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SENECA NATION



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A message from President Matthew B. Pagels



Nya:weh sgënö' gagwe:göh,

I'm thankful you are all well. Summer is almost at an end as fairs and festivals are well underway. As we gather and celebrate a great summer, family picnics and just being together, let's continue to follow covid-19 protocols. Many early CDC guidelines were lifted regarding mask wearing and social distancing since COVID rates were down. Unfortunately, we recently reported 3 new cases on our Territories. With the threat of a new Delta variant increasing around the country it is only a matter of time until it reaches us.

This highly-contagious variant can be contracted by those who are fully vaccinated. While symptoms may be mild the carrier could easily spread the virus to someone who isn't vaccinated or to a person with compromised health issues unintentionally. Let's keep each other safe and reduce the spread by getting vaccinated. Please contact Allegany or Cattaraugus Health to schedule a vaccination appointment today or complete the online form at SenecaHealth.org/vaccine.

The Nation will continue to monitor COVID trends in and around our community and our hub updated with the most recent developments. If numbers continue to rise various restrictions may return. Schools will also weigh in on any new developments from the CDC which could determine what happens when students return to school.

On another note the Council voted to create a Seneca Nation Cannabis Regulatory Authority to oversee the Cannabis Code which will drive our Cannabis Industry on Territory. The Clerk will accept letters of interest for individuals interested in serving

on this Authority commission. A letter and resume must be received by the Clerk no later than September 10, 2021. See the SNI website for more information.

With much conversation regarding burial sites occurring around Indigenous Territories the Seneca Nation recently consulted with Carnegie Museum of Natural History regarding a find of human remains and associated funerary objects which were discovered. These remains were discovered in 1896 and remained at the museum over the last century. The Borough of McKees Rocks, PA initiated a conversation with the Seneca Nation to determine how to return



Make sure to check out the **UPDATED COVID-19 Response Hub:** <https://covid19.snigis.org>

The COVID-19 Response Hub has been updated with a new look for better viewing on mobile devices and computers. It has the latest on testing events and statistics, as well as video PSAs and other important information.

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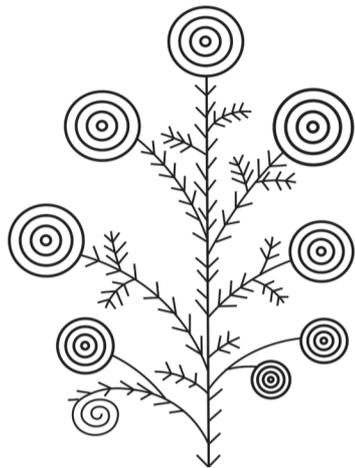
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As always, stay safe, stay strong.
Dah ne'hoh dih ae'.
Matt

Presidential Updates

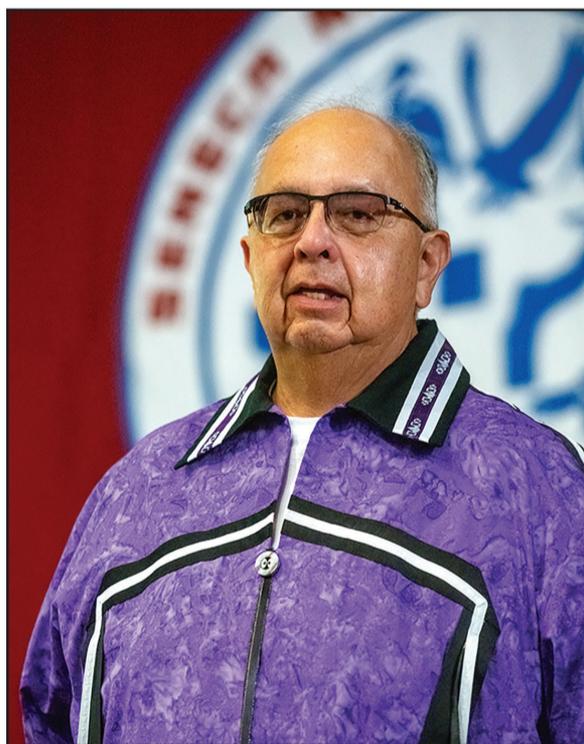
Don't forget to follow & subscribe to the Seneca Media & Communications Center YouTube Channel to watch President Pagels' up-to-date virtual messages!

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



Greetings,

I knew our nice summer weather was coming! It looks like we'll be getting an opportunity to work on our tans for the next couple of weeks. If you find you have the time, please don't forget to check in on the elders in our community. After spending last summer, practically in complete isolation and away from people, I'm sure they would welcome a brief visit.

Sunday, September 12th, 2021, at 1pm and they will be playing four prime-time games this season. "Billeivers" are looking forward to a victory in Super Bowl LVI, 2022. Let's go Buffalo Bills!

If you missed the August 2nd, 2021, deadline for the first round of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, you still have an opportunity to receive your portion of funds from the second round. Please complete the three survey questions on the last page of the form. You must also complete your registration requirements with the Clerk's Office. 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 - Allegany: (716) 945-1790; Cattaraugus: (716) 532-4900; Buffalo Office: (716) 951-7555.

This global pandemic is not over. Cases of COVID-19 are on the rise in the counties which surround all of our territories. I understand the Delta Variant is spreading very aggressively in our region; and is effecting unvaccinated people particularly hard. If you are presently unvaccinated, for the protection of yourself, your loved ones and all of our community members - please consider getting your COVID-19 immunization shot(s).

Respectfully,
Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.

For all of our lacrosse fans, the 20th Anniversary Fort Apache Cup Lacrosse Tournament will be held this Saturday, August 14th, 2021, at Veterans Park in Salamanca. They will have food, music, craft vendors, a softball tournament and Smoke Dance competition. Also, I have some Buffalo Bills fans on my staff and they are telling me that the Buffalo Bills football season kicks off with their first pre-season game against the Detroit Lions on Friday, August 13th, 2021. Their home opener against the Pittsburgh Steelers will be on





Marta Kettle, Clerk
CATTARAUGUS
TERRITORY



Bethany Johnson,
Deputy Clerk
ALLEGANY TERRITORY

Please Continue to stay Safe & Healthy

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

CLERK'S OFFICE UPDATE -

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

Please have your SNI Enrollment # ready when you are visiting or calling the Clerk's Office.

We are happy to announce the Allegany & Cattaraugus Clerk's Office are now accepting Credit/Debit Card as a form of payment for Id's, utility bills, business & fishing licenses, etc.

ANNUITY CLOTH

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

William Seneca Building – Cattaraugus Territory – (716) 532-4900 ext. 5000

Cattaraugus Clerk's Office Staff:

Marta Kettle – Clerk
Geraldine Huff, Executive Assistant (Notary Public)
Kelly Mohawk, Deeds Recorder
Leslie Cooke, Executive Secretary (Notary Public)
Tammi Stafford, Administrative Assistant (Notary Public)
Ashley Warrior, Administrative Assistant
Lori Waterman, Administrative Assistant / Receptionist
Dana Maybee, Business Permit Officer

Seneca Allegany Administration Building - Allegany Territory – (716) 945-1790 ext. 3000

Allegany Clerk's Office Staff:

Bethany Johnson, Deputy Clerk (Notary Public)
Charisse Ground, Executive Secretary
Sue Case, Enrollment Officer
Leslie R. John, Enrollment Assistant
Kathleen "Yomie" Hill, Administrative Assistant
Lexus McClune, Administrative Assistant
Olivia Sanford, Receptionist

The Buffalo Office Staff & Location - (716) 845-6304 or (716) 951-7555

Buffalo Office works in Conjunction with the Clerk's Office

Ramona Marion – Director
Stephanie Maybee – Administrative Assistant
Judson Logan - Tutor

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

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

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.

