Sundown (1871, 1873), William Redeye (1877), Job King (1878), Amas Shango (1879), John Jack (1880), Cyrus Crause (1883), Joseph Hemlock (1885), Wallace Halfpaw (1892), Jesse Jameson (1899), George W. Seneca (1920), Hanover Bennett (Appointed 1927)

 Peter White 1863	 Henry Silverheels 1864, 1865	 William Hephner 1874, appointed 1879	
 Cesar Redeye 1875	 John Jackett 1876	 Willie B. Jameson 1881, 1884	
 Sylvester C. Lay 1882	 Andrew John, Jr. 1886, 1887, 1888, 1890	 Chester C. Lay 1889	
 Thomas Kennedy 1891	 Frank L. Patterson 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020	 William C. Hagg 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020	 Theodore F. Jameson 1897
 George T. Jameson 1906	 Raymond Jameson 1928, 1932	 Leland John, Sr. 1930	
 Henry John 1934	 Frank John Appointed 1935	 Howard Logan 1936	
 Wilford Crause 1938, 1942	 Cornelius V. Seneca 1940, 1944, 1956	 Theodore Frank Appointed 1944	
 Calvin John 1946, 1950, 1966, 1990	 Dean Williams 1948, 1972	 Francis Kettle 1952	
 Leo Cooper 1954	 George Heron 1958, 1962	 Basil Williams 1960	
 Martin Seneca, Sr. 1964	 William Seneca 1968	 James George 1970	
 Robert C. Hagg 1974, 1978, 1986	 Curtis E. Lay 1976, 1984	 Lionel R. John 1982	
 Dennis M. Lay 1988	 Dennis J. Bowen, Sr. 1994	 Michael Schneider 1996	
 Duane James Ray 1998	 Cyrus M. Schindler 2000	 Robert Odawi Porter 2010	
 Barry E. Snyder, Sr. 1980, 1992, 2004, 2008, 2012	 Maurice A. John, Sr. 2006, 2014	 Todd Gates 2016	
 Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr. 2002, 2018	 Matthew B. Pagels 2020		

Section I Our government shall have a legislative, executive and judiciary department . . . Section III The executive power shall be vested in a president whose duty it shall be at all times to preside over the deliberations of the Council having a casting vote therein . . . It shall be his duty to see that the laws applicable to the Nation are faithfully executed. He shall have power to fill all vacancies . . . The president shall have the power of veto . . . Section XII The president shall have the power to convene the Council in extra session . . .

Constitution of the Seneca Nation of Indians of 1848 (effective November 9, 1993)

Allegany Territory Class of 2021 High School Graduates

Photos by Seneca Media

On Thursday, June 11, 2021, the Allegany Seneca Nation Education Department, along with Nation executives held a ceremony and drive-thru dinner for the Class of 2021 high school graduates at the Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center and ACC. As you venture out into the world, always let your light shine bright! Ja:göhh Graduates!



Cattaraugus Territory Class of 2021 High School Graduates

Photos by Seneca Media

On Friday, June 4, 2021 the Seneca Nation Education Department - Cattaraugus hosted the annual High School Graduate Recognition event to honor the Class of 2021. The in-person event was held at the CCC and included graduates from our local tri-district schools - Gowanda, Lake Shore and Silver Creek, as well as graduates from private school and other area public schools. The evening included congratulatory speeches given by President Pagels, Treasurer Armstrong and Education Director Trudy Jackson. Seneca Nation Clerk Marta Kettle and Councilors Eliot Jimerson, Ross John, Sr., Presley Redeye, Tina Abrams, Arlene Bova and Angie Kennedy were in attendance to honor the graduates. School District Administrators from the tri-district schools were also able to join us for the evening.

Each graduate was presented with a Native print suitcase from the Education Department and a gift card from the Seneca Nation Council & Executive Offices. The evening ended with a takeout dinner provided by Fred's Catering of Fredonia.





The following scholarship awards were also presented:

Native Success Scholarship

Gowanda - Trinaty "Bee" Jensen
Lake Shore - Angela Edmond
Silver Creek - Danaceus Maybee

Iroquois Post #1587 Scholarship

Gowanda Title VI Winners - Ariel Stevens & Leland Parker
Lake Shore Title VI Winners - Miranda Williams & Devonna Tallchief
Silver Creek Title VI Winners - Danaceus Maybee & Shandon Monroy



W would like to thank everyone that was able to attend and we wish all the best in the future to our graduates of the Class of 2021! Congratulations!

