## The Official Newsletter of the

## SENECA NATION



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## A message from President Matthew B. Pagels



## Nya:wëh sgënö' gagwe:göh,

I'm thankful you are well. Happy summer! We sure have had plenty of rain over the past month. I hope your gardens are prospering from it.

I'm glad to report our Covid-19 numbers were at **zero** for the last 10-day snap shot again. You may however, be aware of the new Delta variant that is present in many states including NYS. This variant is extremely contagious and the symptoms are much more severe than other Covid strains. Please remain vigilant in following

standard Covid-19 protocols. Also, vaccinated individuals are better protected so please encourage family to get their vaccinations. Contact the health centers for more specific information regarding vaccinations or if you would like to set up a vaccination appointment. (See the Covid-19 Vaccination OPEN ELIGIBILITY announcement on the next page.)

On another important note, the Seneca Nation continues to wait on a decision regarding the motion filed in April with the federal district court, to vacate the previous decision in which the Nation was directed to make the payment to the State. In brief, the Nation agreed to pay a "State Contribution" payment to NYS for a period of 14 years. After this was exhausted the Nation took the position that the obligation was concluded as of December 31, 2016. NYS commenced a formal arbitration proceeding against the Nation, which resulted in the Arbitration panel's decision to agree with the State. The Nation appealed through to the Second Circuit Court of Appeals who, also agreed with the panel in the lower courts.

A new motion was filed by the Nation and

based on a technical assistance letter issued to the Department of the Interior, which indicated that they had never reviewed the payment terms of the compact or if the state contribution rate for the period was lawful. Again, we are awaiting to hear of their ruling. Our current compact will expire in December, 2023.

The Nation also brought forth a lawsuit in 2018 against the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York (WDNY) to stop NYS from continuing to violate the Nation's treaty rights and federal law by operating the Thruway across Cattaraugus Territory without the required federal government approval. To avoid the state from using a sovereign immunity defense from being sued the Nation has brought suit against certain individuals within the state, namely the Governor, NYS Attorney General, and acting Commissioner of NY Department of Transportation, and the Comptroller of NY. This type of suit is called an "Ex Parte Young" where individuals are sued and not the State specifically.

The State attempted to have the case dismissed due (Continued on page 2)

#### 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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to sovereign immunity against suit, but the WDNY ruled in the Nation's favor late last year. The State in turn appealed this decision in April of 2021 to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and briefing is currently underway. The Nation filed a response to the brief with support from the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc. who filed an amicus brief on July 20, 2021. More information will be forthcoming regarding this case.

On July 23, 2021 the Nation held a Special Council session to create the Cannabis Code, and a Cannabis Authority to oversee



the code. The Authority, once appointed, will draft regulations and will be governed by the regulatory Authority Bylaws. All motions creating this initiative were passed during this Council session and will be available for review at the Clerk's office. The Clerk will post the eligibility requirements to serve on the Commission as soon as it is available.

Continue to have a great summer and as always stay safe, stay strong.

Dah ne'hoh dih ae'. Matt

- Reminder: Access up-to-date (virtual) PRESIDENTIAL UPDATES here:

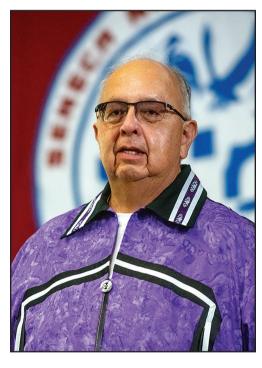
SNI Newsletter website: www.sninews.org

Seneca Media Facebook page: www.facebook.com/senecamedia

Seneca Nation website: www.sni.org

Seneca Nation COVID-19 Response Hub: **covid19.snigis.org**  Seneca Nation Twitter account **@theSenecaNation** 

## FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER



#### Greetings,

Our summer recreation and educational programs have kicked off for the summer. I hope our youth are taking full advantage of these opportunities to learn new things, participate in some physical activity and socialize. In comparison to last summer, I know this summer will be very enjoyable - just to be able to gather together, once again.

Our Fiscal Department staff continues to be very busy

with 2021-2022 budget meetings and government-wide budget preparations. We meet several times each week with various departments to examine staffing needs and make sound decisions, based on projected resources available. Yes, the process can be cumbersome, but we have a very capable fiscal staff which does an excellent job with preparations and providing information. The month of August is entirely devoted to reaching our goal for final budgets to be completed by mid-September. Aside from it being budget season, I'd also like to mention that our Buffalo Creek One Stop continues to do an amazing job as the leader amongst all five of our One Stop stores. The Seneca One Stop, located at Buffalo Creek has exceeded our sales projections, thus far and is continuing to perform at a tremendous level. The store seems to be well accepted by the community, as a fresh alternative to what our competitors offer, in the proximity of downtown Buffalo. This new venture in downtown Buffalo, further exemplifies

the Seneca Nation's mission to address community needs and to create additional revenue; within walking distance of our gaming operations. Kudos to Rick Blaszyk, CEO of Seneca Nation Enterprises and his hard-working staff!

Nya:wëh to all of our members whom have sent in their forms to receive American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and for completing the survey on the back page. This survey information will be used to guide decisions about how to best utilize ARPA funds to improve our overall quality of life and to address our community priorities. Also, your comments, ideas, and feedback are very important, so please do not hesitate to submit them. In addition to the application; and in accordance with other Seneca Nation direct benefit programs, enrolled Senecas must have completed their regular registration requirements with the Clerk's Office. The deadline is August 2nd, 2021, for the first distribution date of August 25th. The deadline is August 31st, 2021, for the second distribution date of September 29th, 2021. If you have not received an ARPA Fund form in the mail, please contact the Clerk's Office as soon as possible -

<u>Allegany</u>: (716) 945-1790; <u>Cattaraugus</u>: (716) 532-4900; <u>Buffalo Office</u>: (716) 951-7555.

Although we are now consistently reporting zero active cases of COVID-19 on both of our territories, please remain mindful that the COVID virus is still a threat and there has been a slight increase in active cases in New York State. Also, the Delta variant virus poses a new threat, mainly to unvaccinated people. For the protection of yourself and your loved ones, 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

Located at: 533 Amherst Street

Buffalo, NY 14207

Hours: Monday-Friday: 8am-4:30pm

## **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 <u>one</u> payment of \$1,000 to enrolled Senecas <u>either</u> 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.** 

#### **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 <a href="https://www.sni.org">www.sni.org</a> 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 <a href="https://www.sni.org">www.sni.org</a> 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

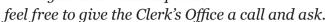
In order to begin receiving Minor Trust Fund disbursements. A member must be at least 18 years old and submit the following documentation:

- 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)

## 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



945-1790, traci.pacini@sni.org; Cattaraugus Territory - Seneca Nation Education Department (716) 532-3341, barbara.weston@sni.org.

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 can be directed to Charisse Ground or Leslie Cook.

## **30-Day Public Comment**

Seneca Nation of Indians Underground & Above-Ground Storage Tank Act

Please be advised that the following business located within the Seneca Nation Territories, more particularly on the Cattaraugus Territory, has submitted an application to install/operate an Above/Under Ground Storage Tank for the purpose of petroleum products. This notice will allow for a 30-day public comment period in accordance with the Above/Under Ground Storage Tank Ordinance, enacted by Seneca Nation Council on September 22, 1997.

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Irving, NY 14081

Cattaraugus Territory | Community: Bucktown

All comments must be submitted in writing to the Clerk of the Nation at the following address:

Seneca Nation of Indians, Marta L. Kettle, Clerk 12837 Rte 438 Irving, NY 14081

Begin – July 30, 2021 | End – August 29, 2021

Posted July 2021

## PUBLIC NOTICE: Seneca Nation Enterprise Board of Directors

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

### **GAMING**

# Live Entertainment Returning to Seneca Resorts & Casinos in August; Ron White Coming to Seneca Niagara, John Fogerty to Seneca Allegany

Tickets for new shows ON SALE NOW!