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.

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.

**Jonielle Williams |
ADLAI'S
12689 Rte. 438
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*

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

SENECA NATION CANNABIS REGULATORY AUTHORITY 3 - MEMBERS

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Cannabis Regulatory Authority is to regulate and monitor the cultivation, processing, and distribution of cannabis and cannabis products on Nation Territory to the fullest extent permitted by law, and to enforce and carry out the provisions and duties prescribed by the Seneca Nation Adult-Use Cannabis Law.

The Authority is a governmental instrumentality of the Nation, having autonomous existence separate and distinct from the Nation. For the purpose of taxation, civil and regulatory jurisdiction, the Authority is deemed a subordinate arm of the Nation and shall be entitled to all of the privileges and immunities of the Nation.

MEMBERSHIP:

The Authority shall have three (3) members, with one member serving as chairperson, each of which shall be known as a Commissioner of the Authority. The Authority Chairperson shall be elected yearly by the members of the Commission. In the event of a three-way tie, the Chairperson shall be appointed by the Nation Council.

Each Commissioner shall be appointed by the Nation Council by Resolution, and shall generally serve a four (4) year term. However, upon establishment of the Authority, the Commissioners shall initially serve staggered terms; one (1) of the Commissioners having an initial term of four (4) years; one of the Commissioners having an initial term of three (3) years; and one of the Commissioners having an initial term of two (2) years.

All Commissioners must be:

- Members of the Nation
- Over the age of 25
- Not convicted of a felony
- Shall have relevant experience and

knowledge that will enable them to successfully serve in their role as a Commissioner

- No Commissioner during his/her tenure shall actively participate in Cannabis production of any type (growing, distributing or processing) or be employed by a Licensee.
- If a Commissioner develops an economic interest in a cannabis industry activity, or seeks to establish one, during the course of that person's term as a Commissioner, that person shall resign from their position as a Commissioner immediately.
- The Seneca Nation Ethics Law shall apply to the Commissioners.

If interested, please submit your resume and letter of intent no later than: September 10, 2021 to:

**Seneca Nation Clerk, Marta L Kettle
12837 Route 438
Irving, New York 14081**

IN THE NEWS

Seneca Nation Statement On Resignation Of New York Governor

CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY, IRVING, N.Y. – Seneca Nation President Matthew Pagels issued the following statement on the resignation of the Governor of New York earlier today:

“The imminent change of leadership in Albany is good news for all New Yorkers, particularly members of sovereign Native Nations located within the state's borders who have for too long been overlooked and mistreated by the current administration. Today's announcement was not precipitated by politics, but by the actions of one individual, his abuse of power and the bravery of those who had the strength and courage to stand up for themselves. I hope this signals the end of the well-known and well-documented bully tactics that have been deployed at the state Capitol throughout his term.

It is well past time for a new occupant who can bring true leadership to the Governor's office, making history in the process. The Seneca Nation looks forward to forging a relationship built on respect, understanding and open dialogue with Governor Kathy Hochul when she takes office later this month.”



Miranda Lambert To Perform Outdoor Show At Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino On September 18! Tickets Go On Sale July 30!

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK: (July 23, 2021) Mark your calendars for the hottest date of the summer entertainment season. 106.5 WYRK and Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino are teaming up to present an outdoor concert for the ages when they present An Evening with Miranda Lambert on Saturday, September 18. Tickets go on-sale on next Friday, July 30 at 10 a.m.

“WYRK is thrilled to be able to bring Miranda Lambert to Western New York with our longtime partners at Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino,” said Chris Crowley, Director of Content at Townsquare Media of Buffalo, which owns WYRK. “Fans and artists alike have been waiting to gather again and feel the energy you can only get from a live show, and since we weren't able to have the WYRK Taste of Country this year, we wanted to put on a show that WYRK listeners would be excited to see. With their longstanding reputation as an entertainment destination, partnering with the amazing people at Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino means we can go big and get back to the concert experience we all know and love.”

“We're thrilled that WYRK came to us with this opportunity to team up and bring an outdoor show to Niagara Falls that will be as powerful as the falls themselves,” said Patrick Bassney, General Manager, Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino. “When you talk about superstar entertainers, Miranda Lambert is at the top of the list,

and we hope everyone is ready for a night they won't forget."

The festival-style evening will feature a number of opening acts, including Buffalo's own Fuzzy & The Rust Belts, winners of WYRK's Taste of Country Hometown Riser Competition in 2020, starting at 6:30 p.m., before Miranda Lambert takes the stage later that night. Gates will open at 4:30 p.m. This is an all-ages outdoor show, and those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino Presents Hip Hop 'N Harmony;

Vanilla Ice, Bobby Brown, Blackstreet, All 4 One And Kool Moe Dee To Perform Amazing Outdoor Show On September 17!

Tickets go on sale July 30!

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK: (July 26, 2021) Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino will groove like never before, when Hip Hop 'N Harmony featuring Vanilla Ice, Bobby Brown, Blackstreet, All 4 One and Kool Moe Dee hits the resort's outdoor stage on Friday, September 17. Tickets go on-sale on Friday, July 30 at 10 a.m.

"Seneca Niagara has a reputation for bringing the biggest stars and coolest shows to Western New York, and this night will be one of the coolest," said Patrick Bassney, General Manager, Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino.

Hip Hop 'N Harmony brings some of the biggest names in Hip Hop and R&B history together for one incredible evening. Vanilla Ice exploded onto the music scene when "Ice Ice Baby" became the first Hip Hop single to top the Billboard charts and his debut album "To the Extreme," became the fastest-selling Hip Hop album of all time. While continuing to tour and perform for sold-out audiences, he has appeared in numerous films and television programs. Bobby Brown was one of the biggest starts of the late '80s and early '90s, selling millions of albums and flooding the airwaves with such hits songs as "Don't Be Cruel," "My Perogative," "Every Little Step," "On Our Own," and many more. Blackstreet is a Platinum-selling group formed in 1993. Their breakthrough hit, "No Diggity" was a Number 1 song on the Billboard Hot



100 and helped earn the group a Grammy Award for Best R&B Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocals. All 4 One is a Grammy Award-winning group known for such hit songs as "I Swear" and "I Can Love You Like That," among many others. They have sold 69 million records around the world. Kool Moe Dee is considered one of the pioneers of the New Jack Swing sound. His hit songs include "Go See the Doctor," "Wild Wild West," "How Ya Like Me Now," and the Grammy Award-winning "Back on the Block." Tickets go on sale Friday, July 30 at 10 a.m.! Tickets start at \$45.

Gates will open at 4:30 p.m., and the show will start at approximately 6:30 p.m. This is an all-ages outdoor show, and those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Hip Hop 'N Harmony is the first of a pair of blockbuster outdoor shows at Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino that weekend. Country Music superstar Miranda Lambert will perform the following night, Saturday, September 18. Tickets for that show also go on sale on Friday, July 30 at 10 a.m.

Training & Employment Resource Center

Filling the Gap Between Jobs

Submitted by Nancy Toth, Acting Director

The COVID 19 pandemic has been the underlying cause of many disruptions in our daily lives. Many resources of the Seneca Nation have been available during the past nearly 18 months to assist our communities with filling some of the gaps due to loss of income from employment or even from individuals not becoming employed due to hiring freezes and temporary shut-downs by employers to slow the curve of the pandemic and protect the public.

