



The Official Newsletter of the SENECA NATION



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A message from President Matthew B. Pagels



Nya:weh Sgënö' gagwe:göh,

It has been a very hot summer so far with heavy humidity. Let's check on our elders and those with compromised health conditions daily during these hot days. As restrictions continue to lighten and festival events promote large crowd gatherings, please stay mindful of safety precautions we've learned throughout the pandemic.

This awareness and our increased vaccination rates have kept our covid numbers at zero for the third consecutive

week. Please continue to encourage those not yet vaccinated to consider it for their protection and others. The new Delta variant continues to be the dominant variant throughout the country and data shows the Pfizer, Moderna and other vaccines are largely protective against the variant. This is the best defense we have to keep our community safe and to get back to normal activities.

I'm excited to announce we will schedule this years Fall Festival for September 10th and 11th. Some events may change for health and safety reasons. More information will be forthcoming as the Festival committee pulls the schedule together. The Festival is always a time to see people we don't often see and will be especially great this year after the pandemic year.

The COVID-19 pandemic greatly changed the way we interact with each other and especially caused economic difficulty for many. The federal government (American Rescue Plan Act) assisted in a relief effort to distribute financial assistance to local municipalities, schools and native nations. A letter

was sent to enrolled Seneca members including an application for the General Financial Assistance Program. This is a one-time payment of \$1,000 for expenses incurred from the pandemic. Applications must be received prior to August 31, 2021 to be eligible for the one-time payment. Contact the Clerk's office for questions regarding registration. Included in the letter is a brief survey for input on community needs. We have already identified a few areas: Assistance to households, Broadband, Investments in IT security and emergency readiness. This will help us prioritize funding for future projects within the Nation.



Please remember to check on our elders during the hot summer months

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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Thursday, July 22nd @ 1pm
Allegany Council Chambers

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We recently had a missing person on Territory resulting in a tragic end. Thank you to everyone who assisted local law enforcement including First responders, Nation employees, Marshal's and concerned community members. Our thoughts are with the family at this time and ask for our community to continue to cooperate with this on-going investigation.

We also continue to recognize the unthinkable loss in our history regarding residential school mistreatment of Indigenous children. Although we are extremely angry about this history, much research around historical trauma and it's affects are available to help us understand how to deal with our feelings about residential schools. We will continue to heal, to be pro-active in sharing this history, and will follow our traditions and by learning our language/culture. This is how we honor these children.

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

Matthew B. Pagels

Presidential Updates

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

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

You can also access the Presidential Updates here:

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

FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER



summer!

By now, everyone should have received information via U.S. Mail, concerning a direct benefit payment from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds received from the federal government. Please be sure to complete your applications by the deadline(s) provided and send them in, to claim your funds. Similar to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief & Economic Security Act (C.A.R.E.S.) monies received, we are under even more stringent spending guidelines and reporting provisions; which is why we are requiring our members to complete a simple application prior to receiving ARPA funds. Additionally, please be sure to complete and submit the survey on the back page of the application. Statistical results from the survey will assist with making decisions about how ARPA funds may be expended on our infrastructure needs and how to best serve our communities. **If you did not receive an ARPA**

Greetings,

Congratulations are in order to all of our community-wide students, both high school and college, whom have completed their studies and graduated in this unprecedented school year. Also, I'd like to extend a congratulations to our student athletes who participated in a variety of athletic programs and participated in championship tournaments. What an accomplishment! Enjoy your

Fund application form in the mail, please contact the Clerk's Office as soon as possible. Allegany: (716) 945-1790; Cattaraugus: (716) 532-4900; Buffalo Office: (716) 951-7555

This is a very busy time of year for our office and our Fiscal Department. Budget season officially began on June 1st and several budget meetings have already taken place. Additional budget meetings are scheduled for the remainder of July and the months of August and September. The final budget is on track to go before Council for approval in September. This is also the time of year when annual audits are performed and reported. Our investment portfolios are steadily moving along, as expected. The Minors' Trust Fund continued to grow during the pandemic, as funds are invested in high grade tax exempt bonds funds, in accordance with our investment policy statement. Our insurance claim has been settled and closed out for approximately \$975,000.00 including equipment repairs and recovery of lost revenues due to the transformer being damaged by birds back in December 2020, which caused the Irving Bingo Hall to be closed. All in all, we are still in recovery mode from the economic impact of the COVID pandemic. I have complete faith in our highly functioning and capable Fiscal Department staff to keep all fiscal matters in order and keep us all informed.

Every week we can keep the cases of COVID-19 infection at zero, in our communities, is a week closer to being on the other side of this pandemic. Please consider getting your COVID-19 immunization shot(s), if you haven't already done so.

**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:wëh!

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

NOTICE
Seneca Nation General Financial Assistance Program

The purpose of the Seneca Nation Financial Assistance Program is to provide a one-time payment of \$1,000 in economic assistance to enrolled Senecas of the Seneca Nation who have experienced economic harm caused or made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding of this program is made available by the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARP”) legislation and is non-taxable as a General Welfare assistance program . Consistent with the ARP’s Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund requirements, this program is intended to respond to and address such economic harm by providing financial assistance to Nation members to cover necessary expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

If you or your family have experienced economic harm that was caused by or made worse by the COVID-19 pandemic, please fill out and submit this application. Consistent with Treasury’s guidance, the Nation may provide this economic assistance payment only to cover COVID-19 related costs incurred on or after March 1, 2020.

All enrolled Senecas 18 years or over must fill out their own applications. Please see the next page regarding enrolled minor children. **You may only submit one application per enrolled member for this General Financial Assistance Program.** Enrolled Senecas must also have completed their regular registration requirements with the Clerk’s Office in accordance with other Seneca Nation direct benefit programs.

Submission and Payment Dates:

- If your application is received by August 2, 2021 and you are registered with the Clerk’s office in accordance with established deadlines, a payment dated August 25, 2021 will be processed.
- If your application is received between August 3, 2021 and August 31, 2021 and you are registered with the Clerk’s Office in accordance with established deadlines, a payment dated September 29, 2021 will be processed.
- If your application is received after August 31, 2021 or you are not registered with the Clerk’s office in accordance with established deadlines or no application is received, **NO PAYMENT WILL BE PROCESSED.**

Please note that there is only one payment of \$1,000 to enrolled Senecas either in August OR September (not both months) depending on when your application is received per the dates above. Again, applications received after August 31, 2021 will not be processed for payment under this program.

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL THE CLERKS OFFICE WITH QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS AT CATTARAUGUS 716-532-4900 OR ALLEGANY 716-945-1790.

NOTICE

TO APPROVE RESUMING ENROLLMENT APPEARANCE REQUIREMENT

At the Regular Session of Council held on July 10, 2021 Council approved a Resolution to Approve Resuming Enrollment Appearance Requirement that was waived due to COVID-19.

WHEREAS, the Seneca Nation Council temporarily waived the in person enrollment appearance requirement of the Nation’s Enrollment Ordinance, as amended on March 12, 2016, in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic and the President’s State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the rate of infection of Coronavirus among the Seneca people has been reduced to a point that it is now relatively safe to resume in person enrollment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, should the infection rate continue to remain stable or decline, the Nation Council hereby reinstates the in-person enrollment requirement effective October 1, 2021.

IN PERSON REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

Please get your Annual In Person Registration completed before December 31, 2021, if you are unsure of your current registration status please feel free to give the Clerk’s Office a call and ask.

CLERK’S OFFICE FORMS

Completed forms can be mailed along with a copy of your photo identification as proof of identify if you are unable to obtain a notary to: Seneca Nation of Indians, 90 Ohi:yo’ Way, Salamanca NY 14779.

All forms are available online at www.sni.org under Clerk’s Office documents.

• **ADDRESSES**

Please remember to keep your address current with the Clerk’s Office. This includes changes with custody of minor children or legal guardians (Court orders).

• **BURIAL FUND**

A Burial fund has been designated to pay for funeral expenses up to \$7000 for enrolled members. For additional details, please contact the Clerk’s Office during regular business hours.

• **DIRECT DEPOSIT OF ANNUITY AND/OR ELDERS PAYMENTS**

If you would like to sign up for Direct Deposit of your Annuity and/ or Elders Check, you will have to complete the form. The form is available on the web at www.sni.org under Documents/Clerk’s Office / Direct Deposit forms or at the Clerk’s Office.

- All direct deposit forms MUST have attached a voided check or deposit slip (start-up checks will NOT be accepted).
- Members must be at least 18 years old to sign up for Direct Deposit
- Minors are NOT eligible for Direct Deposit

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

• **RELEASE OF MINORS TRUST FUND**

In order to begin receiving Minor Trust Fund disbursements. A member must be at least 18 years old and submit the following

documentation:

- Application for Release of Minors Trust
- High School Diploma / GED
- Financial Literacy Certificate (<http://seneca.cm3solutions.com>)

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

Welcome our recent enrollments to the Seneca Nation!