Niagara Falls, NY - Salamanca, NY:
After more than a year, Seneca Resorts
& Casinos is bringing live entertainment
back to Western New York with a pair of
blockbuster shows in August. Ron White
will perform in the Seneca Niagara Events
Center on Saturday, August 21 at 8 p.m., and
John Fogerty will rock the Seneca Allegany
Events Center on Saturday, August 28 at 7
p.m. Tickets for both shows are on sale now!

"We are thrilled to bring the magic and energy of live performances back to our stages," said Christian Printup, Senior Executive Director of Entertainment & Special Events, Seneca Gaming Corporation. "We are ready to rock, ready to laugh and ready to hear our guests' cheers fill our performance venues again. We're bringing live entertainment back to our Seneca Resorts & Casinos properties, and

we're bringing it back in a big way."

Ron White is a comedy legend who rose to fame as part of the Blue Collar Comedy Tour. Known as the scotch drinking, cigar smoking funnyman, White has built a career by telling brutally honest stories brimming with punch

lines and bursting with laughs. His popular stand-up routines have earned him multiple Grammy nominations, four Number One albums on the Billboard Comedy Charts,

three top-rated, one-hour comedy specials, a book on the New York Times Best Seller List, CD and DVD sales in the tens of millions, and a place among the most popular and successful comedians in America. You won't want to miss this night of non-stop laughs! This is an 18 years and older show.

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Tickets start at \$35.

**John Fogerty** is a true American treasure. As leader of Creedence Clearwater Revival, Fogerty forged a distinctive, groundbreaking sound all his own, equal parts blues, country, pop, rockabilly, R&B, swamp boogie, and Southern fried rock 'n' roll, all united by his uniquely evocative lyrical perspective. Fogerty is a Grammy winner and has been inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame as well as the Songwriters Hall of Fame. He is the only musician to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame for his song, "Centerfield," a staple at baseball stadiums across the country. Among Fogerty's many hit songs, both as a solo artist and as leader of CCR, highlights include "Centerfield," "Proud Mary," "Susie Q," "Fortunate Son," "Born on the Bayou," "Bad Moon Rising," and "Have You Ever Seen the Rain," among many others. Tickets on sale July 16 at 10 a.m.! Tickets start at \$75.

#### **OTHER UPCOMING SHOWS:**

In addition to the newly-announced shows by Ron White and John Fogerty, other upcoming performances at Seneca Resorts & Casinos include:

### **Aaron Lewis**

(Seneca Allegany) October 15 at 8pm SOLD OUT

### The Village People

(Seneca Niagara) October 28 & 29 at 8pm. Tickets start @ \$65

### **Cedric The Entertainer & Friends**

(Seneca Niagara) November 20 at 8pm Tickets start @ \$45

## TO PURCHASE TICKETS

for Seneca Resorts & Casinos Shows: Tickets may be purchased at 8 Clans inside Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino, The Logo Shop inside Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino, online at ticketmaster.com, or at any Ticketmaster location.



## THE INSIDE SCOOP WITH DR. LORI QUIGLEY



AUGUST 2021

## On a Personal Note...

Nya:wëh Sgë:nö'! I hope everyone is enjoying a wonderful summer. It won't be long now before the kids are back in school and we start to look towards 2022!

I am excited about this month's spotlights for a couple of reasons. First, I get to introduce another new member of our SGC board, Jay B. John.

Second, I get to tell you about an innovative new program we've launched called Leadership Seneca. I can't wait to see all the great things this energetic team has planned for our Seneca Team Members.

Seneca Gaming Corporation's future continues to look brighter every day! And now is also a great time to join our team. If you're looking for a fulfilling career that really offers The Best 8 Hours, call Matthew Snyder, our Native Recruiter, at (716) 501-2215 or (716) 425-5259. Or apply online at TheBest8Hours.com.

Until September, be well!



Chairwoman, Board of Directors Seneca Gaming Corporation

#### MEET JAY B. JOHN

At Seneca Gaming Corporation, we continually seek new opportunities to grow and reach new markets, which also happens to be one of Jay B. John's areas of expertise. Jay, a new SGC Board Member and Compensation Committee Chairman, previously served on the Seneca Commission for Economic Development. Jay also recently obtained his Level I and Level II Commissioner Training Certification through the National Indian Gaming Association.



Not only does Jay have a mind for business and embraces an entrepreneurial spirit, this Snipe Clan member is passionate about our community and actively volunteers for events, especially on the Cattaraugus Territory where he and his family live.

Welcome, Jay! With your energy and economic development experience, we look forward to the contributions you'll make toward our organization's future.

## LEADERSHIP SENECA: A NEW WAY TO CONNECT WITH OUR SENECA TEAM MEMBERS

We want our Seneca Team Members to grow and thrive in our organization. That's why this month we launched **Leadership Seneca**, a person-focused program created to develop SGC's future leaders. Participants in this program will enjoy opportunities to hone their leadership skills through learning and development, continuous improvement principles, and executive mentorship.

Leaderhip Seneca combines a drive for innovation with a focus on integrating Seneca culture and awareness throughout SGC. We are excited about the opportunities for our Team Members to help them acheive their goals, personally and professionally.

Ja:goh to our Leadership Seneca team as they pave the path for our company's future!

- Drew Quigley, Director of Leadership Seneca
- Joshua Howard, Learning & Development Manager
- Kurtis McGonnell, Sr. Continuous Improvement Assoc.
- Devonne Gardner, Sr. Program Manager
- Nikki Seneca, Program Manager Kerstine Shinners, Program Manager





## Mark your calendars!

August 8th, we celebrate our 39th Annual Birthday with over \$25,000 in Bingo Payout\$!

Plus a chance to win up to \$1000 cash in hot seat drawings!

Follow them on Facebook: Seneca Gaming and Entertainment Salamanca NY

https://www.facebook. com/Seneca-Gaming-and-Entertainment-Salamanca-NY

## **Cannabis Industry Workforce Development**

Submitted by Jessica Crouse, Director of Seneca Nation Cannabis Department

The Cannabis Industry has been growing by leaps and bounds, and institutions of higher education have responded by developing curriculum to build a skilled workforce. It must be noted that for most cannabis industry jobs, one must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

Skills needed to be successful in the long-term can be cultivated via hands-on learning, online learning, and on-the-job training. However, there are some skill sets that may require more involvement, for example: culinary certification which includes nationally accredited food safety curriculum; a horticulture degree/certificate to include a Pesticide Applicator Training Certificate; and a cannabis laboratory technician that qualifies for work in an accredited laboratory, just to name a few.

The Seneca Nation's Cannabis Department would like to invite those in the community that are interested in any of the following programs to give us a call or to just drop by our offices and chat about the cannabis industry in-general. For, we have been in-contact with each of these respective program leaders and educational staff to gather the details and proper contacts to help you get started!

Here are some higher education opportunities:

## Culinary Cannabis and Edibles Certificate - Niagara Falls Culinary Institute

- **Format**: Lecture, in-person Fall Semester, Mondays 3-4:40pm
- **Course covers**: legal, financial, and societal issues; laws that govern cannabis distribution, cultivation, possession, and consumption for adults and medical patients; history of cannabis; plant anatomy; concentrates and extracts; the human endocannabinoid system; cannabis terpenes; culinary cannabis industry math; and cannabis shopping/cooking.
- Pre-requisites: ServSafe® Certificate or 8 hours in food safety and sanitation
- Note: do not need to be a matriculated student

## Horticulture Certificate and Associate of Applied Sciences Degree – Niagara County Community College

- Program is ideal for aspiring: master growers, cultivators, propagators, pest management specialists, operations managers, postharvest technicians, production managers, and quality control technicians.
- Required coursework: Advanced First Aid & CPR; Business Management; Externship; Plant Biology; Soil Science; and Plant Protections (Integrated Pest Management) includes NYS 30-hour Pesticide Applicator Training Certificate.
- 12-18 credits as electives from: Biology of Cannabis; Business of Cannabis; Cannabis Pest Management; Cannabis Production; and Greenhouse Management.
- **Note**: Some cannabis-based courses may be available on a non-credit/non-degree basis through the NCCC Office of Workforce Development.