What about the job gap? If you have found yourself to be in the position of being unemployed for whatever reason, the staff at the Training & Employment Resource Center are available to assist you in developing a plan for employment. Maybe you are thinking about a new career? TERC's program may also be able to assist you with the training funds to earn certification and acquire new skills to put you in a better position for employment or career advancement.

Services available: tuition for certificate based programs (excludes college courses for the 477 program), books, fees, tools and equipment required for training or a specific job, job search assistance, job readiness skills training such as resume writing, interview skills, communication skills, and various supportive services to assist you in reaching your goal. We offer high school equivalency preparation classes that are tailored individually to the adult learner. Testing to earn a high school equivalency diploma is done at the BOCES location nearest the student's address. An annual celebration is held once a year with a graduation ceremony.

There is no application deadline. We do request an application be filed at least 3 weeks before the start date of a training program so processing of all paperwork can be completed. Applications must be approved before any type of service component is initiated.

Additional Resources: SUNY For All Online Training Center. A number of trainings online are available to unemployed, offering free skills-building training to assist with future employment. Examples of the courses: Customer Service, Child Development Associate, Certified Medical Admin. Assistant, Hospitality, Incumbent Worker Series, Pre-Certified Nursing Assistant, Security Guard, Self-paced Microsoft Office Suite certification. Website link <https://www.suny.edu/otc/> Another site for free training for the unemployed is through Coursera. Sample topics of training in the areas of: Transportation, Health Care, Digital Literacy, Information Technology, Entrepreneurship, Data Security, Project Management and Business Management. This list is not all inclusive. The website link: <https://dol.ny.gov/online-learning-coursera> A registration form is on this website.

TERC offices have laptops available for use to learn more about these opportunities. Printers and a copier is available for printing training or job search related materials at no costs. Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 3674 Administration Drive, Salamanca NY Phone 945-8120 & 23 TIS Ext. Irving, NY 532-1033



An Introduction to our Climate Change Taskforce Consultants

Submitted by James Douglas

The Climate Change Taskforce would like to introduce the consultants that are aiding us in drafting our Climate Change Adaptation Plan. These consultants bring with them a large base of knowledge that will be key to drafting our adaptation plan. Over the coming weeks they will be meeting with community members, Directors, Councilors and others to conduct interviews and gather data.

Chris S. Renschler, Ph.D.:



Chris S. Renschler is an extreme events researcher. He can talk to media about disaster planning, assessment and response, and how communities can be resilient,

rebounding after extreme events. An expert in natural resources management, Renschler has studied or responded to a variety of natural disasters, including the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, the 2011 tsunami

in Japan and Hurricanes Irene, Sandy and Harvey.

At UB, Renschler directs the Landscape-based Environmental System Analysis and Modeling (LESAM) lab. This interdisciplinary research group uses geographic information science, remote sensing, environmental modeling and readily available reconnaissance data sets to support rapid, practical and effective decision-making in managing natural resources and extreme events. Flooding and soil erosion are an important area of focus. Renschler has been working with stakeholders in the Cattaraugus Creek Watershed and Seneca Nation Emergency Management for more than a decade. He is an active member of Erie County's Local Emergency Planning Committee; was part of New York State's Respond Commission after Superstorm Sandy on 2012/13; was working with the United Nations on flood-risk mitigation and post-flood rehabilitation efforts in Asia in 2018, and is working with the Erie County on Climate Vulnerability Assessment since 2020. He has a Master's Degree in Geoecology from the University of Braunschweig (1996) and a PhD degree from the University of Bonn (200). He is a 2015/16 Fulbright Scholar, with his Fulbright work devoted to developing

sustainable watershed management policies in the face of climate and environmental change.

Jonathan Townsend:

Jonathan holds a BS in Environmental Science and an MS in Biology, both from SUNY Fredonia. He is currently working towards a doctorate degree in the Department of Geography. His research focuses on the potential impacts that plastic pollution has on bats and their insect prey from a biogeographical perspective. In addition to being a PhD student, he also works as a Research Assistant with the University at Buffalo, he is the Manager of Conservation and Restoration at the Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History, Co-Owner of Royal Fern Nursery, and he also sits on the Board of Directors at Greystone

Nature Preserve. He has worked in a number of environmental and biological fields, including environmental education, nonprofit land trusts, academic education and research, environmental consulting, and governmental regulatory agencies. Jonathan is passionate about bat biology, land conservation, and botany.



Michael Monzillo:

With a background in B2B sales and graduate level education in Econometrics and International Economics, Economic Geography, and Data Analysis for Social Science, Michael has devoted his career thus far to building up his intellectual toolset, deploying them to investigate social, economic, and business problems, and then applying everything he can to solve them. As a B2B salesman, he consulted with his customers one-on-one to find their business pains and craft a custom solution fit for them. All the while, he lived the realities of customer discovery involving tough lessons from difficult rejections, and negotiation, where he learned about finding wins for everyone involved. Michael's graduate education has allowed him to expand my scope and think about these same interactions across regional and international borders and examine them using modern tools in econometrics, geography, and data analytics. Having the chance to apply these skills in research and community-oriented positions, such as the Erie County Climate Vulnerability has only confirmed for Michael that he's headed down the right path and accelerated all of my personal and professional curiosities and ambitions.



VETERANS ONE-STOP CENTER OF WNY PRESENTS

Seneca Nation Peer-to-Peer Veteran Event
 August 21 from 12-2pm
 USS Little Rock
 (1 Naval, Marina Park S, Buffalo, NY 14202)

Lunch will be served aboard the USS Little Rock, with a tour of the Naval Park to follow. Lunch we be provided from Dinosaur BBQ. This event is only for Seneca Nation veterans and one guest.

Please RSVP with Josette "Nini" Wheeler at americanlegioniroquoispost1587@gmail.com or call 716-984-9401 between 6-9pm.

Sponsored by:



Climate Change Task Force- Sustainability Series: How We Can Help Combat the Climate Crisis.

Submitted by James Douglas

Indigenous people worldwide have believed in the philosophy of “sustainability” for generations. This way of thinking about preserving the environment for future generations, like the Seventh Generation Principle for Iroquois nations, is gaining momentum in regards to the changing climate and the threats it presents.

Nations around the world are attempting to solve problems such as rising global temperatures, energy shortages, diminished natural resources, frequency and severity of storm events, and the general deterioration of the environment. Indigenous communities play a vital role as they provide a unique perspective on the land, water, plants, animals, and relationship with the environment.

With that in mind, the Climate Change Taskforce will highlight some examples of sustainable development and share

some tips on what you can do to become more sustainable. This issue will focus on renewable energy as Seneca Energy has hit a milestone of generating 20 million kilowatt-hours of clean energy via their solar and wind turbine projects. The benefits of renewable energy projects like these include:

- Reducing reliance on fossil fuels and other finite resources.
- Generating energy that produces no greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels and reduces some types of air pollution.
- Economic benefits such as creating jobs in a forward-looking industry and more stable, low-cost energy options.
- Independence from the national grid and the reliability of having a local electricity source.
- Vast amounts of energy to harness from the sun and wind.

While it takes a large amount of planning and resources for projects like these to come to fruition, you can still do your part to become more sustainable and reduce your energy consumption.