2021 Cattaraugus Territory High School Graduates

Gowanda Central School District

- Rebekah Austin
- Kobe Benton
- Evan Carpenter
- Irissa Cooper
- Mia Coulon
- Jasmine Halftown
- Rainie Hartgrove
- Aaron Henhawk
- Trinaty Jensen
- Ariyah Jimerson-Ocasio
- Alexis John
- Glen John
- Brandon LeBeau, Jr.
- Kirk Mohawk
- Leland Parker
- Miya Scanlan
- Nolan Smith
- Wesley Stafford-Williams
- Ariel Stevens
- Christopher Stevens
- Shon Thompson
- Grace Wakefield
- Kristen Warrior
- Cecelia Young

- Emma Kushner
- Aaliyah Lyle
- Kayleigh McComber
- Maddi Santana
- Lainey Scanlan
- Jaelyn Seneca
- Layla Seneca
- Devonna Tallchief
- Matthew Vargas
- Keith White, Jr.
- Miranda Williams
- Jonas Williams II

Silver Creek Central School District

- Stevie Cook
- Jillian Gamble
- Kiara Farrell
- Danaceus Maybee
- Shandon Monroy
- Waylon Parker
- Keith Seneca
- Kianna Warrior
- Gage Stevens

Out of District

- Josephina Cerrie
- Bryson Jones
- Samantha Josker
- Maddison Jimerson
- Brian Nephew, Jr.
- Aliyah Seneca
- Mya Silverheels

Lake Shore Central School District

- Lila Bennett
- Kaylee Conklin
- Angela Edmond
- Marissa Gates
- Shanyce Gonzales
- Ella Jimerson
- Jadon Jimerson
- Fantasy Jimerson-Kenjockety
- Kia Johnson
- Anna Kennedy



SALC 2021 Preschool and Head Start Graduates!

The Seneca Arts and Learning Center would like to extend congratulations to our 2021 Preschool and Head start graduates!

*Behind you, all your memories
Before you, all your dreams
Around you, all who love you
Within you, all you need*

We are all so proud of the hard work you and your families have all put forth during these unprecedented times. Your commitment and devotion to your educational success is incredible! Best wishes on your journey Class of 2034! *ěsádä'swíyo:ak* (you will continue to have good luck).



Irvin Dowdy



Allie Crouse



Syliss John



Coby Sanasith



Ronan Redeye



Christian Reiller, Jr.



Rowan Sowrey

Color Run held to celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride

Photos by Seneca Media

On Saturday, June 19, 2021, Native Connections, and several departments through the Seneca Nation Health System, held a COLOR run in support of the LGBTQS+ community. Guest speaker Mitch Kelly shared his story today and announced his project “One Heart | Two Spirit”. Olivia Maybee also spoke expressing her gratitude for the support. Ja:goh to the 50+ participants.



Fish & Wildlife Host Youth Fishing Tournament at Hatchery

By Tami Watt, Editor

The Seneca Nation Fish and Wildlife crew held their youth fishing tournament at their hatchery site in Redhouse, NY.

Sixty-eight youth came eager to fish the hatchery pond on Saturday, June 19th. Fish and Wildlife Officers stocked the pond with walleye, channel cat, bass, bullhead, crappy, pike and 250 brook trout from the Cattaraugus Fish Hatchery. Those registered received custom fishing bobbers, knot tying guides, and a key chain. All individuals received a free lunch to go.

The Seneca Nation One Stop donated bait for the participants and a gift card for a door prize. The Seneca Nation Council Office helped facilitate the event and donated many of the door prizes, all centered around fishing.

Many families lined the pond as the sounds of excited children could be heard throughout the day. “This event was fun for the whole family, all of my children enjoyed themselves,” said Joleen Pierce, mom of 6. Her son Kingston caught the First Fish of the Day along with two other categories; Smallest Catch of the Day, Kingston also tied with Nolan Seely in Most Fish Caught. Connor Seely had Largest Catch of the Day.

“This was a great event, I hope they do this again,” stated Sharon Atwood. Seneca Fish and Wildlife plan to host another tournament in 2022, stay tuned!