Cultivation Technician & Cannabis Laboratory Technician - Individual Studies Certificate Programs --State University of New York (SUNY) Fulton-Montgomery **Community College (FMCC)** 

Cultivation Technician - 2 semesters, 15 credits

**Fall**: Computer Applications (3), Industrial Automations and Robotics I (3), General Chemistry I (4), Career Success (1), Career Search (1).

**Spring**: Special Topics - Hydroponics (3), Biology of Animals and Plants or Biology (3), Career Search (1), and Collaborative Career Learning (8).

• Cannabis Laboratory Technician - 3 semesters, 34 credits Fall: Computer Applications (3), Industrial Automations and Robotics I (3), General Chemistry I (4), Career Success (1), Career Search (1).

**Spring**: Industrial Automations and Robotics II (3), Construction and Facilities Maintenance I (3), and Collaborative Career Learning II or Restrictive Electives with permission from faculty (8).

### Cannabis Studies (Industry) Minor - SUNY Morrisville

- **Note**: Program aligns well with bachelor's degree in horticulture, agriculture and natural science.
- Coursework/opportunities: year-round learning, indoor and outdoor growing, tissue culture labs, hydroponics, organic farming, botany, agricultural science, horticulture, processing techniques, marketing capabilities and evaluations, and business programs.
- **Program has**: 15-acre CBD hemp plot; 30-acre hemp grain plot; 10-acre hemp fiber plot; and partnerships with New York State (NYS) processors for hands-on learning opportunities.

## Certificate Programs: Business of Cannabis, Agriculture and Horticulture, Law and Policy, Healthcare and Medicine - University of Illinois Springfield (UIS)

- **Format**: Non-credit online certificates; each certificate program includes three (3), eight-week fully online courses.
- Cost: \$2,500 each certificate

Business of Cannabis - covers seed-to-sale

Agriculture and Horticulture - cannabis production, management, and cultivation.

Law and Policy - options to specialize in -- agriculture, entrepreneurial, or healthcare.

Healthcare and Medicine - Cannabis 101 to Integrated Clinical Practice

The Cannabis Department's office is located at:

## Seneca Allegany Administration Building, 90 Ohi:yo' Way, Salamanca, NY 14779 - 2nd Floor next to Human Resources

Please enter building via the front doors and adhere to any current Seneca Nation COVID-19 protocols. Or, you may also call us at (716) 945-1790. Or, email us at SNCannabisDept@sni.org.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Director, Jessica Crouse Compliance Officer, Roland Jimerson

## **SN Disability Services Social Security Assistance**

ALLEGANY & CATTARAUĞUS 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:

<u>Allegany Territory</u> August 18, 2021 From 9am-3pm

Cattaraugus Territory 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



## **Job Announcement**

Check out Seneca Nations website for job postings at:

www.sni.org Submit applications/resume for **Allegany Territory to:** 

Human Resources Department Phone: (716)-945-1790 ext. 3113 Attn: Shelly Rivas 90 Ohi:yo Way, P.O. Box 231 Salamanca, NY 14779

Fax: (716)-945-8676

Email: shelly.rivas@sni.org

#### **Cattaraugus Territory to:**

Human Resources Department Phone: (716)-532-4900 ext. 5091 Attn: Darcy Kettle 12837 Route 438 Irving, NY 14081

Fax: (716)-532-8235

Email: darcy.kettle@sni.org



## **SNI Holdings Update -July 2021**

Seneca Holdings continues to grow its federal government contracting business and is actively pursuing new businesses that can provide long-term growth and diversification for the Seneca Nation.

At this time of year, the federal government contracting business (which we refer to as the Seneca Nation Group or SNG) is very busy. Our companies are gearing up for a strong final quarter to the government fiscal year (which ends on September 30). The last quarter is particularly important for winning federal government contracts as there is typically a push by government agencies to use funds before they expire at the end of the fiscal year. The SNG business development team works with customers throughout the year to identify opportunities and grow the pipeline with the exception of end-of-year awards.

The federal contract pipeline this year is particularly strong and the SNG team is preparing for a large influx of new contracts.



We look forward to reporting how the year ended and how many new positions we will be able to add. As always, we highly encourage everyone to look at our Careers page at www. <u>senecaholdings.com</u>. When applying for a position, be sure to complete the special section for Senecas, who always have preference.

The Holdings Management Committee has been working on a long-term growth and diversification strategy which was formally adopted in July. The long-term goal is to develop a diversified portfolio of businesses that can deliver long-term, sustained income to the Seneca Nation. The strategy includes continued growth in federal contracting and also developing new businesses in the portfolio.

This summer Seneca Holdings is partnering with the Vision 2020 Summer Internship Program to provide professional development training sessions to the high school and college interns. The sessions address financial literacy, team building, leadership, public speaking and professional writing. These skills are indispensable to those entering the workforce, and we are eager to help train and develop the next generation of leaders.

Progress on the Cattaraugus Territory Fiber Network continues with make-ready work and tree-trimming continuing through August. Seneca Telecommunications and Seneca Energy are comanaging the project and we expect construction to begin by early August. For residents and businesses on the Cattaraugus Territory, please pre-register for fiber internet and phone service at https:// sni.dftcommunications.com/ or by calling 716-53-3131 or 833-989-2876. Our partners at DFT Communications will be providing service as soon as the network is operational.

Don't forget, Seneca Holdings is hiring! We consistently have open positions across our teams, and we are always looking for the best and brightest. Please check out our website www. senecaholdings.com for the most updated job openings.



## **Investment in Renewable Energy Reaches Big Milestone for the Seneca Nation**

Submitted by Seneca Energy & Seneca Nation's Climate Task Force

The Seneca Nation believes that an investment in renewable energy is an investment in the overall health of the Seneca Nation people. The Seneca Nation is proud of the renewable energy initiatives that we have pursued and we are excited to announce that we have achieved a big milestone. To date, we have generated 20,000,000 kilowatt hours of electricity!

This production has provided the Seneca Nation with electricity credits totaling over two million dollars and Seneca Energy has paid out ~\$520,000 directly to residents through its renewable energy credit program.

The financial health of these projects is important, but one of the primary drivers for these "Green" initiatives was the benefits that would be provided to Mother Earth. The kilowatt hours generated thus far have reduced Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions significantly over the past three and a half years.

GHG emissions equivalent to 3,082 passenger vehicles driven in one year have been avoided. These projects have reduced CO2 emissions by an equivalent of 2,575 homes electricity use over the span of a year or over 1.5MM gallons of gasoline consumed.

In short, these renewable energy projects have helped to protect Mother Earth from harmful GHG emissions and they serve as a symbol of the Seneca Nation's dedication to a better tomorrow for the future seven generations.

Nya:wëh, Seneca Energy / Seneca Nation's Climate Task Force



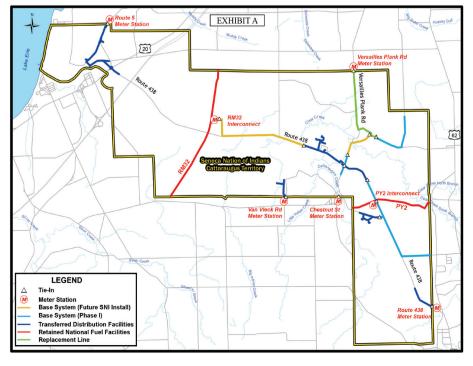


## **Natural Gas Map**

Submitted by Seneca Energy & Seneca Utilities

During July's Council, the Seneca Nation approved the repair and expansion of the natural gas distribution system on the Cattaraugus Territory. The below map depicts the areas where natural gas lines exist or will exist once the project has been completed. You will receive a direct notification letter if you will be effected by the upcoming project. Some residents will require a new service line and other residents will gain access to cheaper, more reliable natural gas. Construction will begin this summer and continue through June 2022.