Joining a community solar or wind project is an easy way to utilize renewable energy. You can contact your energy provider and ask them about changing your electricity source to solar and/or wind. Investing in solar panels is another way of becoming more energy-independent and sustainable at the same time. There are many programs

and incentives to take advantage of when adding solar panels to your home. Lastly, and most importantly, you can do your part by using less energy. Unplug devices you are not using, install energy efficient windows, turn lights off when you leave the room, convert to LED lighting, and buy energy efficient appliances to conserve electricity and lower your energy bills.



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

THE SENECA NATION WILL BE UTILIZING DRONES WITHIN SENECA NATION TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY ILLEGAL DRUG OPERATIONS AND THE SOURCES OF ILLEGAL DRUGS WITHIN OUR TERRITORIES. INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THE DRONES WILL BE SHARED WITH OUTSIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT, INCLUDING: CITY, COUNTY, STATE AND FEDERAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

FROM: SENECA NATION GOVERNMENT

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
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

Remember the Removal 2021- Sustaining our Culture and Traditions

Save the Date- Sept. 25th 2021

This year the Remember the Removal (RTR) Committee will honor the cultural traditions of the Seneca people prior to the construction of the Kinzua Dam on September 25th 2021.

Before the Kinzua Dam flooded 10,000 acres of our prime land, many Seneca households farmed their lands. Besides preserving food for winter, many families also hand-crafted materials and also performed in dance shows to make ends meet. This was a way of life for many families and included all members, even children, pitching in for the well-being of the family and community.

Farming was a way of life for many Seneca families; planting, harvesting, and canning

were done throughout the seasons and many homes had root cellars to keep goods dry. Today, the John family has graciously lent their land back to the Seneca Nation for a bison farm. Gakwi:yo:h Farms has been significant in bringing back food sovereignty on Territory.

Senecas were known for their craftsmanship of both traditional and self-sustaining artistries. The Watt family is renowned for their basket-making skills and corn husk dolls. The late Nettie Watt passed her talents down to many of her heirs and their work continues to be seen throughout Seneca territory and museums. Other Seneca artists were known to make turtle rattles, wood carving, pottery, beadwork, snow snakes, and small trinkets for sale.

Dance exhibitions and performance shows were also a means for income, especially in large families. Families like the Jimersons and Crowes built a stockade in Coldspring and performed dances in western attire for tourists. These outfits involved the entire family and even travelled to perform in the summer months when the children did not attend school.

The RTR Committee will display images

of community members engaged in cultural traditions; ie; beading, sewing, basket weaving, farming, canning, wood carving, lacrosse sticks, making snow snakes, making traditional foods, etc... We are accepting photos from the public of Seneca community members making traditional foods, labor or crafts. Photos will be displayed at the 2021 Remember the Removal event on Saturday, September 25th at the Seneca Allegany Administration Building. Please submit photos to the Seneca Media and Communications page via Facebook messenger, bring in a copy of your photo to the Seneca Media and Communications Center to scan, or mail in to Seneca Media and Communications Center at 90 Ohi:yo' Way, Salamanca, NY 14779.

Limited vendor space for artists will also be available at the Seneca Allegany Administration Building on September 25th. Please contact Fallon Snyder at 716-945-1790, extension 3114 to reserve your spot.

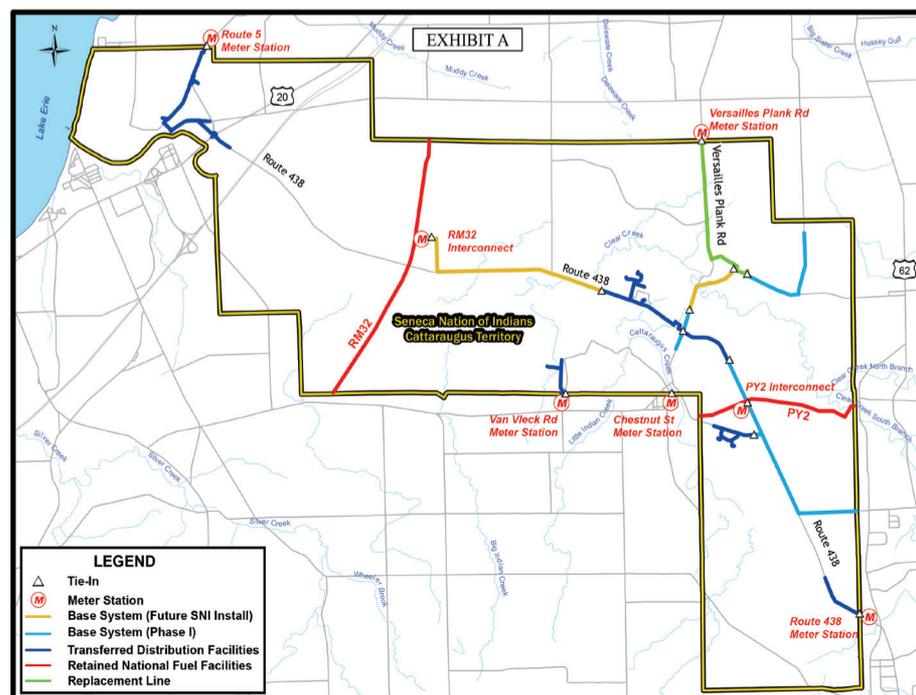
If you would like to volunteer, please call 716-945-1790 and request the Council Office.

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



SENECA NATION DRUG TASKFORCE

BILLBOARD DESIGN CONTEST

FOCUS & MESSAGING:
ILLEGAL DRUG SALES WITHIN OUR TERRITORIES

We're seeking slogans and creative design artwork from our community.

CASH PRIZES!!!

1st Place
 2nd Place
 3rd Place
 4th Place

Submission deadline: September 6th, 2021

Entries may be dropped off to Millicent Proud, in the Treasurer's Office in Allegany; or emailed to: millicent.proud@sni.org

for additional information, please call: (716) 945-1790, X3109

Made with PosterMyWall.com



SENECA NATION HOUSING
50 IROQUOID DRIVE IRVING, NY 14081 (716) 532-5000
44 SENECA ST SALAMANCA, NY 14779 (716) 945-5910

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.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON THE SNI WEBSITE UNDER HOUSING DOCUMENTS

Person(s)	Income Limit
1	\$83,895
2	\$95,880
3	\$107,865
4	\$119,850
5	\$129,438
6	\$139,026
7	\$148,614
8	\$158,202

FOR: Enrolled Seneca's who reside on or off territory within the Seneca Nation Service Area

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

Seneca Nation Housing Authority (SNHA)

EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE (ERA)

SNHA is currently accepting applications for the ERA PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON SNI WEBSITE UNDER HOUSING DOCUMENTS

Seneca Mohawk, SNHA CATTARAUGUS ERA Intake
Senee.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 (716) 845-6304 Ramona.marion@sni.org

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

ERA CAN HELP WITH:

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

Person(s)	Income Limit
1	\$44,744
2	\$51,136
3	\$57,528
4	\$63,920
5	\$69,034
6	\$74,147
7	\$79,261
8	\$84,374

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).

AUGUST Career Readiness Workshops

Working with Difficult people
How to work effectively with a difficult person **17 10-11am**

Working with Difficult people
How to work effectively with a difficult person. **19 2-3pm**

Appearance and Attire
Learn how to dress for success **24 10-11am**

Appearance and Attire
Learn how to dress for success **26 2-3pm**

Interviewing
Learn skills to help you master interviews **31 10-11am**

3674 Administration Dr. 716-945-8120
Training and Employment Resource Center

BLOCK GRANT

Block Grant applications will be available on **Monday August 16, 2021**

Applications are available at the following facilities:

Cattaraugus ECLC
2016 Henodeyesta Dr.
Irving, NY 14081
(716)532-0505

If you currently receive block grant services or on the waiting list, you must re-apply for the new fiscal year.