To learn more about the Seneca Nation Fish Hatchery and their operations, please visit their website www.senecaconservation.com and their facebook page www.facebook.com/Seneca-Nation-Conservation-Fish-Wildlife



SN Disability Services

SOCIAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE

Allegany Territory

ALLEGANY 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:

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JULY 21, 2021

AUGUST 18, 2021

From

9:00AM - 3:00 PM

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Phone: 716-532-4900, ext. 5152

Email: Ashley.kennedy@sni.org

leanna.leroy@sni.org



SN Disability Services

SOCIAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE

Cattaraugus Territory

CATTARAUGUS RESIDENTS CAN NOW CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT FOR A PHONE CONFERENCE FOR NEW CLAIMS, APPEALS, RETIREMENT & ALL OTHER BUSINESS

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JULY 28, 2021

AUGUST 25, 2021

From

9:00AM - 3:00 PM

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leanna.leroy@sni.org





Attention Parents

The

Iroquois Sachem Challenge

comes to

Allegany Territory

Open to any enrolled 7th & 8th Grader who is up for a summer challenge

Starting July 05, 2021 and will end August 13, 2021

If you have a 13-year-old that is ready to

Learn & Grow and earn their “Rite of Passage”

from this unique opportunity.

Sign them up for this summer youth program.

This exclusive opportunity will be held at the ACC

Contact Ron Cook Jr

at 910-322-2450 or iroquoissachemchallenge@gmail.com

The Program will include Activities such as:

- Outdoor Survival Activities
- Advanced Archery Experience
- Traditional Historical Education
- Cultural Knowledge & Activities
- Self Defense Training
- Seneca Language
- Canoeing experience
- Weekly Field Trips

- S.T.E.M. Knowledge & Activities
- Hunting & Trapping Knowledge & Activities
- Scouting w/ Advanced Navigation
- Improved Oratorical Confidence
- Outdoor Airsoft Gaming Experience
- Highbanks Camping Trip

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visit us on-line
@sninews.org

Lady Panthers Wear Orange in Support of the Indigenous Children who were discovered at Kamloops



During the evening of Thursday, June 10th, the Gowanda Varsity Lady Panthers softball team honored the 215 children that were

discovered buried at the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School in British Columbia, Canada. The Ladies wore orange ribbons and donned an orange symbol with the number 215 on their helmets. Coach Tyler Thompson spoke on the honoring and at the conclusion a moment of silence was held by the crowd.



"Every child matters - remember the 215 as well as those never found"

Seneca translates to: The Children come first - Hadiksa:'shö'öh Jowë:döh



Zed Williams: Success Rooted in Family

Bob Chavez | TJune 3rd, 2021 10:00am | Reprinted from insidelacrosse.com

There is plenty to say about Zed Williams these days and by and large, he hears it. All the talk about his elite level of play and how he’s one of the best lacrosse players in the world.

He also sees the way people look. The adoring eyes of young players, the menacing glare of peers trying to defend him and the often-dejected stature of those who cannot.

But that’s not the way Williams sees or even thinks of himself. Sure, he’s confident in his lacrosse abilities and he knows he can run with the best. But the primary goal is, and always will be, to make his family proud.

And if being the best lacrosse player in the world is a byproduct of that mission, then so be it.

Because in his mind, at home is where it all started.

“My brothers and I were always playing sports,” he said of his youth in Irving, N.Y. with five brothers and two sisters. “I

usually came out of there crying because they didn’t take it light on me but I’m so appreciative of that.

“We had a lot of fights, but that made me tougher, and I was never afraid to put my body on the line because I wasn’t afraid.”

With all due respect to coaches and trainers who may run the most regimented practices on the planet, there is plenty of credit to give to backyard lacrosse when the topic is athletic development. And considering where Williams is

today on the short list of elite talent, the lessons of informal lacrosse played no small part.

But the drive and the ethic that powered Williams in last summer’s Premier Lacrosse League championship game as MVP with the Whipsnakes comes from more than lacrosse. It’s rooted deeply in a sense of family that may not have been in the lap of luxury in Irving, but it most certainly was focused on having the proverbial back of each other.