FOUR (4) ADDITIONS TO THE SENECA NATION ROLL – JULY 10, 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

1.	Lucy Angelina Heins	-	Wolf
2.	Luci Claire Johnson	-	Bear
3.	Aleigha Deon Lloyd Rivers	-	Turtle
4.	Franklin Charles White	-	Beaver

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

NINE (9) DELETIONS TO THE SENECA NATION ROLL – JULY 10, 2021 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

1.	Patricia A. Curry	-	Snipe
2.	Henry Deoca	-	Deer
3.	Rebecca Mae Jimerson	-	Wolf
4.	Phyllis G. Lawson	-	Wolf
5.	Robert Allen Lee	-	Turtle
6.	Nadine Neamon	-	Turtle
7.	Penny Anne Nestell	-	Wolf
8.	Alice Jane Perkins	-	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

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 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.

Anyone 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 or can be directed to Charisse Ground or Leslie Cook.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

SENECA NATION ENTERPRISE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(1 – Member of Cattaraugus Territory)

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

Article 3 – The Board

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

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

3.3 Specific Powers. Subject to the

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

Qualifications of Board Members.

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

- Is at least twenty-one (21) years old;
- Is an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation;
- Has earned an associate degree or higher, preferably in gaming, hospitality, or a business-related field;
- At a minimum, at least one Board member must have a financial background – A Public Accountancy degree is preferred;
- Will be deemed a “Primary Management Official” and therefore must be eligible for and obtain a Class II “key” employee gaming license through the Seneca Gaming Authority, pass other necessary background checks, and maintain the license for the duration of the term as a board member.
- Prohibitions. Board members and their immediate family (or persons residing in the same household) shall be prohibited from conducting with or profiting from the activities of any of the Enterprises, whether directly or indirectly. This prohibition may not be waived. Board members shall be considered

“Public officials” for purposes of the Nation’s Ethics Law. Additionally, the following persons are not eligible to serve as Board members (a) employees of the Nation’s Enterprises; (b) owners or employees of contractors who conduct business with the Enterprises; (c) owners or employees of a business in direct competition with the Enterprises; (d) persons directly related to persons listed in (a),(b) or (c). For purposes of this Charter “immediate family” and “persons directly related” means being related to a person in the following ways: (i) husband/wife (including unmarried cohabitating relationships), (ii) mother/father (iii) child (natural or adopted (iv) brother/sister (v) aunt/uncle (vi) niece/nephew or (vii) grandparent/grandchild.

If interested, please submit a letter of intent & current resume/qualifications to the address listed below no later than: August 12, 2021 to:

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

Posted 07/12/2021; SN Newsletter 07/21

A graduation speech Councillor Bova would like to share...

Nya:wëh Sgë:nö’ Gagwe:goh,

Now that graduations for high school and college have come and gone, it’s time to celebrate those hard earned accomplishments with family and friends! Celebrate graduates, although please remember to be safe in all aspects! Ja:goh!

This year, I had the honor of attending the Seneca Nation’s recognition for high school and college graduates on both Territories. I had the privilege to speak at the Salamanca High School graduation ceremony. Many speakers offered words of encouragement, congratulated the efforts of graduates, shared memories, and offered guidance toward the future.

I would like to share one of the speeches given by our Seneca Language and History teacher at the Seneca Nation Education High School recognition dinner on the Allegany Territory. She is turtle clan and has taught at the Salamanca City Central School District for 16 years. If you had the opportunity to hear her speech firsthand, you would have been moved by her powerful words. She was on point and full of passion.

As a Councillor of the Seneca Nation I believe we should use our platform to share and lift up others words. Nya:wëh Mrs. Rachel Wolfe for your words, dedication, and passion.

“Nya:wëh for this opportunity to speak here tonight. I would first like to start off by acknowledging the discovery of the 215 Indian children whose remains were found buried on the Kamloops Indian Residential School in Canada. I have been teaching about

the Indian Boarding School era in my Seneca History curriculum for many years, but even still...this discovery has been shocking, sad, and hard to process.

It's easy to be angry with what happened, and honestly there have been times where I have had to do a "self-check" on my own emotions. I place a lot of blame on the Indian Boarding School Era for the near extinction of our language, and overall Indigenous culture. During this time when "Kill the Indian, Save the Man" was an educational philosophy ... I ask you to think about our ancestors...

In my classroom, I have a large panoramic picture of students who attended the Carlisle Indian Industrial School. It's in the back of my classroom, looking out on our class. I DO NOT have the picture there to CELEBRATE them being in boarding school. I have the picture there so that symbolically they can see that we are trying to UNDO what happened to them! That we are still here, DESPITE what happened to them, and that we will never let what happened to them ever happen again!

Instead of focusing on the negative, I teach my students that despite tragic things in our history (such as Indian Boarding Schools), that we should be PROUD that in 2021, we still have our language, our ceremonies, our songs, and dances. Things that were threatened for so many years....we've managed to hold on to. It's now our responsibility to continue and we owe it to those ancestors who persevered such atrocities. We've still got a lot of work to do...but it's happening!”

Seneca Gaming Corporation Announces Appointment Of Board Officers

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK—BUFFALO, NEW YORK—SALAMANCA, NEW YORK: (June 29, 2021) Seneca Gaming Corporation announced that the company’s Board of Directors selected officers for 2021 at its recent Annual Meeting. The following members will serve as officers:

Dr. Lori V. Quigley was re-appointed as Chairwoman. Dr. Quigley earned a Bachelor of Arts from St. Bonaventure University, and a Master of Arts and Ph.D. from Fordham University. She has completed Commissioner Certification Training Level I, Level II, and Level III through the National Indian Gaming Association. In addition to her role with the Seneca Gaming Corporation Board of Directors, she also serves on the Board of Directors for the National Indian Education Association, and on the board of the YWCA of Western New York. A longtime higher education professional, Dr. Quigley provides professional training seminars on social justice, critical race theory from a Native American lens, and multi-generational trauma resulting from the Native American residential school era.


Terry L. Nephew, Vice Chairwoman, is serving her second three-year term on the Seneca Gaming Corporation Board of Directors. Vice Chairwoman Nephew has worked in the gaming industry for over ten years, including as Assistant Director with the Seneca Nation’s Class II gaming operations, and as an Inspector with the Seneca Gaming Authority. She has completed Commissioner Certification Training Level I, Level II, and Level III, as well as Master Class Training through the National Indian Gaming Association. A member of the Turtle Clan, Vice Chairwoman Nephew resides on the Seneca Nation’s Cattaraugus Territory.

John Y. Waterman, Jr., Treasurer served as Chairman of the Seneca Gaming Authority from 2017-2018 and previously worked within the casino regulatory operation from 2002-2007. A graduate of St. Bonaventure University, Treasurer Waterman has a Master of Business Administration (MBA) with a concentration in Finance, and a Master of Professional Leadership (MPL). He resides with his family on the Seneca Nation’s Cattaraugus Territory.

Geneva A. Locke, Corporate Secretary, is serving her first term on the Corporation’s Board of Directors. With over ten years of gaming and marketing experience, Secretary Locke has previously worked with both the Seneca Nation’s Class II Gaming operations and Seneca Gaming Corporation, cultivating numerous business relationships within the gaming industry. She has completed Commissioner Certification Training Level I and Level II through the National Indian Gaming Association, and serves on the Patron Governance Board for the Iroquois Nationals Development Group. An active leader and champion of various causes in her community, Secretary Locke resides on the Seneca Nation’s Cattaraugus Territory with her family and is a member of the Wolf Clan.


- The full membership of the Seneca Gaming Corporation Board of Directors is:**
- Dr. Lori V. Quigley, Chairwoman**
 - Allie R. George, Director**
 - Terry L. Nephew, Vice Chairwoman**
 - Jay B. John, Director**
 - John Y. Waterman, Jr., Treasurer**
 - Natalie N. Stahlman, Director**
 - Geneva A. Locke, Corporate Secretary**

“We want to congratulate our new Board officers on being selected by their colleagues for their leadership positions, and thank all of our Board members for their dedication and service,” said Kevin Nephew, Seneca Gaming Corporation President & CEO. “The leadership and support of our Board members has been especially impactful as we continue to successfully navigate the challenges presented by the global pandemic. We look forward to their continued partnership.”



THE INSIDE SCOOP

WITH DR. LORI QUIGLEY



JULY 2021

On a Personal Note...


Nya:wëh Sgè:nö'! Can you believe we're half way through 2021? I continue to be amazed at how far we've come in a year. Watch for our new **One Year Stronger** TV commercial that shows our progress since June 2020.

We're also launching a new HR recruitment campaign in July and I bet you'll recognize some of the models featured on our billboards, social media ads, and more. Nya:wëh to our Seneca Nation members and Team Members who answered the casting call to help us promote "The Best 8 Hours."

Yes, we continue to grow and one of those people who will help shape our future is Genva A. Locke, the next new SGC Board Member I'd like you to meet this month.