This program is based on income and is not a first come first served basis. Any questions please Maryann Williams at the numbers listed above.

Block grant is available for low-income families that are a member of a federal recognized tribe who live on territory or within a 5 mile radius of the Cattaraugus territory.

Seneca Fall Festival 2021

FALL FESTIVAL
September 11th & 12th

Saylor Building Grounds
12861 Route 438 Irving, N.Y 14081

For more information please contact Trudy Jackson @532-3341 x5130



Job Fair

Seneca Gaming and Entertainment

768 Broad Street
Salamanca NY 14779

We will be located in the SGE parking lot and if the forecast shows rain we will set up inside the Bingo Hall.

Any questions please call: (716) 945-4080

OPEN POSITIONS

- Security
- Cleaner
- Count Team Associate
- Customer Service Representative
- Hospitality Associate
- And many more...

Submit applications to: Humanresources@senecagames.net

WE'RE HIRING

August 31, 2021
11:00am- 3:00pm

SENECA
Gaming & Entertainment

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
AUGUST 17th, 2021

NEXT EDITION:
AUGUST 27th, 2021

Seneca Nation Environmental Protection Department

Cattaraugus Territory Large Item Drop-off

Monday August 30, 2021 until Thursday September 2, 2021
8am-6pm
EPD Parking Lot
84 Iroquois Drive
Irving, NY 14081



ACCEPTABLE ITEMS BUT NOT LIMITED TO:
Couches, Chairs, Washers & Dryers, CLEANED OUT Refrigerators, Conditioners, Construction & Demolition Materials, Electronics, and OFF RIM Tires. NO household hazardous waste.

Elders & Physically Disabled may call the office to schedule a pick-up. One truckload per person. No household trash.

Any questions please call the EPD office at (716) 532-2546



SENECA NATION DPW & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

Allegany Territory Large Item Drop-off

Monday September 13, 2021—Thursday September 16, 2021

GATE TO DROP OFF LOCATION WILL BE OPEN FROM 8AM—8PM

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

SNI DPW Building*
3674 Administration Drive
Salamanca, NY 14779
&
Steamburg Community Center
1200 Central Road
Steamburg, NY 14738



NO HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Elders & Physically Disabled may call the office to schedule a pick-up. One truckload per person. No household trash.

Any questions please call the DPW office at 716.945.1790 x 3150

WE ARE HIRING

JOIN OUR TEAM

Job Announcement

Check out Seneca Nations website for job postings at:

www.sni.org

Submit applications/resume for Allegany Territory to:

Human Resources Department Attn: Shelly Rivas
90 Ohio Way, P.O. Box 231
Salamanca, NY 14779
Phone: (716)-945-1790 ext. 3113
Fax: (716)-945-8676
Email: shelly.rivas@sni.org

Cattaraugus Territory to:

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

WE WANT YOU

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT

The Seneca Nation Advocate Program will be submitting an application for the Fiscal Year 2022 funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program(LIHEAP).

Interested persons may review the draft model plan between **August 16 – 20, 2021** at the Cattaraugus and Allegany Tribal Advocate Offices.

For further information, please contact the Cattaraugus or Allegany Advocate Program at 532-4900 or 945-2655.

Seneca Nation Import/Export Meeting

The next Import/Export Meeting will be held:

**August 26th, 2021
1:00 pm
Cattaraugus Council Chambers**

Seneca Nation Utilities Meeting Notice

Let this letter serve as notification of the SNI Utilities Meeting to be held at

**10:00 am
August 23, 2021
SNI Utilities Meeting Room
(CATT TERRITORY)**

If there are any questions, please call the Utilities Office at (716) 532-9221. Nya:wëh!

STS Announcement:

Our buses are now equipped with AVL or automatic vehicle location devices! You can now track the bus on the PassioGo app on your smartphone.

Simply download the free app and select Seneca Transit System. You will be able to see the bus number and location as well as expected time of arrival at bus stops.

Watch the video and download the app. We hope this will make your trips more convenient and manageable!



**Title VI –
Salamanca
City Central
School District
Indigenous Parent
Committee (IPC)**

By Tami Watt, Title VI Chair

The Title VI Committee is dedicated to the advancement of our people through the education and the preservation of our traditions, values, customs and the well-being of our families.

The Title VI Committee on the Allegany Territory currently works with the Salamanca City Central School District (SCCSD) and the Seneca Nation Education Department to service Indigenous students with educational and support services.

The committee works with the SCCSD and the community to submit a grant proposal to the Federal government each year for approval. These funds are used for field trips, guest speakers, and travel in an effort to enhance and enrich academic opportunities for Indigenous students.

Mrs. Rachael Wolfe, Seneca language and history teacher, and her students enjoy yearly field trips to Ganondagan, Old Fort Niagara, Kinzua Dam, and Cornplanter. These sites are historically significant, educational, and culturally relevant for our students to learn about Hodinöshö:ni people as well the back ground of the state of New York.

Guest speakers such as Joseph Brusac (Author), Perry Ground (Storyteller), Bill Crouse (Dancer, singer, artist), Dr.Darryl Tonemah Ph.D (Counseling and Psychology) have lent their support, guidance, and talent to all students K-12. Dr. Tonemah works with both staff and students to provide tools to deal with trauma. In the past, Senecas in professional capacities have been invited to come in and share their experiences and career paths to intrigue the next generation. Jeremy John, Propulsion Engineer, has presented in the past as well as Linda Thomas, FBI Agent, and Annabelle Bowen, ASU- Director of American Indian Initiatives.

Some support staff that work directly with students and families fall under the Title IV budget. The SCCSD provides each Indigenous family with a support worker that serves as the liaison between the school and the family to provide specific resources to aid in the students’ success. The Family Liaisons work with the Native American

Program Coordinator to ensure services are meeting student needs. The Title VI also funds a social worker at the elementary level Pre-K-3, the Seneca Youth Council Advisor and the Seneca Youth Dancers Advisor. Family Liaisons and Native American service providers attend the National Indian Education Association each year with travel expenses covered through Title VI funds.

Looking toward the future, the Title IV Committee wants to steer Indigenous students toward avenues of success and enrichment. Last month, the committee discussed encouraging our youth toward programs like the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) that host annual conferences, provide scholarships, and programs for schools with specific projects like Computer Science for Native Girls and also Robotics and STEM related curricula. If a specific amount of Native students are interested programs, the SCCSD can apply to become a partner of AISES.

If you are interested in advancing the educational opportunities and support services for Indigenous students attending the Salamanca City Central School District, the Title VI Committee meets every month on the second Wednesday of each month in-person at the Salamanca High School in the Large Group Instruction room with a zoom link available on the SCCSD Facebook page the day of the meeting, except for August 2021. The Title VI Committee will hold the monthly meeting on August 25th following the “Welcome Back” picnic at the Salamanca High School in the Large Group Instruction room.

Elections for officers will be held at the next meeting. If you would like to run for a position on the committee or know someone who would like to be involved, please attend the August 25th meeting at 7pm at the Salamanca High School.

If you are an Indigenous student that is not receiving services, please reach out to Michala Redeye at MRedeye@salamancany.org or 716-945-2404 Ext 6004 (office) 716-307-5924 (cell).