“My dad was big on manual

labor. We had property so we had to take care of it,” he said. “We didn’t have a riding mower until I was in high school, so we used a push mower to cut all that grass and I think about that. I complained about him making me do all those things, but that’s what he instilled in me. No matter what, get the job done.”

So whether it was his late father Dan pushing the labor button or siblings like older brother Zack showing the importance of grades in school, Zed Williams knows about work. And he knows there are no shortcuts.

Beyond the blood relatives, the setting of a small district like Silver Creek schools helped forge bonds and playing football, basketball and lacrosse is what drew Williams to his coaches.

Specifically, Rob Genco, who taught elementary physical education for Williams and coached him at various levels of high school sports.

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“At such a small school, certain kids would cling to me and wherever I was, Zed wanted to be there,” Genco said of the young Williams. “As a mentor to a lot of kids, you never know what’s going to stick but I always emphasized being a good human being.”

Apparently, that message did stick with Williams and a 2013 Buffalo News article offers an example from his senior year of high school.

An opposing basketball coach told the story of seeing Williams come off the basketball bus to prepare for a game and as he walked into the gym, he stopped to pick up a crushed can on the sidewalk to throw it away.

“He’d see me do it at (lacrosse) games, even road games and he asked me why are you cleaning up other people’s garbage?” said Genco. “And I told him it’s the right thing to do. He got it, because the next thing I know he’s picking up garbage, even at away games. It’s always about being a good person.”

Eight years later, the lessons from Genco continue to resonate.

“That dude, when he’d put his arm around me to talk, he always had the best interest for me and my brother (Zack),” said Williams. “His affect on my life ... he was really compassionate, and I always listened to him. He always told me to think for myself.”

Dom Starsia was the coach who recruited Williams to Virginia, and he knew he had something different in this midfielder who was so shy off the field, he would rarely even look up.

“Everything is rooted in family for him,” said Starsia. “He gets his moral authority from his family and he sees what he’s done in his life as a public statement for the Williams family.”

So tight is that family bond that Starsia sometimes wondered if Williams would come back to campus following breaks. And his habit of showing up at the last minute for meetings or practices didn’t do much to ease Starsia’s worries.

But as usual, Williams came through.

Even off the field, when the academic rigors of college called for assistance in the classroom, Williams embraced the challenge.

“He was determined to make it work,” said Starsia. “He was going to take care of business and it wasn’t for a lack of effort. There was just so much ground to cover ... but he turned the corner. You could see the determination.”

And yet again, it’s the work ethic instilled by his family that pushed Williams on campus.

“I never doubted I could do college but at the same time, everything was so new to me,” said Williams. “I was away from home in a new atmosphere ... I didn’t know how it was going to work out but I knew I was not going to quit.”

Starsia understands that as the first Williams to graduate college, the UVA impact is big. But the retired coach is as quick as a split dodge to change direction because his relationship with Williams went beyond the game.

“When you show your vulnerabilities, that’s when relationships flourish,” he says. “When I visited him at his house, we went for a walk and he opened right up about things. He was somebody I could talk to ... He brings it all together with honesty, sincerity and vulnerability and he’s willing to share it with you.”

Maybe that’s why Starsia said that as much as he and the UVA experience had a positive impact on Williams, the reverse is true.

“I was at High Point a couple of years ago to visit with the team there,” said Starsia. “And one of the kids asked me what was the highlight of my coaching life. The victories are the obvious answer but being at Zed Williams’s graduation was as big a moment in my career as anything else.”

And when Williams made sure to include Starsia’s twin daughters on the invitation list for his recent wedding, it didn’t prove much beyond what Starsia already knew.

“This kid is a special person,” he said. “His influence on my life

and my family ... it’s been a joy to get to know him better and see how he is with his family and the loyalty there.”

Jim Stagnitta had an idea of the player the Whipsnakes were getting in Williams. The coach watched him play at Virginia and saw his work with the Boston Cannons.

The continued improvement he witnessed in Williams is a big reason he was excited to welcome him to the PLL’s Whipsnakes, but an emphasis on chemistry and culture is what helped Williams reach the level he did last summer.

“Just having the opportunity to play on a team and in a system that allows him to play to his strengths and be creative was key,” said Stagnitta. “It allowed him to do specific things, to go out and play with other guys who not only complement what he’s doing but he can complement what they do too.”