The SGC Board and I look forward to seeing all of you at our next Stakeholder Meeting on July 24 at 10 AM. Join us in person or virtually (listen only). Until then, have a safe and happy summer!

Sincerely,



Chairwoman, Board of Directors
Seneca Gaming Corporation


MEET GENEVA A. LOCKE

She might be serving her first term on the Seneca Gaming Corporation's Board of Directors, but Geneva Locke is no stranger to the gaming industry! Our new Corporate Secretary, Geneva has over 10 years' experience in gaming and marketing. She has worked with Seneca Nation's Class II Gaming Operations and SGC and, throughout her career, has developed many business relationships within the tribal gaming industry.

Not only does Geneva bring her strong marketing and business skills to our board, she has considerable governance expertise as well. She obtained both her Level I and Level II Commissioner Training Certifications through the National Indian Gaming Association. Geneva also serves on the Patron Governance Board for the Iroquois Nationals Development Group.

When she's not working, Geneva, a member of the Wolf Clan, is a tireless advocate for community causes, especially on the Cattaraugus Territory where she and her family live.

Welcome, Geneva! We look forward to all of the knowledge you bring to our board!



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 (LISTEN-ONLY MODE) 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.



Seneca Resorts & Casinos Launches Updated Iplay Seneca Gaming Platform!

Free, play-for-fun site features dozens of simulated slots, table games to enjoy

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK-SALAMANCA, NEW YORK-BUFFALO, NEW YORK: (June 30, 2021) Seneca Resorts & Casinos is putting the fun and excitement of world-class gaming right at people’s fingertips.

The operator of the region’s premier gaming and entertainment destinations – Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino, Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino and Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino - announced

today that it has launched a new, updated and even more dynamic version of iPlaySeneca, its free, play-for-fun simulated gaming platform. The site features dozens of virtual slot machine games, including popular titles like China Shores, Carnival in Rio and Starry Night, as well as video Poker, Blackjack, Roulette, Keno, Bingo and other games – all for fun, and all for free! Adding to the fun and excitement of the games themselves, iPlaySeneca has special features, including hourly, daily, weekly and monthly

leaderboards highlighting players with top scores, and custom promotions.

“Our new iPlaySeneca site brings the experience and variety of our gaming floors right to our patrons, wherever they are, in a free, convenient and fun way,” said Kevin Nephew, Seneca Gaming Corporation President & CEO. “It has never been easier for people to enjoy the world-class gaming options we offer even when they can’t make it to one of our properties.”

iPlaySeneca is free to join and users receive 10,000 free credits when they register. They will receive additional credits each day they log in, and are able to earn additional credits through game play and by spinning the Fortune Wheel every four hours. Credits are used only for game play on iPlaySeneca and have no monetary value and cannot be redeemed or exchanged for money at any time.

The site is accessible from both desktop and web-enabled mobile devices, and users must be at least 21 years old to register. Visit iPlaySeneca.com to get started. Mobile users can download iPlaySeneca for free from Google Play or the App Store.

For more information on everything happening at Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino, Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino and Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino, please visit SenecaCasinos.com.

Treasurer Rickey Armstrong Recognition Of Amos Whitcomb And Carson Redeye

July 10, 2021

Today is a special day, as we recognize to remarkable young people from our Allegany community, and I have the honor of introducing them both to you.

In superhero lore, Amos Whitcomb and Carson Redeye could easily be called a Dynamic Duo. These two young men have excelled and proven themselves to be examples of exceptional skill and character, and they certainly have bright futures ahead.

I have known Amos since he was a youngster of 4 or 5, when he began playing lacrosse with the Allegany Arrows Minor teams. Even back then, you could tell that he was incredibly gifted at the Creator's game, and his list of athletic accomplishments since then is long and impressive.

At Salamanca High School, Amos was involved in football, basketball, wrestling and lacrosse. He had a 12- 1 record in wrestling, and received the Coaches Award in both football and lacrosse for his perseverance, leadership and team spirit.

A standout lacrosse player, Amos scored 138 goals at Salamanca and helped lead the team to the Section 6 title this season.

As impressive as his on-the-field accomplishments have been, Amos has also been a leader in the classroom and in the community. He recently graduated 5th in his class from Salamanca, was a member of the National Honor Society, the Seneca Studies Honor Society, and the Seneca Youth Council, and received the 1844

Scholarship from the University of Albany, the Lehman Dar Dowdy Seneca Language Award, the American Legion Iroquois Post 1587 Award, and the Community Service Award.

Amos has volunteered at several community events over the years. A quiet, respectful, unselfish young man, Amos' teachers speak highly of his integrity and leadership qualities. He'll be taking those same qualities with him to the University of Albany in the Fall, where he will be playing lacrosse and furthering his education.

Amos takes great pride in his community, and we are incredibly proud of him. Please join me in congratulating Amos Whitcomb.

Engineers take information that is hard to understand and they figure out how to make things work. That explains Carson Redeye.

From the classroom, to the sports field, to the community and at home, Carson has made it all work.

Carson began playing lacrosse for the Allegany Arrows when he was four years old, and continued to play through his teenage years. He has also played in the Fort Apache Cup the past few years. A four-year member of the Varsity team at Salamanca High School, Carson helped the team bring home the Section 6 championship last month. He was also a member of the Varsity football team at Salamanca during his Senior year.

But athletics is only part of the formula



for what makes Carson such an impressive young man.

It was at Salamanca that his interest in Math and Science really took hold. As a Junior, he won the University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award. At graduation a few weeks ago, Carson graduated sixth in his class, and was presented with the Kyle Dowdy, Sr. Seneca Language Award, the Cindy Mohr Scholarship, and the Rosalie Nosal Award. He was also a member and Treasurer of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Seneca Studies Honor Society and the Seneca Youth Council.

Carson has been a summer employee of our Nation's Fish and Wildlife program. He enjoys hunting, fishing and archery, and is a great big brother to his sister and brothers.

It should be no surprise that he will be following an engineering path, studying Biomedical Engineering at the University of Rochester in the fall.

Please welcome and congratulate Carson Redeye.

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 (LISTEN-ONLY MODE) 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.



SENECA
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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:

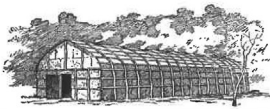
Allegany Territory
July 21, 2021
August 18, 2021
From 9am-3pm

Cattaraugus Territory
July 28, 2021
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



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44 SENECA ST
SALAMANCA, NY 14779
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HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND (HAF)

This program is created to provide HAF funds to be used to prevent mortgage delinquencies and defaults, foreclosures, loss of utilities or home energy services, and displacement of homeowners experiencing financial hardship after January 21, 2020 to eligible families. Funds from HAF may be used for assistance with mortgage payments, homeowner insurance, utility payments, and other specified purposes. The SNH will implement the HAF Program in a manner consistent with overall mission of the SNH and the American Rescue Plan Act to provide relief to our most vulnerable homeowners.

Seneca Mohawk, SNHA CATTARAUGUS HAF Intake
Seneca.mohwak@sni.org
PHONE: (716) 532-5000 ext. 7732
FAX: (716) 532-3892

Robynn George, SNHA ALLEGANY HAF Intake
Robynn.george@sni.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	\$82,950
150% of Area	2	\$94,200
	3	\$105,975
Median Income	4	\$117,750
	5	\$127,170
	6	\$136,590
	7	\$146,010
	8	\$155,430

FOR: Enrolled Seneca's who reside on or off territory or within the United States and other Federally Recognized Tribes

Seneca Nation Buffalo Office is available to assist SNH
Contact: Ramona Marion, SN Buffalo Office Director, 533 Amherst St., Buffalo, NY 14207
(716) 845-6304 Ramona.marion@sni.org

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM HARVEST MOON FOOD SERVICE

Our business is pleased and honored to serve the Seneca Nation and Salamanca Community. We have been very fortunate to be able to keep our business operating during the entire time of the COVID-19 pandemic. This could not have happened without the loyalty of our dedicated employees. In our appreciation, we will be closed from July 14-20th to give them a well- deserved vacation. We thank you for your understanding.

Nya:weh,
Amarris Ball, Administrative and Marketing Manager

ELDER'S CORNER

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



FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE HOTLINE
(844) 296-6404
or email:
helpline@elderjusticenyny.org



AOA Director's Update

Submitted by Bethany Lay

Summer is officially here and we are excited to announce that Farmers Market coupons are ready and available for qualifying Elders. These coupons can be used to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables from Farmers Markets across the state. More information on Farmers Market coupons can be found below.

This past month we reopened congregate dining in both Allegany and Cattaraugus. It has been wonderful having Elders back in our buildings. If you would like to come in for lunch please remember to call for reservations by 3pm the day before.

Please remember to stay hydrated during these warm summer months. Check the weather for heat advisories and air quality

alerts before heading outside for yard work or exercise. Most of all, please check on other elders in your life. If anyone is in need of an air conditioner you may qualify for one through HEAP or SNI AOA. Please give us a call to see if you are eligible.