## Nya:wëh, Seneca Energy / Seneca Utilities





## Meet the Staff at the Seneca Nation Training & Employment Resource Center

Submitted by Rory Crouse & Kristi Millar, TERC



#### **Rory Crouse**

Hae'! My name is Rory Crouse, I recently joined the Seneca Nation's Training & Employment Resource Center. I am the Vocational Rehabilitation and 477 program Intake Technician on the Allegany Territory.

I have an Associate of Arts degree in Social Sciences from Jamestown Community College. I have also earned certification in Paralegal

Studies from the University at Buffalo. Most recently, I graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Community and Human Services, Advocacy from SUNY Empire State College.

I was born and raised in the South Loop – Coldspring Community. I am of the Deer clan and my parents are Donna & Edwin Crouse. I have two sisters, Leona Halftown and Jessica Crouse, both of Salamanca.

I currently reside in Salamanca with my girlfriend, Nicole and our foster beagle "Cutie." In my leisure time I enjoy trying new recipes, tackling home improvement projects and streaming new shows/movies.

I can be reached at rory.crouse@sni.org or 716.945.8120 x 3042.

#### Kristi Millar

Hello my name is Kristi Millar and I live in Silver Creek with my teenage son. I am an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation and belong to the Beaver Clan.

Recently I was promoted to the position of VR Counselor at the Seneca Nation Training and Employment Resource Center on the Cattaraugus Territory. I will be wearing two hats

until my previous position of Job Developer/ Job Coach is filled.



I have also worked for the Seneca Gaming Corporation and Seneca Gaming and Entertainment in a Human Resource capacity. This job brings together my passion of helping people with disabilities, my whole skill set with Human Resources, and working within my community.

We are always working on community outreaches to find new participants. If you or a family member have a diagnosed disability, live on or within 20 miles of territory and are an enrolled member of a federally or state recognized tribe and want to become gainfully employed, please feel free to stop by and fill out an application at the Training and Employment Resource Center at 23 Thomas Indian School Drive, Irving, NY 14136. We can be reached at (716) 532-1033 and my extension is 5418. We look forward to serving your needs.

## TERC Summer YES Program hold Car Wash Fundraiser

Photos by Seneca Media

On Friday, July 23rd TERC's Summer YES (Youth Employment Services) program held a Car Wash fundraiser at the Fire Hall on the Cattaraugus Territory. They raised \$941 for their end of summer trip! The Catt Summer YES program members planned and organized the entire event themselves. Also, congratulations to the 50/50 winner, Angela Henhawk! Nya:wëh to everyone for an excellent job!











## **TERC Fun in the Sun**

Photos by Seneca Media

On Wednesday, July 21st, The Allegany Training and Employment Resource Center hosted a Fun in the Sun Brighten Your Future event outside the Allegany Community Center. Organizations represented include the ACC, Behavioral Health, BOCES, SNI Health Dept, Higher Education, JCC, Seneca Gaming, SNIEDC, and more. Free hot dogs were provided and fun was had by all. There's still time to get your tickets for the cornhole set being raffled off to benefit the YES (Youth Employment Services) Program. Check out the flyer below for more information!















Tickets Are Inexpensive!!!

1ticket - \$1.00

5 tickets - \$3.00

The tickets are available at the TERC Office or call us and we can deliver them to you. Just let us know how many you want.



held on:

8/6/21

Join in the Fun!! A fun new way

to get out and spend some time with Family.

## Cattaraugus Education Dept. 4th Qtr. Honor Roll List

Submitted by Kellie Maybee

#### **Gowanda Central School**

HIGH HONOR ROLL Isabella Gill 5 Titus Beaver 6 Winter Rivera 8 Chloe Luther 9 Cameron Nagel 11 Kirk Mohawk 12 Shon Thompson 12 Cecelia Young 12

HONOR ROLL Mychal Williams 5 Addison Crooks 6 Kyra-Mae Hurley 6 Jovin Jones 6 Cadence Luther 6 Tayleigh Williams 6 Corinna John 7 Alanson Stafford 7 Alhanna Gabel 9 Aubrie Heron 9 Shelby Weston 10 Mary Denea 11 Evan Carpenter 12 Mia Coulon 12 Glen John 12 Miva Scanlan 12 Kristen Warrior 12

MERIT ROLL
Donald Stevens, Jr. 5
Emmett Williams 5

Rylee Yasurek 5 Landen Bednarek 6 Maddox Hudson 6 Lilliana Pierce 6 Felicia Scanlan 6 Dalen Stevens 6 Kiera Warrior 7 Karice John 8 Tyler Bouquin 9 Gracie Carpenter 9 Layla Gamble 9 Calie Hudson 9 Gao:wisa:s Stevens 10 Daymein Beaver 11 Keagan Fox 11 Denali Jimerson 11 Logan Lukonaitis 11 Jasmine Halftown 12 Scotia Snyder 12 Ariel Stevens 12 Grace Wakefield 12

### **Lake Shore Central School**

HONOR ROLL
Aquinnah Maybee 8
Aiden Button 9
Dakota Familio 9
Morgan Huff 9
Emilee Ramirez 9
Ava Tallchief 9
Blayze Becker 10
Riley Fleming 10
Dallas Garlow 10

Canaan John 10
Daylin John 10
Alexandria Kennedy 10
Nyla Rivera 10
Tianna Thuman 10
Joiise John 11
Ava Waterman 11
Angela Edmond 12
Fantasy Jimerson-Kenjockety 12

Anna Kennedy 12 Aaliyah Lyle 12 Lainey Scanlan 12 Layla Seneca 12 *MERIT ROLL* 

Eli Himelein 9
Macay Jimerson 9
Troy Kennedy 9
Jacella Nephew 9
Skilynn Halftown 10
Malaki Reveal 10
Aiyana Crouse 11
Hunter Crouse 11
Jon LaSalle 11
Shatan Mohawk 11
Lila Bennett 12
Emma Kushner 12
Kayleigh McComber 12
Devonni Tallchief 12
Miranda Williams 12

Silver Creek Central School



HONOR ROLL
Benjamin O'Dell 6
Molly Shaw 6
Jalyn Smith 6
Ella Austin 7
Skyla Gates 7
Sean Waterman 7
Timothy Williams 9
Autumn Wolff 9
Roger Williams 11
Jillian Gamble 12
Danaceus Maybee 12
Kianna Warrior 12

MERIT ROLL
Alison Boushie 6
Johnathon Seneca 6
Greyson White 6
Tory Cook 10
Kayla Johns 10
Jakeb Millar 10
Genevieve Balestrieri 11

## Allegany Education Dept. 4th Qtr. Honor Roll List

Submitted by Tracy Pacini

#### Salamanca High School

HIGH HONOR ROLL
Reece Redeye-Desposito 12
Hayden Hoag 11
Jillian Rae 11
Gahseni'de' Hubbell 10
Sydnie John 10
Quinton Jones 10
Alyssa Perkins 10
Rickey Armstrong 9
Karina Mireles-Crouse 9

HONOR ROLL Ryleigh John 12 Amos Whitcomb 12 Monique White 12 Emma Brown 11 Harley Hoag 11 Laila Zolner 11 Estelle Billie 10 Maysen Jimerson 10 Zaron Tucker 10 Kortney Deboy 9 Caterina Huff 9 Kobe Kennedy 9 Marlee Maybee 9 Karolina Mireles-Crouse 9 Sunny O'Connor 9

Gabriel Redeve-Desposito 9

Waymon Kennedy 9 Seth Stahlman 9 Acey Stevens 9 Bella Wolfe 9 Lehman Brown 8 Aubrey Domres 8 Cody Jimerson 8 Maylina Massagli 8 Izabella Milks 8