The physical tools are there, said Stagnitta, and he has no doubt that part of Williams will continue its trajectory. That’s why the intangible part of the equation, finding comfort in his role, became so important. Even more, Williams accepts it and responds.

“It’s come with age and it’s come with experience,” said Stagnitta. “He’s one of those guys where if he’s comfortable with you, you can push him and he will respond. He puts lessons into action and he’s still trying to figure things out that were part of him when he was younger ... and put them into perspective so he can develop and evolve.”

So many know Zed Williams the lacrosse player, and Williams gets that. And for as much as he loves the game, he was taught to respect it and be mindful of what it’s done for him.

That lesson also came from his family and it’s why he’s so insistent on giving back.

Whether it’s as a volunteer assistant coach at St. Joseph’s Collegiate Institute in Buffalo, home in Irving with young children looking up to him, working as a mentor at Silver Creek or with fans after a professional game, Williams says he always has time.

“I just try to make people feel comfortable,” said Williams. “I see lacrosse kids and I go up to them and have a conversation. I remember being a kid and I was shy. I didn’t know how to create a conversation so now I just go up to kids and start talking with them, asking them about their sticks and gear.”

None of this surprises Genco.

“The winning was a bonus with Zed,” he says. “But it never would have happened had the relationship not been so special. I told him the Creator blessed him with ability ... but with that gift comes responsibility.”

Like Genco said before, Williams gets it. He understands the balance that comes with being a superstar on the field and an even brighter leader off of it.

“I’m just another dude,” says Williams. “I play the game to win championships, I want to be the best and I want to make my family proud and happy but at the end of the day, that’s over. That’s last year. What am I going to do to be better?”

Quite frankly, a better Zed Williams scares Genco. He doesn’t come right out to say he predicted the greatness the world saw in Williams last summer, but again, he wasn’t surprised.

Not when Williams mentioned before the PLL season that Whipsnakes teammate Matt Rambo helped welcome him to the clubhouse and told him he had the green light.

“I said look out,” recalls Genco. “I pretty much knew what was coming. This is what we’ve all been waiting for.”

And with a workout routine that’s added about 20 pounds to his 6-foot-2 frame, 2021 has the potential for even more. But no matter how good he is at lacrosse, the goal for Williams is to be even better at life.

“I preach the same thing,” he says of his work with young players. “Be a good person. Be kind. No matter what the situation, I preach the same thing. That’s what’s most important.”

<https://www.insidelacrosse.com/article/zed-williams-success-rooted-in-family/58043>

First Annual Cynthia Mohr 5K Run/Walk

On June 6th, 2021, around 300 participants gathered to celebrate the late Cynthia "Cindy" Mohr's birthday with a 5K walk/run. Family, former students, and community members started the race at the newly renovated Veteran's Memorial Park in Salamanca, NY. A chicken BBQ fundraiser followed with proceeds being used to establish a scholarship in Cindy's name.

The Class of 2023 sponsored the event and produced a short video on the impact made by the late teacher who dedicated her career to the Salamanca School District and students.



The Seneca Diabetes Foundation announces 2021-2022 Scholarships

Scholarship Deadline: July 16, 2021

Barry/Deanna Snyder, Sr. Chairman's Scholarship:
\$10,000 awarded over two years. Successful applicant must maintain a minimum of a 3.0 GPA, with a focus on experience in health leadership.

Geraldine Memmo Scholarship:
\$5,000 awarded annually – focus on leadership in health with knowledge of the rich and diverse history of the Seneca people.

Ruth Goode Scholarship:
\$5,000 awarded annually – focus on a degree in nursing and demonstrates qualities that Ruth Goode embodied throughout her illustrious career.

Scholarship applications and information can be located at www.senecadiabetesfoundation.org.

Deadline: July 16, 2021

Please note: Scholarships will be awarded based upon date of entry and qualifications of applicant. The number of scholarships are limited this year as income for the Seneca Diabetes scholarships is limited due to COVID-19, which affected fund raising.



Ja:goh to our Archbishop Walsh Seniors:

Kamrynn Flagg, Kianna Gilson & Alenzi Meyer


Photo credit: Kaya Pierce



SNI Offices & Buildings will be CLOSED:
Monday, July 5th, 2021
For Sovereignty Day (Observed)

Ja:goh Alyssa Snyder!