We look forward to seeing you soon! Have a safe and happy July.

Bethany Lay, Acting AOA Director



SENECA NATION AOA

Farmers Market Coupons !

Eligibility:

- 60 Years of Age or older; **AND**
- Monthly income is at or below:
 - \$1,986/month (One-Person Household
 - \$2,686/month (two-Person Household; **or**
 - \$3,386/Month (three-Person Household

Rules:

- Proxies may pick-up vouchers on behalf of Elder provided Elder has signed a statement designating that individual as proxy.
- A valid Power of Attorney may sign for checks and pick up books on behalf of an Elder.
- Booklet of five (5) \$4.00 checks worth \$20.00.
- For use at authorized vendors and farm stands participating in the program, and not at grocery stores.
- Used to buy locally grown fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Look for the brightly colored Farmers Market sign saying "We Gladly Accept Farmers' Market Checks".
- Checks **cannot be used** after **11/30/2021**.
- Checks are worth \$4.00. Farmers will not give change.
- Coupons may be redeemed by caregivers.

Starting **07/08/2021** coupon booklets may be picked up between **1pm-4pm** at the **Allegany Elder Center** or the **Wini-Kettle Senior Center**. Please call in advance. **Masks** and **Social Distancing** are required for those unvaccinated.

The AOA is accepting electronic signatures for Elders who wish to receive Farmers Market Coupons through the mail.

For More information contact us at:
Cattaraugus Territory: 716-532-5777
Allegany Territory: 716-945-8414

Follow this link to **APPLY ON-LINE:**
<https://form.jotform.com/211535457013145>

AOA Dining Reopens

SNI AOA congregate dining reopened in June on both the Cattaraugus and Allegany Territories. Lunch is served daily from 12-1pm, Monday through Friday at our dining facilities in Allegany (44 Seneca St.) and Cattaraugus (Wini Kettle Building). Capacity is limited to two people per table and reservations are required.

Please remember to call for dining reservations by 3pm the day before you would like to come for lunch:

- Allegany (716) 945-8414
- Cattaraugus (716) 532-5777



AOA staff gets certified for Caregivers classes

AOA staff members Shantel Burning and Briana Snyder recently became certified to lead Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes. Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes help caregivers take better care of themselves while caring for a friend or relative. By taking care of your own health and well-being, you become a better caregiver. Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes will be offered through the Seneca Nation AOA starting in the fall.

If you are experiencing caregiver burnout or stress, please reach out for help. Contact our AOA Options Counselor to be connected to caregiver support services:

Briana Snyder
(716) 532-5777
ext. 3624



New Onöhsagwë:de’ Cultural Center/Seneca-Iroquois National Museum Exhibit: “Women of Influence: Each Block a Story”

Submitted by Joe Stahlman



On July 17th, 2021, at the Heritage Day event, the Onöhsagwë:de’ Cultural Center/ Seneca-Iroquois National Museum will unveil a quilt project initiated and sponsored by the Native Roots Artists Guild. The quilt, titled "Women of Influence: Each Block a Story", has the work of 47 women from six Native nations (Seneca, Onondaga, Oneida, Mohawk, Tuscarora and Metis) and seven territories. Each artist designed, sewed and beaded their block in honor of an influential Native woman in their lives.

The quilt square were done in the style of regalia leggings, with designs and colors inspired by a collection of flat beadwork at the Peabody Essex Museum created by Dorothy Blacksnake Jimerson and Lena

Snow. Two of Dorothy's grandchildren, Debbie Hoag and Penny Minner, are contributors to the quilt.

The women held weekly work sessions where they beaded and quilted their blocks, discussed their honorees, and assisted each other when needed. One of the project coordinators, Marissa Manitowabi, recalls: "We were laughing and crying as we shared stories about our honorees while we worked, so that intention of celebrating these individuals was truly a part of the whole process."

This quilt represents the ongoing act of healing and how communities

can come together and be uplifted by the strength and love of individual women. It is also the result of several months of work to gather the stories and photos about the honorees. Bradley Jimerson from Seneca Media and Communications, spent considerable time recreating the quilt into a webpage in which visitors can view the artist, see her honoree, and hear her story. People from all over can now navigate through this interactive webpage at senecamuseum.org (under the Exhibits tab, click "Women of Influence: Each Block a Story"). The stories shared on the website add great depth to the physical attraction.

The quilt began in 2017, guided by the

words of Norma Jacobs who set the tone for the project as a way to spend time together beading and sharing stories on the resiliency of women in their communities. In September of 2018 the quilt was completed in time for the Seneca Nation Fall Festival where it was awarded "Best in Show". It went on to travel to the Mohawk Nation Akwesasne Territory, Six Nations of the Grand River territory and was exhibited at the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts in January of 2019. In October of 2019, the Iroquois Indian Museum exhibited the quilt along with a kiosk that shared the stories of the participants, which was made possible by a Humanities of New York grant.

When the Onöhsagwë:de’ Cultural Center/ Seneca-Iroquois National Museum learned about the quilt, the participants, and their honorees, we wanted to share with our local communities the powerful message created through these acts of love. So, if you didn't see the quilt during its tour around Turtle Island, please make time for it's unveiling on Heritage Day (July 17th). The quilt and its story will be on exhibit at the Onöhsagwë:de’ Cultural Center/ Seneca-Iroquois National Museum for the remainder of 2021.

Seneca Nation participants include: Alyssa Franklin, Alyssa Schmidt, Anna Mae Printup, Darlene Miller, Debbie Hoag, Holly John, Janine Gates, Joanne Williams, Johnna “Jonie” Crouse, Julie Marie Lay, Lesley Zurek, Lori Seneca, Marissa Manitowabi, Markie John, Mary Jacobs, Penelope Minner, Roberta Jones, Samantha Jacobs, Susanne Sanford, Terri John, Valerie Printup-Nosie, and Wendy Bray. We have a full list of participants on the webpage.



Seneca Elders Enjoy a Free Drive-Thru Lunch

In honor of Elder Abuse Awareness Month • Photos by Seneca Media



On June 30th, AOA hosted a free drive-thru lunch for Seneca Elders on both territories. The month of June is Elder Abuse Awareness Month and in honor of that, all Seneca Elders age 60+ were treated to a chicken BBQ and pulled pork meal with all the fixings!



For more information about the services and offerings at AOA, call them at (716) 532-5777 (Cattaraugus) or (716) 945-8990 (Allegany).



Little Free Libraries on Cattaraugus Territory

Submitted by Samantha Jacobs, Vice Chair of Seneca Nation Library Board

The Seneca Nation Library Board and the Construction Training Program in Steamburg, teamed up to bring two little free libraries to the Irving and Indian Hill communities.

The library units were made by the Construction program and brought to the Stanley "Sully" Huff Heritage Center. The little libraries were then custom painted by volunteers from the Indian Hill & Irving communities. Ashley Henhawk included a landscape of the Cattaraugus Creek on the Indian Hill library. Anita Parker painted and wrote words of wisdom on the Irving library.

The libraries were installed in their host communities by the Construction Training Program.

The Indian Hill little free library can be found next to the ball field. The Irving little free library can be found next to the Church of the Good Shepherd. Both little libraries have been stocked with books, DVDs & CDs by the Seneca Nation Library board members. Each little library will function on a leave one, take one basis.



Indian Hill Little Free Library side & front view. Artwork by Ashley Henhawk.



Indian Hill Little Free Library back view. Artwork by Ashley Henhawk.



Irving Little Free Library side & front view. Artwork by Anita Parker.



Irving Little Free Library back view. Artwork by Anita Parker.

Nya:wēh to Jim and his crew at the Construction Training Program, Anita Parker, Ashley Henhawk and the Seneca Nation Library Board for all their help and hard work in bringing a little free libraries to the Rez. Make sure to stop by to check out the custom paintings and to grab a book!



#SenecasStaySafe



The CDC has advised that fully vaccinated people can resume normal activities without wearing masks or physically distancing in most situations. But that doesn't mean everyone should put aside their face masks just yet, unvaccinated people still should wear masks indoors and where physical distancing isn't possible. Masking in certain businesses, events, and locations

may be required, regardless of vaccine status, as the threat of variants and vaccination rates in certain areas cause reason for concern.

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
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Ultra fast speed with ultimate reliability. Count on Kinetic.

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JULY

HOT 100

7/1/21 - 7/31/21

Complete 100 miles and earn a T-shirt. Prizes awarded to top 4 finishers! Intentional runs or walks only! (total daily steps will not be accepted)

\$25 per person

Contact Josilyn for more info 716-532-8450

REGISTER NOW www.cattarauguscommunitycenter.com

OPEN BEACH VOLLEYBALL NIGHT

Every Monday 5pm-7pm

ALL MEMBERS WELCOME

STARTS 6/21

MUST BE 16+ TO PLAY

- *Games will be held at CCC outdoor court.
- *Bring your own waterbottle.
- *Check in at front desk and be prepared to show vaccine card or wear a mask.