MERIT ROLL Erika Ballard 12 Makyala Burch 12 Nathan Kettle 12 Hannah Klusek 12 Ariana Maybee 12 Claire Rockwell 12 Marla Warrior 12 Keah George 11 Xavier Jimerson 11 Aliyah Lee 11 Robert McLarney 11 Tre Turner 11 Brandon John 10 Emily Brown 9 Lucus Brown 9 Madison Hoag 9 Athena Lounsbury 9

Carmine Pierce 9

Samara Printup 9 Jaxon Ross 9 Marijah Skye 9 Kaine Whitcomb 9 Emmalee Ground 8 Alyce Jimerson 8 Darry Jimerson 8 Samuel Victor 8

## Big Picture Students HIGH HONOR ROLL

Reece Armstrong

MERIT ROLL
Dayton George
Justice Spruce

#### Randolph Jr. Sr. High School

HONOR ROLL
Mya Abrams 11
Clayton Crouse 10
Aubrey Hogan 10
Addison Beaver 9
Elial Bryan 9
Alyssa Milks 8
Payton Morrison 8
Myah McClune 7
Delsin Tallchief 7



## Walsh/STCS HIGH HONOR ROLL Emerson Ortego 7

HONOR ROLL
Dominik Thompson 9
Max Kalyan 6
Kurryn Glowacki 5
Ashton Ortego 5
Matthew Isch 4
Jayla Redeye 3

MERIT ROLL
Clarissa Smith 11
Chloe Stanczykowski 8
Talise Knoxsah 7
Lovella Kalyan 6
Julianna Smith 6
Hayden John 5

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PENNSY TRAIL

## **Seneca Nation Transportation** Department wins award for the **Pennsy Trail**

Submitted by Sharon Ray, Acting Director of Transportation

Barbara Frankiewicz presented the ACEC New York Silver Award for the Pennsy Trail to the Seneca Nation of Indians Department of Transportation.

Nussbaumer & Clarke, Inc. (Nussbaumer) provided professional engineering services for the design of the Pennsy Trail. The Pennsy Trail was developed on the abandoned rail bed of what last functioned as the Pennsylvania Railroad.

This project required removing steep inclines and providing a stable surface that is safe for all users and making a majority of the trail ADA-compliant;



Pictured with the ACEC New York Silver Award: Jerrel Fox, Benjamin Anderson & Sharon Ray

implementing consistent roadway crossings; and incorporating lighting, emergency call-boxes, security cameras and electric

wheelchair charging stations. The Pennsy Trail provides an east-to-west link across the City of Salamanca that can be utilized by all.

Thanks to the Seneca Nation Department of Transportation, Salamanca Board of Public Utilities and the Seneca Nation Workforce Training Program and the talented staff of Nussbaumer.

The Pennsy Trail was opened for use in the Fall of 2019.



Submitted by Seneca Nation Drug Taskforce | July 14, 2021 | https://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.gov/content/ medications-your-home



Prescription and over- the-counter medications are legal products that should be used only as directed.

Unfortunately, many teens are using them to get high. In 2019, about 567,000 young people between 12 and 17 misused prescription pain relievers

within the past year, according to a national survey. (Source: Key Substance Use and Mental Health Indicators in the United States: Results from the 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health).

### **Prescription Drug Misuse**

A prescription drug is a drug that is available only with authorization from a healthcare practitioner or a pharmacist. The most misused prescription drugs fall under three categories:

### **Opioids**

Medications that relieve pain such as Vicodin®, OxyContin®, or codeine.

## **Depressants**

Substances that can slow brain activity such as benzodiazepines used to relieve anxiety or help someone sleep, like Valium® or Xanax®.

#### **Stimulants**

Substances that increase attention and alertness and are used for treating attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), such as

Adderall® or Ritalin®.

#### Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medications

Over-the-counter (OTC) medicines are drugs you can buy without a prescription. They are safe and effective when you follow the directions on the label and as directed by your health care professional.



Vicodin, Actiq



Xanax, Xanax XR, Valium



**Focalin** 









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## 'Fort Apache' lacrosse tourney set for 20th year at Vets Park

July 7, 2021 | Reprinted from oleantimesherald.com

A tradition started in backyards on the Allegany Reservation of the Seneca Nation will turn 20 years old this summer, so Chad Whitcomb wants to throw a party to celebrate.

That's why Whitcomb reserved the new box lacrosse fields at Veterans Memorial Park in Salamanca to host his annual Fort Apache Cup lacrosse tournament on Aug. 14. The event started in the backyard at his former home on Newton Farm Road, in a housing project neighborhood nicknamed "Fort Apache" by its residents.

Out of those humble origins, the tournament grew as traditions started, eventually moving to a since-closed outdoor box field at the Allegany Community Center, then to Steamburg.

"The very first Fort Apache was in the vard at my old house there, 93 Newton Farm, and the yard was tiny," Whitcomb said. "If you looked at it now you'd probably laugh that we played there, but that's where we started. In the side yard, a bunch of neighborhood kids got together, we started it, ordered pizzas, gave out a trophy and after that we did it every year. The first five were at Fort Apache, then we went to where there used to be a box (field at the ACC); they tore it down though. So then we started going to Steamburg.

"The last eight years we've been doing it down at the Steamburg box. We could do it (at the ACC), but we wanted it to be more of a community thing, like an outdoor event."

THE OPENING of the new Vets Park timed perfectly with the tourney's 20th anniversary.

Whitcomb said the event



These trophies, displayed at the Allegany Community Center, are presented each year to the Fort Apache Cup lacrosse tournament's three award winners: the top gunner, MVP and top goalie. Photo credit: Sam Wilson

is open to individuals from the Allegany territory, or those who have played for the Allegany Arrows, from age 14 and up. The oldest players — Whitcomb included — play into their mid-40s. Just last year, the tournament saw its first girl sign up to play.

"We'll get community members or other players that aren't playing, they'll ref the games," Whitcomb said. "Everyone pitches in, there's no alcohol, no drugs, no drinking, no fighting. If you throw a punch you're done. So everyone knows it's not a rowdy day, it's supposed to be a fun, community hangouttype day. It's pretty laid back. The younger kids get nervous at first, but nobody's trying to hurt anybody. They'll check and hit

but rarely does anybody try to hurt anyone. Everybody knows it's our local thing."

He's often heard from people outside of Allegany interested in playing, but Whitcomb wanted to keep the event exclusive to those from here.

"It's more of a community thing, a local thing," he said. "I just want something for us, something for Allegany. So that's basically what it is, just for us."

Over the years a number of eventual professional players, including Zach Miller, Frank Brown, Zed Williams, Audi Staats, Leland Powless, Gowah Abrams and Craig Seneca, have played in the Fort Apache. "I always brag too because there's eight people that played in Fort Apache that went pro," Whitcomb said. "It's not because of Fort Apache, but it's kind of cool."

INSIDE the Allegany Community Center, where Whitcomb works, sits a display of trophies and mementos from the tournament, from old trophies and plaques to labeled sparkling grape juice bottles for the winning teams.

On top sit three trophies, presented to the top gunner, top goalie and MVP inscribed with the winners' names each year. While those trophies stay at the ACC after the tournament, the award winners will receive chains in the style of the University of Miami football "turnover chains" but with a large lacrosse stick on them, while the winning team will get pro wrestling-style championship belts.

Plans for the 20th tournament at Vets Park include food truck vendors, a bounce house for kids, smoke dance competition, a youth camp instructed by local Buffalo Bandit Frank Brown and a fitness class instructed by Brad Poole.

"I just wanted to let people

know they can come down; it's for anybody to come down," Whitcomb said. "We're going to make it a nice, fun community day."

The official tournament t-shirt this year will be orange in recognition of the missing Indigenous children being found recently in Canada. Additionally, each year, the tournament is dedicated to an individual connected to the Allegany lacrosse community who has



Pictured is the winning team from last year's Fort Apache Tournament.