Ja:goh to our very own Seneca Media staff member, Alyssa Snyder (Cattaraugus Territory, Beaver clan), who graduated from SUNY Fredonia with a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing.



Iroquois Genealogy Society (IGS) Doings

By Leatha Jimerson

We hope everyone is enjoying the beginning of the summer time weather!

Our first in-person event to be held this year will be a picnic on July 8th, 2021 at 6pm at the Saylor Pavilion on the Cattaraugus Territory. IGS will provide the meat and table service. For those attending, please bring a dish to pass. In the event of rain, we will use the MPR room at the Cattaraugus Community Center.

We are in the process of firming up the details for the rest of the year’s monthly meetings. We have plans for a Letchworth State Park outing, a presentation on Church Records and our end of year Christmas party. We will have an information table at the Fall Festival in September.

Everyone is anxious to get back to normal and visit each other at the monthly meetings. However, we also need to keep in mind the people who would like to attend meetings via remotely and we will work on this. Stay tuned!

We hope to see you soon! Please, stay safe, and healthy!



Ja:goh Scarlett Lisjak

Scarlett Lisjak, Haudenosaunee, member of the Onondaga Nation/Seneca, Cattaraugus Territory, Indian Hill Community, Heron Clan. She is a recent graduate from Syracuse University and the newest member of the KOTA Territory News Team. She's covered numerous stories and issues involving indigenous people during her college career and looks to explore and meet the diverse people of the Black Hills region.



Salamanca student steps up for her community

Jun 20, 2021 | wivb.com

SALAMANCA, N.Y. (WIVB)— With school coming to an end, we can reflect now on how this year and last year challenged kids in unprecedented ways.

From virtual learning to canceled events, it’s easy to understand why a lot of children might have felt down.

But one southern tier 4th grader rose to the challenge, and that stood out to her teacher Chelsea Rath.


Rath says student Ellouise Brown stepped up for her class, her community, and members of the Seneca Nation. Ellouise, who goes by Weezy both at home and in school, spent the past year making sure her teachers felt appreciated, helping other students with their work, and volunteering in her community. She also spent a lot of time writing cards for the Seneca elders, who were isolated throughout the worst of the pandemic.



“It was always something for other people. Whether she was making cards for people in the Elderly home, or she was cleaning up her community, it just amazed be that a fourth grader was taking time to do this,” Rath said.

Ellouise says her selflessness is simple. She just likes seeing people happy. Rath says she’s one proud teacher!

Editor's Note: She is the daughter of Sunnea John and Sky Brown, Allegany Territory.



Happy First Birthday KaraLeta Joleen !!!!

Love,
Mama & Daddy

(Submitted by Cara Keyes)

Ja:goh Linnea Jimerson

Ja:goh Linnea Jimerson (Allegany Territory), graduated from Jamestown Community College with 2 degrees in 2 years.

Linnea majored in Biology the 1st year & in Criminal Justice the 2nd year and obtained a 4.0 GPA. Linnea will be attending Coastal Carolina this fall 2021.



NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF KIMBERLY PAGELS

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

ESTATE OF MIRANDA WILLIAMS

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

ESTATE OF GERALDINE JONES

Administrator: Rae L. Jones,
8193 Breed Run Rd., Salamanca, NY 14779
~ 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.

WANTED:

A young lady to represent the
Cattaraugus Territory 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).

ALLEGANY COMMUNITY CENTER

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POLICY UPDATE:
MASKS NOT REQUIRED FOR FULLY
VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS - MUST
SHOW PROOF UPON REQUEST

UNVACCINATED STILL REQUIRE
MASKS

LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS
WELCOME!