CONTACT THE FRONT DESK FOR MORE INFO AT 716-532-8450

Seneca Nation Housing Authority (SNHA)

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE (ERA)

SNHA is currently accepting applications for the ERA PROGRAM

Seneca Mohawk, SNHA CATTARAUGUS ERA Intake
Seneca.mohawk@sni.org
PHONE: (716) 532-5000 ext. 7732
FAX: (716) 532-3892

Seneca Nation Buffalo Office is available to assist SNHA
Contact: Ramona Marion, SN Buffalo Office Director, 533 Amherst St., Buffalo, NY 14207
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ERA CAN HELP WITH:

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

FOR:

- ENROLLED SENECA'S. May reside on or off territory or within the United States
- FIRST DESCENDANTS OF ENROLLED SENECA'S
- OTHER FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES

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

July Career Readiness Workshops

JULY 13 Customer Service 10 AM-11 AM

JULY 15 Customer Service 2 PM-3 PM

JULY 20 Soft Skills 10 AM -11 AM

JULY 22 Soft Skills 2 PM-3PM

JULY 27 Handling Criticism 10AM-11AM

JULY 29 Handling Criticism 2PM-3PM

3674 Administration Drive
716-945-8120

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
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Health Dept.
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FREE Hot Dog & bottle water

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Contact Information:
Call TERC 945-8120 for more information

Seneca Nation Federal Credit Union

New Recreational Vehicle Loans!

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.

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4.5% APR Up to 5 years
5.5% APR Up to 10 years

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*APR = Annual Percentage Rate. Rates shown are the standard rates for SNFCU 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.

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9am - 4pm

Salamanca Branch
90 Ohio Way
Salamanca, NY 14779
(716) 945-8510

Various Nation Departments Come Together to Host Lifeguard Certification Classes

Submitted by Patti Brisley, TERC Youth Service Coordinator

As we may have seen in the news, lifeguarding is in high demand right now. In fact, the shortage has caused many pools to remain closed for the summer.

Fortunately, in a combined effort between TERC, Human Resources, the Allegany Community Center, the Cattaraugus Community Center, Highbanks, the Saylor, TERC has offered two lifeguard classes this past month.

The first one was held at the ACC on June 5th & 6th with 9 in-school youth becoming certified and filling the vacant positions. There was still a demand to fill the positions within the Nation, so another class of 12 in-school youth was held at the ACC on July 7th, 13th & 15th.

Each course required an online portion as a pre-requisite to the in-



person training along with a written test, and allowed each participant to receive their First Aid & CPR and Lifeguard Certification. When approved for funding through TERC, the student also filled out a job application for the vacant lifeguard positions.

The instructor was Mrs. Laurie Lafferty-John who is the swim teacher and lifeguard trainer at Salamanca High School.

It was a great way that all the departments worked together along with Mrs. John to meet the demand so our pools could be opened on both territories!

Ja:goh everyone! So far we've had a very hot and humid summer, so it is much appreciated!

Congratulations to Chance Gates

Submitted by Curtis Archer, TERC

Training & Employment Resource Center (TERC) would like to recognize and congratulate Chance T. Gates on his recent accomplishments. On June 17th, he graduated from Jamestown Community College's Police Academy. Chance attended the Academy from August 2020 to May 2021, achieving his goal with determination during the Covid-19 pandemic. He has been hired part-time by the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Department. He continues his full-time employment as a Marshal on the Cattaraugus Territory. Ja:goh Chance!



Seneca EMS holds Free Screenings

Photos by Seneca Media

On June 22nd, Seneca EMS held a free blood sugar and blood pressure screening at both of the Seneca Fire locations on the Cattaraugus and Allegany territories. Make sure to keep a look out for future screenings!



Nya:wëh! The Seneca Nation Fish and Wildlife thank volunteers

We would like to give a shout out to all of the Departments and volunteers that made this event a success: Allegany Council Office, SNI Fish & Wildlife staff, Highbanks, DPW, Media Dept., and Newsletter. Nya:wëh to Ted John for the Port A John!

Nya:wëh to all that came out and participated! See you next year!



Rayven Sample will be headed to Tokyo later this summer to perform on the world’s biggest sports stage.

The Jamestown resident and Cassadaga Valley Central School graduate confirmed Thursday afternoon that his first-place 400-meter finish in his classification at the United States Paralympic Team Trials in Minneapolis last weekend has landed him a berth on the paralympic track & field team.

Sample, who ran for the Falconer/Cassadaga Valley team in high school, just completed his freshman year at Bucknell University.

Tokyo Dreamin’ - *Ja:goh Rayven Sample!* Sample To Represent US In Paralympics

Reprinted from *observertoday.com* | June 25, 2021

He is one of 61 athletes (35 men and 26 women) to make the U.S. Paralympic track & field squad. He learned of the news during a virtual meeting.

“For me, it was definitely a lot of relief, more than anything,” he said. “There wasn’t any doubt I could do this. I work every single day, it’s a huge passion of mine and I love the sport.

“When I heard my name, I kind of realized all that work paid off. I’m peaceful and super happy about it.”

So is Nick Spry, the Falconer/Cassadaga Valley assistant boys track & field coach.

“There’s excitement, but really it’s more relief,” he said. “Looking at the times, we kind of knew he was going to make it, but the anxiety was building in both of us.”

Stress no more, because Sample can now concentrate on preparing for the Tokyo Paralympic Games, which will be held Aug. 24 through Sept. 5.

Ranked No. 7 in the world in the 400 meters, Sample knows a thing or two about realizing a dream and overcoming obstacles. Born with arthrogryposis, an incurable joint condition that leaves him

with little motion in his hands, he hasn’t let that stop him.

“For me, it was finding a passion,” he said. “When you find your passion and work hard toward it, things start falling into place. For me, taking everything that happened in my life and using it to devote to my passion, hopefully other people could see that and say, ‘That’s amazing’ and be motivated by my example.”

Sample, who turns 19 on July 10, said he planned to have dinner with family Thursday night to celebrate, but while he’s “loves the fact I’ve done all this,” he prefers to look at what’s in front of him rather than what he’s done in the past.

“I’m already in the mindset of ‘what do I have to do next?’” he said.

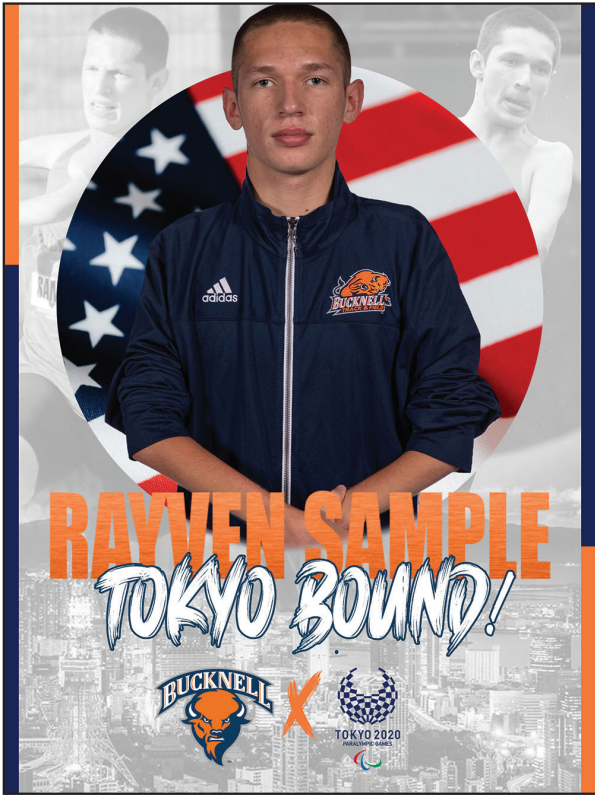
Spry noted that there will be a meeting today to go over all the logistics related to the Tokyo trip.

Sample joins a small group of Chautauqua County residents who have competed in the Olympics through the years.

That list includes Jen Suhr, pole vault, 2008, 2012 and 2016; Tara VanDerveer, women’s basketball coach, 1996; Richard Shearman, manager of the U.S. speed skating, 1952; Jimm Clark, boxing, 1936; Alex Conti, assistant women’s wrestling coach, 2012; Geza Farkas, gymnastics, 1952 and 1956; and Chad Green, baseball, 1996.

Two other county residents, Brad Rendell (track and field, 1940) and Jay Kearney (canoeing, 1980) made the U.S. team, but the U.S. boycotted the games those years.

Source: <https://www.observertoday.com/sports/local-sports/2021/06/tokyo-dreamin/>



Salamanca Warrior Amos Whitcomb headed to UAlbany to reconnect with former teammate

Salamanca star capitalizes on connection with former teammate

Reprinted from *wkbw.com* | June 19, 2021

SALAMANCA, N.Y. (WKBW) — The 2019 Section 6 scoring title for boys' lacrosse ran through Salamanca... twice. Senior Keelan Seneca and sophomore Amos Whitcomb formed a deadly one-two punch at attack.