Photo credit: SCCSD Facebook page

Every Child Matters Walk - Allegany

By Tami Watt, Editor

STEAMBURG, NY- The Seneca Nation Behavioral Health Unit hosted a walk in remembrance of lives lost due to the abusive practices of Indian boarding/residential school. This past year, thousands of unmarked graves of Indigenous children were uncovered at former boarding school sites across the United States and Canada.

The walk was well attended by youth in summer programs including; The Faithkeeper School, the Allegany Education Dept. Summer Program, and the Ceremonial Dept. Summer Program. Many community members, elders, as well as Seneca Nation officials and Seneca Gaming executives were in attendance as well.

Casey Allen, Child and Family Program Coordinator, welcomed the crowd, offered information, and handed out goody bags for participants. Blaine Tallchief gave the Ganönyok for all. Buses for elders followed the walkers around the North and South Loops in the Steamburg Community. Lunch was provided after the walk at the Steamburg Community Center.

Initiated by Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation, the first 215 graves were found at the Kamloops Residential school in Kamloops, British Columbia. Since then, various Nations have unearthed more unmarked graves using ground penetrating technology. Repatriations are taking place across Turtle Island as nations are bringing their children home in traditional style. Proper burials and ceremonies can now

take place for the children that were never sent home and loved ones can finally have peace.

“As a parent of a children who have, or are currently attending FKS, it was important to me for my children to participate in the walk because they need to understand not only how fortunate we are to live at this time but also why we place such great emphasis on the kind of education they receive at the Faithkeeper School. Although they’re too young to fully understand why some of the children never came home from the residential boarding schools, it’s vital to know where we come from so we can know where we’re going,” shared Brett Maybee, participant.

Seneca Nation Territory was home to two boarding/residential schools. One on Allegany Territory, the Tunesassa Friends /Quaker School and the other on Cattaraugus Territory, the Thomas Indian School aka “Salem” after the original moniker- the Thomas Indian Asylum for Orphaned and Destitute Children.

The Tunessasa Friends/Quaker School was established around 1800 on the Allegany Territory after Chief Cornplanter encouraged the Quakers to teach Seneca children the ways of the white man with farming, sewing, reading, and writing. Many local students attended during the day, however, records show some children- mainly from out of the area that were boarders or lived on grounds.

Research suggests the Quakers were more interested in “civilizing the Indian” rather than converting their faith and ways to Christianity.

The Thomas Indian School was a boarding school established by Asher and Laura Wright in 1855 after taking in Seneca orphaned children due to an illness that swept through the Cattaraugus Territory. Soon, the establishment was receiving State funding and had a sprawling campus complete with a farm, boarding houses, and a school. Many students as young as four were taken from Seneca homes deemed unfit, however, some were orphaned with no other place to call home. They were all put to work in an effort to get them ready for American citizenship. Boys were put to work outside, girls inside. Housing conditions were crowded and poor and instances of physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect have been shared by survivors in various interviews and documentaries. The school closed its doors in 1938.

The Seneca Nation libraries have more information available on the history and conditions of the school. Some buildings from the school remain today, the current Seneca Nation Courts are housed in the former infirmary that has since been reconstructed. Former students/survivors have established a group that still meets yearly.



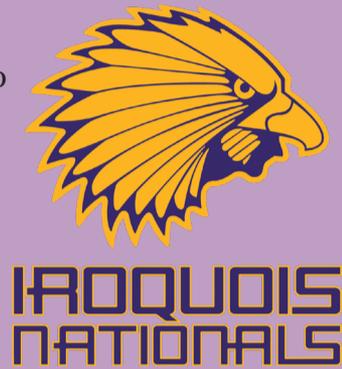
#EveryChildMatters

Iroquois Nationals tryouts at Nichols, Buffalo, NY.

Ja:goh to everyone who tried out!

Photos by Seneca Media

On July 31, 2021 the Iroquois Nationals Womens Team Evals were held for all upcoming competitions including PALA 6s, World Games 2022, World Championships 2022. Good luck to all the women who tried out.



Coaches:

- GM, Shaniece Mohawk (Seneca)
- Head Coach, Elizabeth Beville
- Assistant Coach, Alison Bruno
- Assistant Coach, Joseph Manna
- Assistant Coach, Naomi Walser (Beausoleil First Nation)

Seneca Players:

- Lois Garlow
- Jenna Harring
- Fantasy Jimerson
- Jalyn Jimerson
- Beretta Santana
- Ivy Santana
- Lauren Scanlan
- Miya Scanlan
- Shayla Scanlan
- Aryien Stevens



Ja:goh Winter Rivera (Cattaraugus Territory, WOLF clan)

Winter recently finished up his 8th grade school year in Gowanda Central and received the 2021 MVP awards for Varsity Lacrosse, JV Lacrosse and Modified football, **all while maintaining his HIGH Honor roll status!** He is heading into 9th grade at St. Francis High School this September and will participate in football and lacrosse.



Winter is currently participating in the CCC Sports Performance workout program.

Dear Winter: Stay focused, keep your dreams a priority and continue to strive to be the best YOU, you can be in school, sports and life. Nya:wëh for sharing your talents with us.

Ja:goh Jarmani Benton (Cattaraugus Territory)

Photo credit: UCBL Twitter

Ja:goh #18 Jarmani Benton along with his ARMORY teammates! In the winner-take-all championship game at Segar & Sciortino Field at The Blue Cross Arena on Monday, August 3rd, the Armory (8-1) pushed past the Hawkeyes (5-5) 14-11 to clinch the Mearns Cup and become the **first-ever champions in Upstate College Box Lacrosse League history.**



Ja:goh Emily Brown (Allegany Territory, Hawk clan, daughter of Sunnea John & Sky Brown)

Congratulations to Emily on her 6th place finish at USMC USA National Championships in Fargo, ND becoming an ALL AMERICAN, her first time on one of the biggest stages for wrestling in a bracket of 64 wrestlers.

Emily is pictured to the right



UCBLL Teams Name Award Winners for 2021 Season

Ja:goh Gage Stevens (Cattaraugus Territory, Turtle clan, son of Camile Twoguns & Grantland Stevens) - Darris and Rich Kilgour Most Valuable Player Award Recipient

Source: <https://bandits.com/ucbll-teams-name-award-winners-for-2021-season/>

The Armory, Buffaloes, and Hawkeyes of the Upstate Collegiate Box Lacrosse League (UCBLL) have announced their player awards for the inaugural 2021 season. The awards are named after lacrosse legends from the Western New York region and are specific to the city the teams play in.

The Rochester-based teams, Armory and Hawkeyes, named their MVP award after Duane "Dewey" Jacobs, while their Unsung Hero is named after Chris Schiller. For the Buffaloes, based in Buffalo, the MVP Award bears the names of Darris and Rich Kilgour, while their Unsung Hero is named after Ken Lay Sr.



Darris and Rich Kilgour Most Valuable Player Award – Gage Stevens, Buffaloes

Gage Stevens started seven games for the Buffaloes this summer, recording a 10.66 goals-against average while

keeping giving his team a chance to win every game.

"Gage has been our most reliable and consistent player all year," said Buffaloes coach Dan Coates. "Whether it's been a timely save or throwing a deep ball to spark our transition, he has been a cornerstone for us when he's between the pipes."