HOURS OF OPERATION:
MONDAY - THURSDAY
7AM TO 8:30PM
FRIDAY & SATURDAY
9AM TO 5:30PM

APPOINTMENTS NO LONGER
REQUIRED - CAPACITY LIMITS
REMAIN IN EFFECT

For more info call 716-945-8119

SAVE THE DATE

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY 3

JULY 11

AUGUST 8

AUGUST 14

CARNIVAL DAY WITH FIREWORKS

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REGULAR MONTHLY MTG 10AM AT BALLFIELD

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July 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
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		1 July 4th BBQ Hot dog roast Summer corn salad Apple pie & ice cream	2 Ranch chicken Broccoli salad Dinner roll Jello
			NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic	
			NO TRIPS at this time.	
			Call In Orders until further notice	Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm
5 Sites CLOSED <i>For Sovereignty Day (Observed)</i>	6 Pepperoni & vegetable pizza Side salad Cinnamon peaches	7 BBQ pulled pork sandwich French fries Peas Oatmeal cookie	8 Traditional Meal Homemade white corn soup w/ side pork Fresh berries w/ whipped cream	9 Spaghetti & meat sauce Tossed salad Roll Cinnamon pears
	NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic			
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	Cattaraugus - call to place your order for timely delivery	Delivery to Oaktree & Newtown	Delivery to Indian Hill & Pinewoods	Delivery to Ozarks, Gowanda & Dayton
12 Fettuccine Alfredo Broccoli Dinner roll Chocolate chip cookie	13 Crispy breaded white fish fillet Herbed summer squash Boiled baby red potatoes Fresh fruit	14 Sausage rigatoni Broccoli Roll Chocolate pudding	15 Birthday Party Marinated grilled chicken Sweet potato wedges Seasoned green beans Birthday cake	16 Philly steak & cheese sliders Steamed carrots Fresh fruit
	NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic			
	NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic			
Delivery to Irving	Allegany - call to place your order for timely delivery	Delivery to Sr. Complex & Salamanca	Delivery to Jimtown	Delivery to Steamburg & Kill Buck
19 Grilled chicken strawberry poppyseed salad Dinner roll Ice cream	20 Tuna casserole Peas Mandarin oranges Oatmeal raisin cookie	21 Hot ham & cheese sliders Green beans Brownie	22 Summer cheeseburger salad Carrot sticks Fruit cup Chocolate pudding	23 Italian sausage hoagie Sautéed peppers & onions Fresh melon
	NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic			
	NO TRIPS at this time due to the COVID-19 Pandemic			
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
26 Spaghetti squash noodle bake Banana w/peanut butter Blueberry greek yogurt	27 Brunch Western breakfast scramble Cornbread Grape juice	28 Chicken pasta Roasted beets Wheat bread Fruited jello	29 Sloppy Joe on a bun Buttered corn Potato salad Fresh fruit	30 Macaroni & cheese Zucchini & squash blend Cinnamon pears
	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	Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	No Distribution Inventory Day

June is National Men’s Health Month

Submitted by Robin Crouse, Health Educator, LRJHC

Most men need to pay more attention to their health. Compared to women, men are more likely to smoke, drink alcohol, make unhealthy or risky choices, and put off regular checkups and medical care.

Men, how can you take charge of your health? First of all, see a doctor for regular checkups even if you feel fine. This is important because some diseases don’t have symptoms at first. You can also take care of your health by getting important screening tests and make sure you are up to date on recommended immunizations.

Get your blood pressure and cholesterol checked. If you’re over 50, you should get checked for colorectal cancer. If you feel stressed, anxious, or depressed for more than 2 weeks, talk with your doctor about a screening for depression. These screenings can find diseases early, when they are easier to treat.

It’s important for men (and women) to understand their family health history. Don’t be embarrassed to talk about your health. Start talking to family members to find out which diseases run in your family. Share this information with your doctor.

It’s not too late to start healthier habits. Make eating healthy and getting physically active part of your daily routine. A healthy diet and regular exercise can help lower your blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol and weight. By keeping these numbers down, you can lower your risk of serious health problems like diabetes and heart disease.

You can also help prevent health problems by quitting smoking and limiting your alcohol consumption.

Make small changes every day. Small changes can add up to big results. Take a walk instead of having a cigarette, try a salad instead of fries, drink water instead of soda or juice and lower your salt intake.

Take action to be healthy and safe and encourage other men and boys in your life to make their health a priority.

For more information on any of these topics, please contact your provider or health educator. LRJHC: Robin Crouse, 945-5894 or CIRHC: Traci Wind, 532-8223.