"We had like a connection together, and it felt pretty easy out there," Whitcomb said. "Just knowing where we are on the field and trusting each other."



After their prolific season in 2019, Seneca joined the Great Danes' lacrosse team at UAlbany. Whitcomb was left with the keys to the Warriors' offense; but he couldn't drive it in 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

But Scott Marr and his staff already knew what they had in one Salamanca Warrior. The Great Danes doubled down, and Whitcomb, now

The Salamanca Warriors Varsity Lacrosse are Section VI Class "D" Champions!

Photos by Tami Watt

The Warriors defeated Eden 16-11 On June 24th at Veteran's Park in Salamanca, NY. Jarod White was awarded the Cross Training Athletics Award. White also had 20 saves in goal for the win.

Kelvin George (#15) finished with 3 goals, Amos Whitcomb (#16) had a total of 5 goals and 2 assists, Nate Kettle (#22) added to 3 goals and 4 assists, Jesse Stahlman had 1 goal, Tre Turner had 2 goals and 1 assist.

The defense squad included Reece Redeye-Desposito (#7), Ezra Stahlman (#21), William Crouse (#24), and Keedin Bucktooth (#26).

Ja:goh Coach Jamie Pierce, Larry Wheeler, Pat Galante, Chad Whitcomb, Leslie Pierce and the Warriors team!

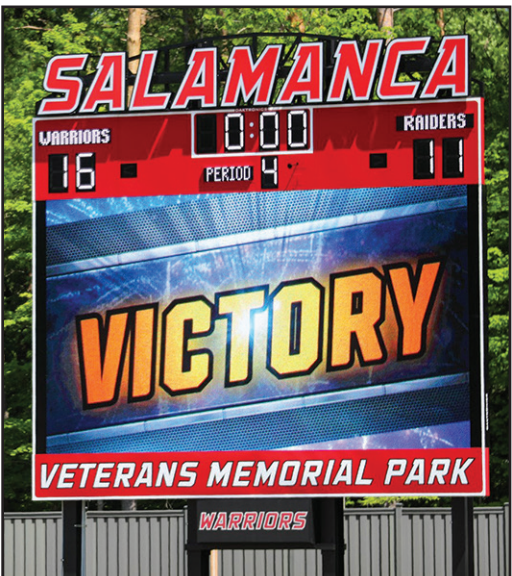
Go Warriors!

WHITCOMB.....

a senior, will also be a Great Dane next season.

"Just having that network with Keelan, and you know, the opportunity to play again. You have two native local kids, the same Division I program, I wouldn't turn that opportunity down," Salamanca head coach Jamie Pierce said.

Whitcomb's time as a Warrior ended on a high note! He lead the top-seeded Warriors to a Class D title Championship with a total of 5 goals and 2 assists. Ja:goh.



SCCSD 2020-2021 Athletic Award Recipients:

Congratulations to our 2020-2021 Athletic Award Recipients

Reprinted from salamancany.org | SCCSD Athletic Department

Co-Male - Louis Foy Athlete of the Year:

Lucas McKenna -Football, Basketball, Baseball, Lacrosse

Co-Male - Louis Athlete of the Year:

Jarod White - Football, Basketball, Lacrosse

Female - Anita Oyler Athlete of the Year:

Marla Warrior - Soccer, Basketball, Volleyball, Lacrosse, Track

Male - Roger Crandall “Warrior Pride Award”:

Trevor Ellis - Football, Wrestling

Female - Roger Crandall “Warrior Pride Award”:

Maeghan Collins - Tennis, Bowling, Golf

Coaches Awards:

Amos Whitcomb for his Perseverance, Leadership, and Team Spirit In the sports of Football and Lacrosse

Hayli Wilson for her Perseverance, Leadership, and Team Spirit



L to R: Ryleigh John, Trevor Ellis, Lucas McKenna, Jarod White, Marla Warrior, Maeghan Collins, Hayli Wilson. (Missing from group photo: Amos Whitcomb)

In the sports of Soccer and Track

Ryleigh John for her Perseverance, Leadership, and Team Spirit In the sports of Soccer and Lacrosse

Harry Nelson Baseball Award: **Lucas McKenna**

Ja:goh Jordan Cooke

Credit: Lake Shore Athletics



Coach Jordan Cooke accepts the John “Wes” Patterson Sportsmanship Award on behalf of the Lake Shore Eagles JV Lacrosse team during halftime at the Section VI Varsity Lacrosse finals. The award was presented by the Niagara Frontier Lacrosse Officials Association. The late Mr. Patterson was a lacrosse champion and member of the U.S. Lacrosse Hall of Fame. His custom-made lacrosse sticks, manufactured on the Tuscarora Reservation, were renowned worldwide. **Ja:goh Jordan.**

Congratulations to Aiden Button!

Submitted by Grandma Tina

Aiden Button is a 9th grader at Lake Shore High School, he is truly a scholar/athlete. While Aiden was in 8th grade he received his first Varsity letters and pin for Golfing on the Varsity Team. He received his second Varsity Pin for golf in 9th grade. Aiden went on to play basketball where he was awesome at completing his 3 point shots. He then moved onto football where he proved to be an asset on the front line. Lastly, Aiden played lacrosse and was the second highest scorer with 23 goals and numerous assists. He did all of this while remaining on the Honor Roll through out the school year. His most recent average was a 98.2. Aiden is determined to attend a D1 school in the future. His family is so proud of him and all that he has accomplished. We look forward to seeing what he does next.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AIDEN – JULY 4TH



Seneca Nation Twitter: MAKE SURE TO FOLLOW US!

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



Ja:goh Shanyce Gonzales & Lake Shore Lady Eagles!

They finished off their undefeated season as the Section VI Class B1 Champs

Photo credit: LSC Facebook

Ja:goh #13 Shanyce Gonzales (Cattaraugus Territory, Seneca, Wolf clan, Senior, 3 years - Varsity) and the Lake Shore Lady Eagles Softball team for taking home the WIN as the Section VI Class

B1 Champions! They defeated Depew 12-4 ending their season with an undefeated 19-0 record! Congratulations ladies on an impressive season.



Ja:goh Coach John and Lake Shore Boys Lacrosse!

Photo credit: Leanna Twoguns



It's been an IMPRESSIVE year for the Lake Shore Athletics Program. On Thursday, June 24th, Lake Shore hosted two Section VI Championship contests which you don't see often. As mentioned above, the girls softball team took home the win as did the boys lacrosse program.

Congratulations to the Boys Lacrosse Section VI Class C Champions lead by head **Coach Adrian John!**

They defeated East Aurora 17-8 and finished off the year with another perfect season for the Lake Shore athletics program, going undefeated 15-0. Ja:goh!

Ja:goh Gowanda Lady Panthers Lacrosse!

Credit: Gowanda Athletics

Gowanda's Varsity Lady Panthers lacrosse team worked hard and brought home the Class D Section VI Championship title! This is the first-ever championship win in the girls' lacrosse program history! Gowanda defeated Eden the morning of June 25th at Eden, 17-8! Ja:goh ladies on a well deserved win! You earned it.

Showing Support: During the sectional semi-finals against SCCSD, the two teams coordinated with each other to wear orange warm-ups to honor the lives of Indigenous children whose bodies were discovered in mass graves in Canada. #GowandaCSD #PantherPride #allchildrenmatter



SCCSD Grads wear traditional regalia at graduation ceremony

Photo credit: SCCSD

Salamanca City Central School District' Native American graduates were able to wear their traditional regalia to the graduation ceremony again this year! Every one of them looked outstanding!

Congratulations to the Class of 2021. We wish you continued success in all your future endeavors. Ja:goh.



On Sunday, June 27th, Team WHEEL STRONG held their Allegany Bike Ride Fundraiser at the ACC.

They would like to say “Nya:wëh” to ALL 51 amazing

Team Wheel Strong Rides for Roswell

Riding together to end cancer

Photos by Seneca Media | Info from Team Wheel Strong FB Page

Riders, and to the volunteers and friends of Wheel Strong that made donations towards the event.

Shout out to Joshua Becker, Christian Reiller Sr., Tina Abrams, Tina Becker, Nearly New, Brody Jimerson, My AM

Set-Up Crew (had them on the road at 6:30am), Allie George-SNI Conservation, the local Police on e-bikes, ACC, Maps and Boundaries and Patrick Redeye - Seneca Media for helping with the ride.

There was fun had by all as

they battled the heat and brought Team Fundraising to \$6,436.00!

All proceeds from the event will be donated to the 2021 Ride for Roswell for the Fight Against Cancer!





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

In 2012 the United Methodist Church passed a resolution directing the church to begin a process of healing relationships with indigenous peoples which



is to continue throughout the quadrennium and beyond. Since the resolution was passed, Methodist churches have begun learning about the impact of historical trauma and confessing the church's participation in the continuing effects of that trauma.