Photo credit: Sam Wilson

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passed away. This year, the Fort Apache will honor Darryl John, a dedicated youth lacrosse coach and former Seneca Nation councillor.

"I've known Darryl for 25, 30 years, and he coached my son when he first started playing when he was four," Whitcomb said. "He coached the Allegany minors lacrosse for probably over 20 years. All these kids, he brought them right up and he had good teams. He was huge in the Arrows, huge in lacrosse and he'd ask how your kids are



In 2019, the Fort Apache Tournament was held at the box lacrosse field in Steamburg.

doing. He was a big part of the community, but he was just a good friend mainly."

Whitcomb said he is open to ideas for how to build the event for this year, and anyone interested in helping — such as donating food or drinks, setting up a vendor or other ideas — may contact him at chad. whitcomb@sni.org.

## Williams voted PLL all-star

Silver Creek graduate will start in San Jose on July 18
July 9, 2021 | Reprinted from observertoday.com | Local Sports

Zed Williams has added another honor to his resume.

On Thursday, the Premier Lacrosse League announced its all-star starters as voted on by the league's fans and Williams was one of three Whipsnakes to make the cut.

The Whipsnakes are currently in first place with a 4-1 record, a game better than Archers, Redwoods and Atlas.

Williams, the 2020 PLL Championship Series Most Valuable Player, is currently eighth in the league in scoring with 15 points.

The 2013 Silver Creek Central School graduate has scored 13 one-point goals and one two-point goal. Williams has scored on 14 of his 40 shots for a 35% shooting percentage and 27 of his 40 shot attempts have been on goal for a 68% shot-on-goal percentage.

Williams' Whipsnakes teammate Matt Rambo was also voted in as an all-star starter. The attacker has five one-point goals and four assists for nine points.

Whipsnakes' Matt Dunn was also voted in by the fans. The defender has a pair of assists, five caused turnovers and has picked up eight groundballs on the season.

This season, the PLL is moving around the country each weekend.

During Week 1 at Gillette Stadium outside Boston, Williams had four one-point goals on 13 shots as Whipsnakes beat Chaos 13-7.

During Week 2 at Fifth Third Bank Stadium at Kennesaw State University in Atlanta, Williams had six one-point goals to lead Whipsnakes to a 15-14 overtime victory over Cannons.

Whipsnakes moved to 3-1 on the season with a pair of games during Week 3 at Homewood Field in Baltimore. Williams had a one-point goal in Whipsnakes' 12-11 overtime win over Atlas. Williams then sat out Whipsnakes' 16-6 loss to Chrome due to an injury. It was Whipsnakes' first loss in 672 days.

Whipsnakes got back in the win column on Independence Day as Williams returned with two one-point goals and a two-point goal en route to a 15-14 victory over Archers at Shuart Stadium on Long Island.

Four Whipsnakes were also named all-star reserves. Midfielders Jake Bernhardt and Michael Ehrhardt, faceoff man Joe Nardella and goalie Kyle Bernlohr were also honored. Whipsnakes will return to action at TCO Stadium in Minneapolis on Saturday with a 6 p.m. contest against Redwoods on NBC Sports Network.

The following week will be All-Star Weekend at PayPal Park in San Jose. The all-star game will be played at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 18 on NBC Sports Network followed by the skills competition at 9:30 p.m. (Stay tuned - we will report on this in the next issue.)

Whipsnakes will then play Saturday, July 31 against Waterdogs at Weidner Field in Colorado Springs during Week 7 action.

Week 8 will take place at Tom and Mary Casey Stadium at the University of Albany. On Friday, Aug. 13, Whipsnakes will take on Redwoods at 6 p.m. followed

by a 4:45 p.m. game Sunday, Aug. 15 against Archers.

Quarterfinals will be played during Week 9 at Rio Tinto Stadium in Salt Lake City followed by semifinals Week 10 at Subaru Park in Philadelphia.

The PLL championship game will take place Sunday, Sept. 19 at Audi Field in Washington, D.C. The game will air on NBC at noon.

Source: https://www. observertoday.com/sports/localsports/2021/07/williams-votedpll-all-star/



Photo courtesy of Premier Lacrosse League Zed Williams has 15 points in four games played thus far this season for the Whipsnakes.

## 2021 USA Lacrosse Boys' HS Awards Announced

Ja:goh Daylin, Cattaraugus Territory July 19, 2021 | Reprinted from usalaxmagazine.com

SPARKS, Md. — USA Lacrosse announced the boys' players and coaches honored through its high school recognition program.

The recognition program includes Coach of the Year awards and for players, All-America, All-Academic and the Bob Scott Award.

A USA Lacrosse All-American is a player who exhibits superior skills and techniques and possesses exceptional game sense and knowledge. A USA Lacrosse All-American is one of the best players in the United States, while also embodying excellent sportsmanship.

A USA Lacrosse All-Academic honoree is a player who exhibits exemplary lacrosse skills,

good sportsmanship on the field, and represents high standards of academic achievement in the classroom.

The Bob Scott Award recognizes one player from each area who goes 'above and beyond' in service to his team, school, and





community.

USA Lacrosse oversees the selection of the awards, which are administered locally by Area Chairs. Selections are based on voting by coaches within each geographical area.

### **All-Americans**

(Area) New York - Section 6 (Western) (Name) **Daylin John**  (Grad Year) 2023 (Position) Midfield (High School) Lakeshore/Silver Creek HS

## Ja:goh Tyler Thompson! (Cattaraugus Territory)



Ja:goh Ron John, (Cattaraugus Territory) Signed with NLL Colorado Mammoth



Tyler was named Gowanda Central **COACH of the YEAR** for 2021 season of Girls Varsity Softball and Boys Varsity Football.





## Ja:goh Andy Marx

## He recently received his BLACK BELT from Master Khechen's Martial Arts Academy

Andy is the son of Janine Marx (Cook) and Brandon Marx, Grandchild of William and Paulette Cook (Mother's side), and Tom and Eileen Marx (Father's side). He is 10 years old and is going into the 5th grade at Silver

Creek Elementary. Andy has been a part of Master Khechen's Martial Arts Academy since he was 7 years old and attends classes 3-4 days a week all year round.

To receive his black belt Andy had to write an essay explaining how Martial Arts has made a positive impact in his life and how he will carry these lessons with him as he gets older. He also had to complete a community service in which he chose to clean up the

Pinewoods Ballfield playground area as well as pick up garbage along the road where he resides (Farnham Rd, Irving NY). Andy wanted the playground to look nice and be clean for all children to enjoy safely. He also

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knows how important it is to take care of Mother Earth (he always says this).

Lastly, it was required he obtain character reference letters. Our very own Tribal

Councillor, Robert "Bobby" Jones wrote a wonderful letter giving a brief history of Native American athletes and how important sports are for our youth. Wendy Bray who is the Native American Cultural teacher at Silver Creek Elementary also wrote a beautiful letter describing Andy and what a terrific student he is.

Andy received his black belt on July 10, 2021.

Ja:goh!

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

## IROQUOIS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

2020 was a challenging year for all of us. We didn't see our friends and relatives. We didn't travel too far from home. We did, however, spend a lot of time at home. For some of us it was a time to reconnect with our inner selves, a time to finish those projects we had been putting off for years, a time to clean our homes, and a time to focus on our hobbies. For some people it was a time to work on their genealogy. It was also a time to grieve for those people in our communities who we lost to COVID-19 or related causes. We lost a lot of people who were valuable genealogy resources.

IGS has several gifted researchers and media specialists. They helped to keep IGS alive in 2020/2021 through Facebook. Zoom and our Website. I am forever grateful to them for their dedication to our mission. Wally Ward and Leatha Jimerson pioneered Zoom meetings; Leatha kept us informed by Facebook, e-mails, and the Seneca Nation Newsletter; Randy John kept us informed of his ongoing research and writing; Jack Ericson and Wally continued their research and put it on our website. We know that everyone does not have access to the internet, but we wanted to keep IGS

## IGS (Iroquois Genealogy Society) - WELCOME BACK, IN-PERSON!

By Leatha Jimerson

"alive" somehow.