*Source: U.S. National Library of Medicine – Medline Plus

Simply HR ~ May

New Hires

Kelli Paluch
Clinical Nurse LPN, CIRHC
May 3, 2021

Nicole Paul
Clinical Nurse RN, LRJHC
May 10, 2021

Alyson Brown
Prevention Aftercare Specialist, LRJHC
May 17, 2021

Transfers

Lauryn Williams
Peer Recovery Advocate, CHWC
May 10, 2021

Mark Grant
RN Psych. Case Manager, LRJHC
May 17, 2021

Ryan Gustafson
RN Contact Tracer, LRJHC
May 17, 2021

Congratulations on your new positions!



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, July 5th
Sovereignty Day

Please make sure to schedule your appointments and order prescriptions ahead of time.
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Visit our website
www.senecahealth.org

SENECA NATIVE CONNECTIONS CALENDAR
JULY 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>			Summer Walk Challenge Begins!	1 Summer Fun Giveaway Details on Facebook & our website	2	3
4	5 Sovereignty Day No Programming	6 DIY Cactus and Succulents 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	7	8 DIY Birdhouse Kits 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	9	10
11	12 Talk with Tony 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	13 Outdoor Family Movie Night (Catt) Begins at Dusk	14 Adult Journaling Class 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	15 Outdoor Family Movie Night (Alleg) Begins at Dusk	16	17
18	19	20 DIY Cultural Beadwork Class Cattaraugus 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	21	22 DIY Cultural Beadwork Class Allegany 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	23	24 Corn Hole Tournament Registration at 10:00 a.m.
25	26	27 Summer Paint Night 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	28 Adult Journaling Class 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	29	30	31 Summer Walk Challenge Ends!
Youth Book Club Book Pick Up						
Please note that any event that is in-person or 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			

Baby Shower
Gift Reminder!

If you received an invitation to one of the community drive-thru baby showers and could not attend the event, you have until July 30th to contact the Seneca Nation Health System to setup gift pickup.

CATTARAUGUS: 2018, 2019 & 2020 BABIES
TRACI WIND
716.532.8223 EXT. 5268
TWIND@SENECAHEALTH.ORG

ALLEGANY: 2019 & 2020 BABIES
ROBIN CROUSE
716.945.5894 EXT. 3240
RCROUSE@SENECAHEALTH.ORG



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





Onödowa'ga: Gawë:nö'
Pronunciation Key

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ö..... <u>o</u> wn	u.....t <u>u</u> ne	w..... <u>w</u> ash	n..... <u>n</u> ot	y..... <u>y</u> es	d..... <u>d</u> og
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š.....sh <u>o</u> w	tš.....ch <u>a</u> lk	dz.....ad <u>z</u> e	:long vowel	'glottal stop	



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



FIREWORK REMINDER

- Check with Seneca Nation ordinances and local laws before lighting up. If it is legal to light fireworks in your community, keep a fire extinguisher close. Be mindful of drought conditions in your area. Avoid buildings, barns, and cars.
- Children should not be allowed to handle fireworks. Make sure your pets and children are standing nowhere near where fireworks are being launched. Never leave children unattended.
- Follow directions on how to properly light the fireworks to avoid injury. Do not drink alcohol while setting off fireworks.
- Never try to relight a firework that has failed to go off or try to relight a used firework. Before throwing away your used firework, completely soak them in water.

Please use caution in our communities. Please show respect for others including young children, elders, and pets. Do not discharge fireworks late at night. Do not discharge fireworks 150ft near a structure, hot embers can start fires.

Agwadeyësta' Do:gë:h Website gets New Logo

Submitted by Flip White

This new, colorful logo, created by Seneca artist Derise Waterman, represents Agwadeyësta' Do:gë:h's organizational brand.

The hills depicted in the background represent the Seneca people. In our language we refer to ourselves as 'People of the Great Hills.'

The young ones sitting with an Elder will be our starting point because their minds are at the best stage for language learning.

The Elder advises the youth, "Learning is lifelong, it is never-ending" and she is doing her part by teaching others with the hope that one day they will do the same.

The group sitting in a circle represents our vision that they will become like family, help each other learn, and that one day, they will use

our language as their first. The fire represents our commitment as a people to protect it and keep it burning bright for the children and their children; the fire can never go out.

The Circle that encompasses the entire logo represents all that we are as a people and is a reminder to live our lives using our language and perpetuating our life ways.

We hope that you find this helpful. Nya:wëh



Next SNI Newsletter DEADLINE

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