Please continue to pray for healing in our communities – whether it be spiritual, emotional, or physical healing. 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. Prayer is powerful and it can bring about astounding results.

On Monday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m. the Four Corners church will be hosting an evening of sharing for Caregivers. Please come and share your experiences as a caregiver. The group will

decide future meeting dates and times. This is a great opportunity to address the needs of caregivers whether you are caring for a loved one who is elderly or one who is a child. We have all been caregivers at one time or another in our lives. Refreshments will be served.

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 Chapel

8077 East Loop Rd., Jimersontown
Submitted by Winfield Bowen

On Wednesday, July 28th, our Gospel Band along with singer-songwriter-guitarist, Will Lowry, will present a **FREE concert** in memory of Ralph Bowen. It will be held at the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum amphitheater at 7pm.

On Sunday, August 8th, a celebration of life will be held in remembrance of Pastor Ralph Bowen starting at 11am at the chapel. A fellowship dinner will follow at the ACC. **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

We would also like to mention our Pointman veterans ministry invites any law enforcement, first responders, rescue workers, or anyone who may suffer from past traumatic experience. Our meetings are a safe place to release the pain of the past or present time. Please consider coming, **our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 22, 2021 at 7pm.**

For more information or if you have questions, call (716) 945-5607 or (716) 265-1963.

Congratulations to Lafayette Williams!

Submitted by Maryann Williams

It's only been two years and you received the employee of the year award! Awesome dedication!


I am so proud of you!

Love Maryann




FREE CONCERT

in memory of Ralph Bowen



The Red House Gospel Band



World Class Guitarist Will Lowry

SENECA-IROQUOIS NATIONAL MUSEUM

Wednesday July 28th at 7:00 pm
(Rain location ACC Building)

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

Call us at 716-945-1790, ext. 3030 or x3029 OR 716-532-4900, ext. 5495. Email us: sninews@sni.org



Why FKS? (Faith Keepers School) | *By Keely Watt*

Before my daughter was even born I knew that when she was of age she would attend Faith Keepers School. Why did I make this premature decision?

FKS is a school where she will have the opportunity to learn about who she is and learn along side other Native American Children. Our culture and our language is what makes us who we are. The school teaches our children that our culture, language and our ways ARE beautiful and nothing to be ashamed of. Especially in light of the #EveryChildMatters movement, which addresses the tragedies at the residential schools, this effort has only been strengthened. FKS creates an environment where the children are excited to dive in

to our language and become comfortable with singing, dancing and learning our ceremonial cycle. All of the things that are so important but yet are in dying need of nourishment.

The school uses Montessori methods to teach kids which is a very hands on way to learn. The teachers have expressed that this method works very well with the kids and also with our culture. The Faith Keeper School is located in a non-typical school area, it's not right in the city where you can drop your child off on your way to work, it's remote. It's in an area where the employees and kids can focus and are able to care for animals, learn about agriculture and connect with mother nature.

I am very aware of how important all of these things are thanks to my grandmother. I want to instill the same knowledge, passion and acceptance in my daughter that my grandmother did in me when it came to being Native American. FKS is a school where the teachers and employees all have the ability to enhance these teachings that I want to pass on to my daughter. Everyone from the teacher, to the cooks and the bus driver/monitor, they are all role models to these children. It's a way of life down there.

I am eager to send my daughter to FKS because I believe in their goals to make our children comfortable and PROUD to be who they are.

Seneca Nation pride flag flown throughout the Seneca Nation Territories in recognition of pride month

WHAT'S NEW: The latest news and updates from the Center for Native American Youth | Reprinted from www.cnay.org

On June 9th, 2021, I was proud, not only as an ally of the LGBTQ2S+ Community, but also as an elected official for the Seneca Nation, to support my fellow Seneca citizen, Olivia Maybee, as she organized a rally to urge the leadership of the Seneca Nation to have her custom Seneca Nation pride rainbow flag flown throughout the Seneca Nation Territories in recognition of pride month. Olivia's inspiration for this idea originated from the Opaskwayak Cree Nation in Canada, whom themselves raised their own rainbow flags in 2020 and called for other Indigenous Nations to follow suit.

To me, there is much more meaning to hanging the flag. It will show those who live and visit our lands that this is a Nation that welcomes everyone, regardless of who they love or how they identify.

Assisting her in the process or getting through the "red tape" wasn't an easy task. But for me it felt as an obligation. I have been involved in the affairs of the Seneca Nation since I was fifteen, serving in our Executive, Legislative, Judicial

Branches as well as serving as a Government/External Affairs Fellow, Youth Ambassador, and now as the youngest elected official in the history of our Nation. I took that as being a voice for so many who have been voiceless for so long. My uncle, Rod, who passed in 2010 was a member of the LGBTQ2S+ community. He faced so much discrimination, was hurt, and belittled throughout his life because

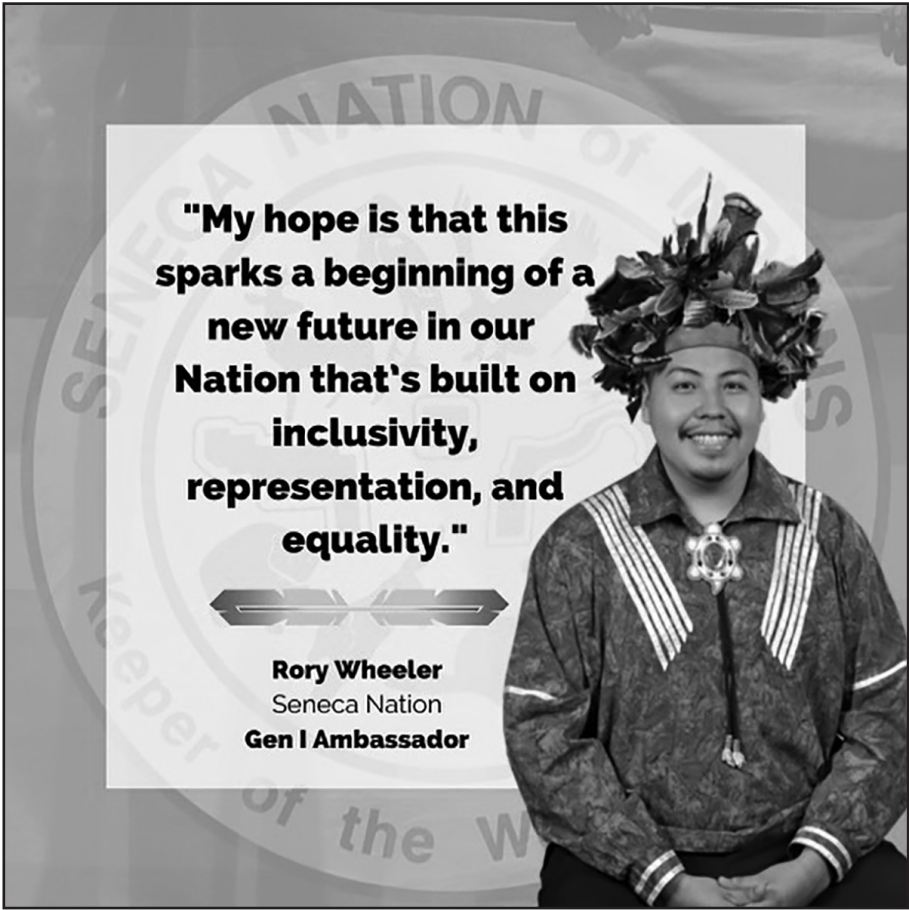
of who he was. But he never reciprocated that hate. He was, and is, still an inspiration to me and many others. He taught us that even though people around you, even those close to you, may spew hate, but we must never let that stop us from being the person we want to be. That we must persevere.

I'm proud to say that we succeeded. The late and great Congressman John Lewis said,

"Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble." I'm so proud of Olivia for pushing this across the finish line. I'm happy I was able to help be an advocate for such a worthy cause, as it wasn't easy, but necessary.

On Friday June 11th, the flags were flown on the sovereign territories of the Seneca Nation that are the Allegany, Cattaraugus, Oil Springs, Niagara Falls, and Buffalo Creek territories. My hope that this sparks a beginning of a new future in our Nation that's built on inclusivity, representation, and equality. Finally, my closing message is that we must always strive to be voices for the voiceless. We must strive to grow our communities into a "more perfect union". It is always worth fighting for what is right, even if it's not the most popular. Leave a lasting legacy for those that will come after you, it is what our ancestors not only fought for, but it is what we need.