On July 8, we had our first get together by having a picnic/meeting which was a great success! There were 20 people in attendance with delicious food and a beautiful birthday cake -- shown below -- (thanks to Teresa VanAernum)! We celebrated Jack Ericson's 83rd birthday! Jack is an invaluable genealogy resource for our organization.

There was no formal presentation but discussions revolved around the Kansas Claims, genealogy research by members and planning for the coming months.



Everyone was happy to see one another! The following is a tentative schedule:

#### August:

Trip to Letchworth State Park

September 9th,

6 p.m., Cattaraugus:

Church Records (Jack Ericson presenting) **September 11th:** 

Fall Festival booth, Saylor Grounds, Cattaraugus Territory

October 4th, 6 p.m., Allegany:

Epidemics in our territories

November 11th, 6 p.m., Cattaraugus: To be determined

December 2nd, Seneca Allegany Casino:

Christmas party and Election of Officers

As soon as details are finalized, we will update everyone.

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

# REFILLS

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#### Request a refill by phone

Dial: 716-945-8240 if you get your scripts filled at the Lionel R. John Health Center Dial: 716-532-8330 if you get your scripts filled at the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Health Center

Press 1 to enter the refill line (2 options):



Press 1. (Follow the prompts) Enter your Rx number, omitting any letters. Press the # sign.

**Rx Number:** your prescription number is located on your prescription label.

**Multiple Refills:** Repeat process until all refills have been entered.

OR



Press 4 to leave a message with refill information. We do check the messages throughout the day, but keep in mind, the processing time is slower when you leave a message.

Press 2 (this option is for doctors and other providers only)

Press 3 (or stay on the line) if you have a question for someone in the pharmacy.



#### Request a refill by Smartphone app

Go to Google Play or Apple Store and search for: **RefillPro** 

Before first use, enter your pharmacy's phone # so the app knows where to send your request.

You will be able to enter your Rx# or scan the barcode on the label.

If you want to receive text message alerts when your prescriptions are ready for pickup, please talk to a member of our pharmacy staff.



## **SNHS Employee Spotlight**



Leslie Fafinski is a health information assistant located at the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Health Center. She has been employed with the health system for 1 year and 4 months.



We asked what she likes best about her job and what her job duties are. She says "Helping patients obtain and coordinate records with other providers. Duties are faxing, scanning, and reviewing charts."

What is the most beneficial/inspirational part of her position? She says "Helping patients get the best treatment they can."

Leslie grew up in Dunkirk, NY and attended Jamestown Community College majoring in medical office technology. There she earned a associate in applied science degree.

We asked what she likes to do in her spare time. She says "Spend time with my pets, family, friends, camping and traveling."

Favorite quote or words/advice that she lives by? She says "I try to treat people the way I'd like to be treated, which is with kindness, respect and understanding." She also says that she likes learning.

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

Visit our website www.senecahealth.org



## SENECA NATIVE CONNECTIONS CALENDAR AUGUST 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	DIY Picture Frame 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Cattaraugus Clubhouse Irving, NY	4 DIY Picture Frame 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Allegany Clubhouse Salamanca, NY	Zumba Class with Corbett! 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	6	7
8	Talk with Tony 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	10	11	Career & College Fair 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.	13	14
15	16	Outdoor Family Movie Night (Catt) Begins at Dusk	Outdoor Family Movie Night (Alleg) Begins at Dusk	19	20	21
22	23	Traditional Dance Demo 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	25	26	27 Bead work photo submissions due TODAY by 3:30	28
29	30	ubmit your traditiona	Jennifer Stebbins 716.532.5583 ext. JStebbins@seneca	5433	*Virtual eve on LifeSize.	nts are hosted You will receive hen you register!
Please note that ar	ny event that is	Event	Color Codes		NATI	/ E A

Please note that any event that is in-person requires material pickup, will follow COVID-19 safety protocols. Please wear a mask and observe the six-foot social distance 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



ZUMBA CLASS







Get active and have a blast!

Join Corbett Seneca on: Thursday, August 5th at 7:00 p.m. for a FREE Zumba class!

Where?

Cattaraugus Community Center Gym 12767 NY-438 Irving, NY

Please note that any event that is in-person or requires material pickup, will follow COVID-19 safety protocols.

Please wear a mask and observe the six-foot social distance rule.

All in the community are welcome to attend!

RSVP:

Jennifer Stebbins 716.532.5583 ext. 5433 JStebbins@senecahealth.org



SENECA NATION HEALTH SYSTEM



The Seneca Nation's Annual Water Quality

Report for 2020 is available at:

https://www.senecahealth.org/environmental-health



## **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

#### ESTATE OF GERALDINE JONES

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

#### ESTATE OF ALICE J. PERKINS

Administrator: Mark Perkins, 8977 Sawmill Run Rd., Little Valley, NY 14755 ~ Allegany Territory - 2nd Notice ~

#### ESTATE OF STEWART E. REDEYE, JR.

Administrator: Angela Steckman, 970 R.C. Hoag Dr., Salamanca, NY 14779 ~ Allegany Territory - 1st Notice ~

#### ESTATE OF DAVID A. GORDON

Administrator: Carole M. Gordon, 12150 Route 438, Irving, NY 14081 ~ Allegany Territory - 1st Notice ~

#### ESTATE OF REBECCA BODISH

Executor: Daniel F. Bodish, 115 Sunset Ct., Hamburg, NY 14075 ~ Allegany Territory - 1st Notice ~

#### ESTATE OF ARTHUR SCHINDLER, SR.

Administrator: Daniel Schindler, 14052 Route 438, Gowanda, NY 14070 ~ Cattaraugus 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.



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 Iroquois Drive, Irving, NY 14081 Phone: 716.532-4900, ext. 5462

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Ages 4 and up

Snacks!

Games!



Crafts!

Prizes!

## **FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!**

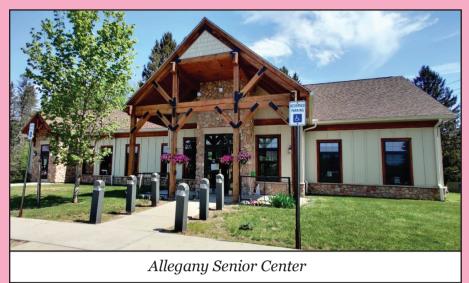
The Seneca Nation now has an official Twitter account. Follow it



for regular updates from the President's Office on governmental and community matters. This administration is committed to increasing communication with our members, as well as the general public. https://twitter.com/
TheSenecaNation

## **AOA Director's Update**

Submitted by Bethany Lay, Acting AOA Director



Lunch will continue to be served from 12-1pm each day at:

- Wini Kettle Senior Center, 28 Thomas Indian School Drive, Irving, NY (daily)
- 44 Seneca Street, Salamanca, NY (daily)
- Seneca Allegany Center, 3644 Administration Drive, Salamanca, NY (Thursdays only)

Please remember to call for lunch reservations by 3pm the day before: Allegany (716) 945-8414, Cattaraugus (716) 532-5777.

Also this month, AOA bus trips will resume on both territories. Capacity is limited so please stop in or call ahead to reserve your spot. Our clean and comfortable buses are air conditioned and wheelchair accessible. Schedules are included in this issue of the Newsletter. (See the next page - pg. 23)

We hope you are enjoying your summer and staying safe and healthy. We look forward to seeing you soon!

## Farmers Market Coupons Still Available!

If you haven't applied for your Farmers Market coupons yet, please do. These coupons can be used to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables from Farmers Markets across New York State. You can apply in-person at our offices in Cattaraugus or Allegany, or fill out an easy online form to have them mailed to your home. Apply online at: https://form.jotform.com/211535457013145 Farmers Market coupons are available to anyone age 60 and up.