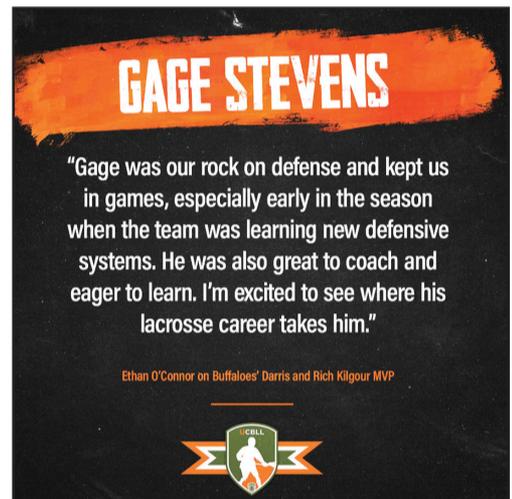
Stevens, a high school senior, made stellar saves all summer for the Buffaloes.

Coach Zed Williams added, "Gage is a brick wall in net who can really throw the ball."

While the Buffaloes struggled to score goals this season, Stevens often

kept games close through three quarters. Defensive Coach Ethan O'Connor had nothing but praise for his goaltender.

"Gage was our rock on defense and kept us in games, especially early in the season when the team was learning new defensive systems," said O'Connor. "He was also great to coach and eager to learn. I'm excited to see where his lacrosse career takes him."



WNY Lax News

Section VI All Section 1st Team

Congrats boys!

Ja:goh Keith White, Daylin John & Joiise John, Lake Shore District Lacrosse Section VI All Section 1st Team. (Pictured L to R)



2nd Team All Section VI honorees! Congrats!

Ja:goh Jarod White, William Crouse & Amos Whitcomb, Salamanca Warriors Lacrosse Section VI All Section 2nd Team.
Ja:goh Winter Rivera, Gowanda Panthers Lacrosse Section VI All Section 2nd Team. (Pictured L to R)



Attention: All NAMLA Tournaments have been **CANCELLED!**

CANCELLED • CANCELLED • CANCELLED

TOURNAMENTS

PEANUT/TYKE HOSTED BY TUSCARORA
AUGUST 20-23, 2021 @ CORNERSTONE ARENA

NOVICE/PEEWEE HOSTED BY ALLEGANY
AUGUST 15-17, 2021 @ ACC

EVENT CANCELLED

BIRTH YEAR

- PEANUT: 2014
- TYKE: 2014
- NOVICE: 2014
- PEEWEE: 2010-2014
- BANTAM: 2008-2007
- MIDGET: 2006-2005
- INTERMEDIATE: 2004-2000

CANCELLED • CANCELLED • CANCELLED

REGISTER WITH

Each One, Inspired: Haudenosaunee Art Across the Homelands

August 19, 2021 – November 19, 2021 at Syracuse University Art Museum



Composed of over 52 contemporary artworks by Haudenosaunee artists from all six Haudenosaunee Nations across what is now New York, this exhibit takes a closer look at the multiple sources of inspiration in contemporary Haudenosaunee art including: treaties, the natural world, community and family members, ancestors, oral histories, and connection to land. Collectively, the artworks in this exhibit break convention by challenging the expected, disrupting stereotypes and non-Haudenosaunee historical narratives.

As the artists and their works demonstrate in this exhibit, the continuous trajectory

of Haudenosaunee art has been in existence since long before 1607 and the arrival of Europeans. What does a canon of Haudenosaunee art look like? *Each One Inspired: Haudenosaunee art across the homelands* will give visitors a sense of the dynamic, loud, punchy, glittering, somber, and intricate ways Haudenosaunee artists respond to, react to, and draw inspiration from their communities and histories; in doing so, this exhibit asks visitors to question their own relationships to Indigenous histories, people, and lands.

Curated by Gwendolyn Saul, PhD, Curator of Ethnography and Ethnology, these works are on loan from the Contemporary Native American Art Collection, New York State

Museum, Albany.

Location: The museum is located on Syracuse University in first floor of the Shaffer Art Building, adjacent to the Kenneth Shaw quadrangle.

Museum Hours:
 Tuesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Wednesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Thursday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 (Closed Mondays & University holidays)

For more info. visit their website: <https://museum.syr.edu/> or call - **Phone:** 315.443.4097



Each One, Inspired

Haudenosaunee Art Across the Homelands

Left: *One Inspired: Haudenosaunee art across the homelands* Upcoming Exhibit (The exhibition will feature artwork from 50+ Haudenosaunee artists.) **Right:** Luanne Redeye, *Ageswë'gaiyo'* (Born of the Hawk Clan), self-portrait. Luanne's art-self portrait (2011) was acquisitioned by the NYS Museum and will be on loan for an exhibition this fall at the SU Art Museum.



Ja:goh Yanenowi Logan who has been selected as the 2021 NYSF Indian Village Princess

Submitted by Mary Jacobs

The New York State Fair Indian Village Agricultural Society from Cattaraugus, has selected the 2021 NYSF Indian Village Princess, Yanenowi Logan.

Yanenowi Logan is a member of the Deer clan from the Seneca Nation. She is currently in her sophomore year at Cornell University where she is majoring in Environment and Sustainability, and a minor in Fashion design.

Yanenowi is very interested in serving as the NYSF Princess because it is a great platform that promotes tradition, honor, and simply - women's voices in the Haudenosaunee community. She looks forward to serving as an upstanding role model for



young Ongwehonwe women and putting forth her greatest efforts in advocating for minority issues and sustainability in our communities.

Above: Yanenowi poses alongside her mother Leslie Logan and members of the NYSF Indian Village Agricultural Society - Cattaraugus.

Catch Jocelyn Jones in the Peloton commercial for their new anti-racist organization ad! #onepeloton



View her commercial at: <http://ow.ly/KT1B50FKuAK>

About Peloton Pledge:

ACTION CREATES CHANGE.
 In June 2020, we created the Peloton Pledge: a concrete action plan to combat systemic inequities. This plan addresses our internal culture and our principles, as well as a strategy for amplifying change both in our company and our community. It is an ambitious commitment that lays out our anti-racist vision with honesty, transparency and accountability.

"TOGETHER WE GO FAR" MEANS ALL OF US CAN'T WIN IF SOME OF US ARE BEING HELD BACK.

In this pivotal time in history, I believe we have an enormous responsibility to do our part to combat systemic racism, and I am committed to ensuring that we use our resources, platform and influence to change our society for the better—into a place where everyone can and will thrive.

~ JOHN FOLEY, PELOTON CO-FOUNDER AND CEO.



Words from Ms. Jones:

"My first commercial has dropped online! Visibility of self image is so important for the future success of our young people. Culture and representation was a big discussion of the day with the other actors, and we all connected on how important that is for our sons as daughters to see.

This experience of filming in my first commercial in NYC

was a big goal of mine that I never gave up on. Once I began believing in my talent and knowledge to the fullest and stopped being scared of my potential success, doors flew right open.... I've walked through them and am not looking back.

Here's to building the platform bigger for all of our beautiful indigenous children to stand on and see the bright horizon of their coming days. I believe in you and will keep working hard so your path is a bit wider,

easier and safer to travel. I am the granddaughter of residential school survivors. To the United States government: I am proof that your assimilation policies and plan to eradicate my lineage has failed.

To my grandparents, this one is for you...we are now seen and heard by the world. Your lives mattered. We are your wildest dreams come true. O'tgwanö:nyö' for being so strong and brave so I could be here today."

Local Haudenosaunee Filmmakers to be featured in upcoming film fest

Save the DATE: September 4th, 2021. Additional info. posted below. Program details coming soon.