Rory Wheeler,
Seneca Nation
Generation Indigenous
Ambassador



NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF GERALDINE JONES

Administrator: Rae L. Jones,
8193 Breed Run Rd., Salamanca, NY 14779
~ Allegany Territory - 2nd Notice ~

ESTATE OF ALICE J. PERKINS

Administrator: Mark Perkins,
8977 Sawmill Run Rd., Little Valley, NY 14755
~ 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:
OLD
PHOTOS

Attention
Community Members:

We are looking for photos of the Thomas Indian School and older buildings such as the old Firehall, Legion, Rec. Hall, etc. You can submit copies of the photos to:

Bradley Jimerson, Media Content Producer
Seneca Media and Communications Center
11 Thomas Indian School Drive, Irving, NY 14081
Phone: 716.532-4900, ext. 5462

2021 Newtown Field Days

Saturday, July 31st Events

- Lacrosse Skills Competition - 10am-12pm
- Baby Contest - 1pm
- Smoke Dance Competition - 3pm
- Men's Fastest Shot - 6pm
- Darren Stevens Memorial Master's Lacrosse Game - 7pm

Sunday, August 1st Events

- Fast Pitch Game Nephew v. Uncle - 10am
- All Children Matter Parade for Kids - 12pm
- Car Push Contest - *to take place after parade
- Smoke Dance Competition - 3pm

For more detailed information, check out the
Ganödase' Community Facebook page!



Pinewoods
Community
Association



FIELD DAY
AUGUST 14, 2021

EVENTS
START AT
10 AM

WATCH FOR DETAILS ON OUR
FACEBOOK PAGE!

-SMOKE DANCE
CONTEST
-KICKBALL
TOURNEY
-VOLLEYBALL
TOURNEY
-CRAFT VENDORS
-FOOD VENDORS
AND MORE!



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.

NYS Fair Agricultural Society of
Cattaraugus - General meeting

When: August 1, 2021 | Time: 6pm
Where: at the Pine woods ball field

Bring your own chair, our meeting will be outside. Membership dues will be collected. Introduction of the 2021 Princess.
As always, NEW members welcome!
For more information contact Mary Jacobs at:
Phone: 716-803-2608 | Email: wilmarjac5@aol.com

Next SNI Newsletter Deadline

Deadline: Tues., July 20, 2021 | Publication date: 7-30-21

Community Health: Summer Safety



Flowers or Weeds? Know the difference to prevent painful blisters and rashes!



Wild Parsnip
DON'T TOUCH! Can cause severe burns!



Giant Hogweed
DON'T TOUCH! Can cause severe burns!



Cow Parsnip
May cause burns or irritation.



Queen Anne's Lace
May cause burns or irritation.

What to do if you come in contact with one of these plants:

- ⇒ Immediately wash the area with soap and water.
- ⇒ Do not expose the area to sunlight for at least 48 hours. The sap causes a chemical burn that is activated by sunlight and may be sensitive for up to 2 years!
- ⇒ Contact your physician if a rash, discoloration, or blisters develop.



*Sources: http://nyis.info/invasive_species/wild-parsnip/; <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/105388.html>; <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/39809.html>; <https://www.reconnectwithnature.org/news-events/big-features/know-the-nasties>

SNHS Employee Spotlight



Sheena Moshier is an exercise specialist located at the Lionel R. John Health Center. She has been employed with the health system for 2 years and 4 months.



We asked what she likes best about her job and what her job duties are. She says “Getting to know the patients and listening to their stories! Also, seeing them having fun while exercising!” Her job duties include: performing fitness evaluation assessments to establish baseline for exercise program; creating exercise programs for patients and assist in implementing them; and providing patient education on exercise.

What is the most beneficial/inspirational part of her position? She says “The most inspirational part of my job is seeing patients making positive progress in their programs and overall wellness. Seeing patients proud of the positive impact they’ve made in their health and well-being is awe-inspiring.”

Sheena grew up in Duke Center, PA and attended the University of Pittsburgh and the California University of Pennsylvania. She earned a bachelor of science in sports medicine and a master of science in exercise science and health promotion, respectively.

We asked what she likes to do in her spare time. She says “I enjoy traveling, kayaking, and spending time with family.”

Favorite quote or words/advice that she lives by? She says “Believe you can and you’re halfway there.– Theodore Roosevelt.”

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



The Seneca Nation’s Annual Water Quality Report for 2020 is available at: <https://www.senecahealth.org/environmental-health>


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.




Visit our website www.senecahealth.org



SENECA NATION
HEALTH SYSTEM


REFERRALS

A 5-STEP PROCESS



PROCESS FOR ACTIVE, ELIGIBLE PATIENTS

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Need for outside referral identified by SNHS provider

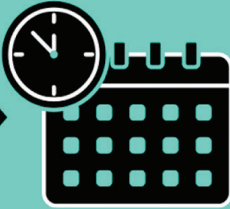
2A

Internal process initiated, referrals will contact patient to provide office info

2B


Patient is provided office information immediately for some emergent or specialty referral cases

3




Patient schedules appointment based on their availability

4



Patient must notify referral department of the date and time of their appointment. Cancellations or rescheduling should be reported.

5



Referral, payment authorization, medical records, etc. are sent via fax. Patient may request hard-copy of referral to pick up at SNHS.


FOR MORE INFORMATION ON REFERRALS AND PURCHASED/REFERRED CARE, CONSULT THE SNHS PATIENT SERVICES HANDBOOK

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



NATIVE
connections

 ASIST

Honor your journey.

LEARN THE SKILLS.
HELP SAVE A LIFE.

Suicide is preventable. Anyone can make a difference.

ASIST is:

- Two-day workshop in suicide intervention skills
- Learn and practice a life-saving intervention model
- Widely used by professionals and the general public
- Cost effective with a 50:1 return on investment in decreasing long-term costs of suicide (2015 study)

ASIST's impact in 2016

108,583 interventions

15,201 suicide attempts prevented

87,567 participants

ASIST CHANGES LIVES

Odds of improvement after receiving an ASIST intervention:

- 35% more hopeful
- 31% less depressed
- 46% less overwhelmed
- 74% less suicidal

UPCOMING ASIST WORKSHOP

DATES

Tuesday, July 20th -and- Wednesday, July 21st

TIMES

8:30am - 4:30pm

LOCATION

Allegany Community Center
Salamanca, NY 14779


REGISTRATION DEADLINE


July 16th


TO INQUIRE/REGISTER EMAIL:


lbushman@senecahealth.org


COVID-19 safety guidelines will be in place and provided to all registered participants.


 SENECA NATION HEALTH SYSTEM

 ASIST

 LIVINGWORKS

 suicideTALK

 suicide to Hope

 safeTALK

Learn more about ASIST and see the evidence at www.livingworks.net/ASIST

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visit us on-line
@sninews.org

Deyodaö'gwa'a:h gado:gë:h nä:h Cinnamon

Ėdwades'a: Nėyönishe't:

wis niyo: no'sgä:ge:h

Ėdwade'sgö:dë' Nėyönishe't:

washë:h niyo: no'sgä:ge:h

Degayësda:nö':

- Gë:öje' washë:h flour tortillas
- 1/2 cup. Owisä:ta' (onö'nöwëh)
- 1/3 cup. Owä:nö'
- 2 tsp. Cinnamon

Neköh Nësa:je:':

1. Ėsa'daiya't ya:e' 350°F hëga:dëh.
2. Owä:nö', cinnamon koh dëhšes, dësawë:nye:'.
Wa'k'a:h ëhšë:'.
3. Ėswihšöhga:' tortillas dësadehsteo:gwat
cinnamon, owä:nö' koh.
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ëga:e'.
5. Ėsade'sgö:dë' 8-10 niyo: no'sgä:ge:h; ëyotöga:e'.
Ėganö'no:s ga:o' nö'wö:dih ëhse:k!



**Ogwe:nyö:h ësekdö:' ha'deyojiyage:h koh!*

Note: There is a video that correlates with this submission that can be found on our Facebook page and YouTube channel (search Seneca Language) | Senecalanguage.com

Onödowa'ga: Gawë:nö'
Pronunciation Key

a.....f <u>a</u> ther	ä.....c <u>a</u> t	e.....the <u>y</u>	ë.....m <u>e</u> n	i.....pol <u>i</u> ce	o.....not <u>e</u>
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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.

NEWTOWN FIELD DAYS

SMOKE DANCE COMPETITION

SATURDAY JULY 31ST
3PM & 5PM

REGISTRATION 10 AM SATURDAY - \$10

TINY TOTS (0-5)
JR'S (6-12)
TEENS (13-17)
ADULTS (18-39)
GOLDEN AGE (40+)

MENS & WOMENS SWITCH DANCE SPECIAL
SUNDAY
TOP MALE & TOP FEMALE WINNER

PIC•COLLAGE

Congrats to Evelyn Louise Wheeler

Submitted by Rosie Wheeler

Evelyn recently graduated from Atlantic High School in Port Orange, FL. While attending Atlantic HS she was a cheerleader during all 4 years of her high school career for both football and basketball.

Evelyn is the daughter of Rosie Wheeler and the Late Arthur "Sugar" Montour. She is the sister to Louis and Brittany Nephew and Kawannahere, Rawisaketskwes, Iewenhniserakon, Iehsas, Tionkethota, Asokwatakon, Ietsiketokwan-Mel, and Atharoserine-Amor.

I am so proud of your accomplishment!!

Love Mom