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We are excited to announce that our Elder Centers are fully reopening August 2nd. The Wini Kettle Senior Center and the Seneca Allegany Elder Center will be open to Elders from 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday.

Elders are welcome to stop in and enjoy our facilities. Play a game, work on your crafts, do a puzzle or just enjoy a cup of coffee with friends. All activities will be self-directed until we are back to normal staffing levels. Please note that we are still following our COVID safety precautions, including: temperature screenings, physical distancing and mask wearing for unvaccinated individuals.



Cattaraugus Elders heading to Walmart on the AOA bus



## **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 | Phone: 716-661-5151 Website: GoKinetic.com



## **August 2021**

AOA Nutritional Menu AOA Daily Trips Allegany Territory AOA Daily Trips Cattaraugus Territory

**USDA Schedule** 

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pepperoni & vegetable pizza Side salad Fresh peaches	BBQ pulled pork sandwich w/French fries Peas Oatmeal cookie	4 Grilled chicken strawberry poppyseed salad Dinner roll Ice cream	Fettuccine alfredo Broccoli Dinner roll Chocolate chip cookie	Fish & chips Coleslaw Roll Watermelon
Big Lots Olean	Cuba Cheese Shop Cuba	Marshall's & Ollie's Olean	Walmart Jamestown	Peaches 'n Cream Randolph
Gabes Senior Day 10% off	Bead Gallery 1pm	Springville Walmart 1pm	Rider's Choice 1pm	JoAnn Fabrics & surrounding area - 1pn
Cattaraugus - call to place our order for timely delivery	Delivery to Oaktree & Newtown	Delivery to Indian Hill & Pinewoods	Delivery to Ozarks, Gowanda & Dayton	Delivery to Irving
Assorted subs Steamed mixed vegetables Baked potato chips Orange	Greek chicken salad w/pita bread Fruited jello topped w/whipped cream	Tortellini w/sun dried pesto spinach Toasted garlic whole wheat bread Pudding	Traditional Meal Bean sandwich w/side pork Garden salad Fresh watermelon	Tuna melt on wheat Vegetable soup Mandarin oranges
Aldi's Bradford	Vidler's East Aurora	Michael's Jamestown	Walmart Olean	Beads, Beads, Beads Irving
NO TRIP	Savers 1pm	Hamburg Walmart 1pm	Cheese Factory Amish Country 1pm	Rider's Choice - Fish Fr 4pm
Allegany - call to place your order for timely delivery	Delivery to Sr. Complex & Salamanca	Delivery to Jimtown	Delivery to Steamburg & Kill Buck	Delivery to Olean
6 Spaghetti & meat sauce Tossed salad Roll Fresh fruit	Chicken noodle casserole w/steamed peas Blueberries & greek yogurt, Brownie	Vegetable lasagna Broccoli Dinner roll Grape juice Chocolate pudding	white fish fillet Herbed summer squash Roasted baby red potatoes Peanut butter chocolate rice krispy treat	20 Italian sausage hoagie w/sautéed peppers & onions Fresh melon
Reid's Food Barn Olean	Chautauqua Mall Jamestown	Rider's Choice	Walmart Bradford	Scenic Ride Amish Trail
Vidlers 1pm Call in your order so that you get it in time	Regal Movies 1pm Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	Dunkirk Walmart  1pm  Call in your order so that you get it in time	Olive Garden 1pm Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	Allegany Casino 1pm  Call in your order so the you get it in time
, ,	24 Brunch Pancakes w/fresh berry topping Greek yogurt Bacon	25 Chicken salsa rice bake Red bell pepper sticks & hummus Brownie	Birthday Party Roast beef sandwich Roasted vegetables Birthday cake & ice cream	Hot dog Baked beans Potato salad Cantaloupe
JoAnn Fabrics Olean	Wegmans 5% off Sr. discount	Longhorn Steakhouse Depart @ 3:15pm	Walmart Jamestown	Scenic Ride Amish Trail
Scenic Ride 1pm Call-ins ALLOWED	Savers 1pm Call in your order so that	Springville Walmart 1pm Call-ins ALLOWED	Local Shopping 1pm Call in your order so that	Longhorn Steakhouse 1pm Call-ins ALLOWED
9am - 3:30pm	you get it in time	9am - 3:30pm	you get it in time	9am - 3:30pm
Macaroni & cheese Zucchini & squash blend Stewed tomatoes Cinnamon pears Pudding	<b>31</b> Ranch chicken Green beans Rice Blueberries	AOA Menu:  For Allegany please call 716-945-8414	AOA Trips: WEEKEND TRIP* Allegany AOA Sat. August 7th Eden Corn Festival Depart Jimtown @	USDA PROGRAM: Call 716-532-1028, Ext 5446
Brigiotta's Jamestown  Buffalo Creek Casino Senior Day - 1pm  Call in your order so that you get it in time	Dunhams Sporting Goods Bradford  McKinley Mall area 1pm  No Distribution Inventory Day	For Cattaraugus call 716-532-5777 to make a reservation or cancel a meal by 9:30am the day prior to the meal	Allegany Trips depart @ 1:45pm from 44 and depart @ 2pm from J-Town	Seneca Nation Area Office for the Aging Menu: SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## Ja:goh Hayden Haynes, 2021 NYSCA/NYFA Artist Fellowship Recipient in Folk/Traditional Arts



New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) has named the 2021 recipients and finalists of its NYSCA/NYFA Artist Fellowship program in the disciplines of Fiction, Folk/ Traditional Arts, Interdisciplinary Work, Painting, and Video/Film. Hayden Haynes is one of 2021 NYSCA/NYFA Artist Fellows in Folk/Traditional Arts.

NYFA has administered the program for the past 36 years with leadership support from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA). Please click here for the full announcement.

The NYSCA/NYFA Artist Fellowship

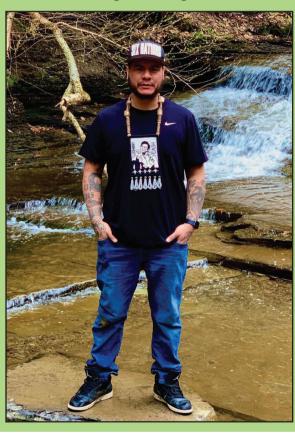
Program makes unrestricted cash grants of \$7,000 to artists working in 15 disciplines, recognizing five disciplines per year on a triennial basis. This year, the organization has awarded a total of \$616,000 to 92 artists (including three collaborations) whose ages range from 25-70 years throughout New York State.

The NYSCA/NYFA **Artist Fellowship** 

offers a unique snapshot of contemporary arts across New York State. In addition to conversations on local and international politics and migration and identity, many artists reflected on their personal experiences around the COVID-19 pandemic. Common themes that resonated in all five disciplines were notions of isolation, home-life, change, and new beginnings. These themes were also reflected in the size of works created in 2020/21 and types of materials presented. Within the visual arts categories, artists showcased smaller scale works and used materials or repurposed objects in new, unexpected ways.

"I am Extremely humbled to be a 2021 NYSCA/NYFA Artist Fellow in Folk/ Traditional Arts. I'm also excited to be part of the program and thankful to have this kind of support for the work that I do. Even though the grant is "unrestricted" I am putting a portion of this award into the boarding school exhibition that was recently started. Nya:wëh to my wife and kids for having to sacrifice parts their time with me so I can do my art and art related projects. #NYSCANYFAFellows

-- Hayden Haynes"



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## Happy 97th Birthday, Mom!!

Wishing Margaret Wolfe a Happy Belated Birthday. She is officially 97 years young as of July 18th!

## "A wild horse runs free forever!"

I love your spirit and congratulations on being the OLDEST SENECA ON ALLEGANY TERRITORY!

Submitted by Liz Wolfe



## **Next SNI Newsletter** DEADLINE

The deadline for the next edition of the SNI Official Newsletter will be Tuesday, August 3, 2021. Next issue to be dated Friday, August 13, 2021.