SAVE THE DATE

September 4, 2021

Burchfield Penney Art Center
 1300 Elmwood Avenue
 Buffalo, NY 14222

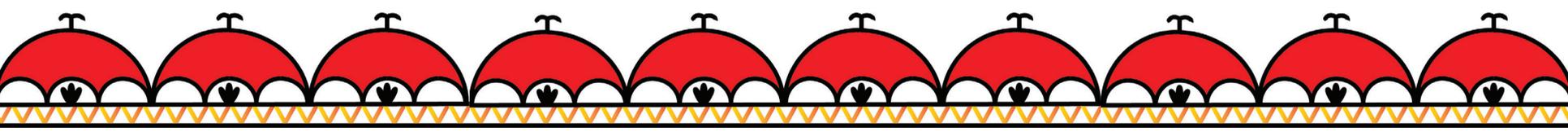
TICKET & PROGRAM DETAILS COMING SOON



PARTICIPATING HAUDENOSAUNEE FILMMAKERS

- Caleb G. Abrams (Seneca)
- Jonathan Elliott (Mohawk)
- ZsaZsa K (Seneca)
- Karenna'onwe Dr Karen Hill (Mohawk)
- Candace Maracle (Mohawk)
- Kahstoserakwathe Paulette Moore (Mohawk)
- Brooke Rice (Mohawk)
- Judith Schuyler (Onyota'a:ka, Oneida Nation)
- Rosy Simas (Seneca)
- Lauren Stevens (Seneca)
- Patrick Redeye (Seneca), Tami
- Maurice John Jr. (Lakota Sioux) & Tami Watt (Seneca)

CURATED BY
 Terry J. Jones (Seneca)



Ja:goh Kerry John

Shared from: Salamanca City Central School District Facebook page

Congratulations to Board of Education member Kerry John who took his oath to become the Vice President of the board. District Clerk Janet Koch administered the oath.



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

On July 11th we held our annual church picnic with members of the Versailles, Gowanda and Four Corners churches. Unfortunately, it was a rainy, dreary day so we met in the Four Corners Fellowship Hall instead of the Versailles Commons. The weather didn't dampen our spirits, we enjoyed the fellowship and food that morning! We are looking forward to next year's picnic.

We are planning monthly joint Sunday services with Versailles beginning on September 5th at 10 a.m. in Versailles. We will alternate between Versailles and Gowanda.

Four Corners hosted the first Caregivers gathering on July 26th. At that time the group decided to host another session on Monday, August 30th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A lot of issues were brought up regarding caregiving – mainly wanting to know what services were

available to them as they care for their loved one. We hope to have a speaker at the next session who can give us more insight into being a caregiver. Everyone who is a caregiver or has been a caregiver is invited to attend the gathering to share their story and to support others who are caregivers. The first rule of being a caregiver is that you must take care of yourself as well as the person you are serving.



Keep our communities in your prayers. We all need healing. Everyone is invited to join us at Four Corners on Sunday morning 8:30 a.m. to meet with Pastor Holly or just to visit. Worship service begins at 9 a.m. We look forward to seeing you! Peace.

New crosswalks highlighted along Pennsy Trail

Reprinted from salamancapress.com



Several entities in the city of Salamanca recently came together to paint new crosswalks along the Pennsy Trail.

SALAMANCA — Crosswalks along the Pennsy Trail have recently been updated thanks to a partnership between the Salamanca Youth Bureau, in partnership with the Seneca Nation, GObike Buffalo and the Salamanca school district.

This project was funded by a grant from the Healthy Schools and Communities Program. Participating in the event were Nazareth University intern Emma Fiske; Salamanca students Tristan Duhan, Alicia Fiske, Kendall Valvo, Hayden Hoag, Cole Johnson, Myra Breazeale and Cole Hedlund; and teachers Cheryl Johnson and Kim Dry.

Dave Johnson, representing

Clark Patterson Lee Engineering Firm (CPL Engineering Firm), helped with the Pennsy Trail's safety updates and provided technical support.

Youth Bureau Director Sandi Brundage said all participants worked hard, painting the crosswalks on all roads transecting the Pennsy Trail.

"This project is aimed at creating a safer trail by bringing awareness to drivers approaching these intersections," she said. "The Pennsy Trail is widely used by the community to safely cycle, walk, run, roll, skateboard and more for all ages."

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Upcoming Clothing & Household Item Drive

CLOTHING & HOUSEHOLD ITEM DRIVE

The Native American Heritage Association was started in 1993, by David G. Myers, as a charitable non-profit organization dedicated to helping Native American families in need, living on sovereign lands in South Dakota and Wyoming. (*naha-inc.org*) Their mission is to help as many families as possible with basic life necessities and self-help programs.

In support of these efforts, the Seneca Nation will be holding a clothing and household item drive, which will then be sent to Black Hawk, South Dakota, for distribution.

All items donated for this effort must be in good, new or gently used condition.

Nya:weh, Treasurer Rickey L. Armstrong and staff

Native American Heritage Association

CLOTHING & HOUSEHOLD ITEM DRIVE

CATTARAUGUS DROP-OFF @ CCC: September 20th & 21st
ALLEGANY DROP-OFF @ ACC: September 21st & 22nd

10:00AM - 3:00 PM
Clothing, Furniture, Toys,
Books and Household Items...

For additional information,
please contact:
Emily Nephew at:
(716) 945-1790
ext. 3109

The Church of the Good Shepherd in Irving

Submitted by Faith Stewart

The Church of the Good Shepherd in Irving is OPEN! Anyone wishing to use the hall for birthday parties, showers etc. should come to the church vestry meeting on the first Sunday of the month at 11:00 AM to make their request. The suggested donation is \$125.00 from April first through October 31st and \$150.00 from November first through March 31st.

Everyone is welcome to join us for in person Church services at 9:30 A.M. every Sunday. We have Holy Communion on the first and third Sundays and a Morning Prayer service on the other Sundays.

Please be aware that sometimes items left at gravesites are moved during lawn maintenance. Every effort is made to return items to their original locations. If you have loved ones buried in our cemetery, please consider making a donation to our cemetery fund to help with lawn mower maintenance and gas costs. Checks can be mailed to"

The Church of the Good Shepherd,
P.O. Box 179, Irving NY 14081

or an electronic donation can be made here <https://onrealm.org/EpiscopalDioces-/give/wynwpa> (click on Irving on the fund drop down menu) on our Diocesan website. Thank you!

From the family of Ken Lay, Sr.

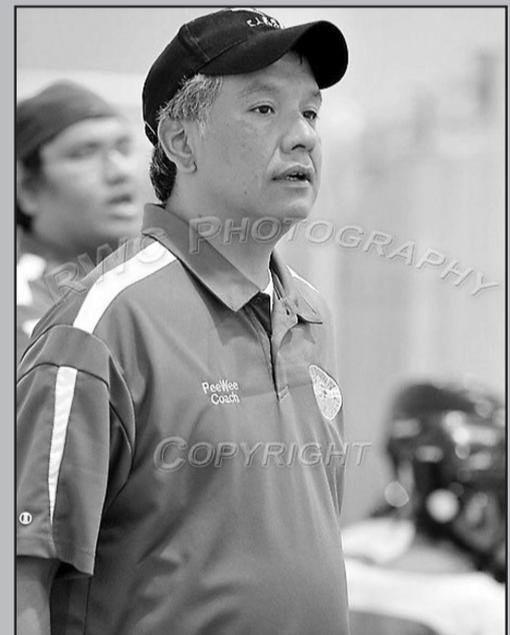
Submitted by Evette Stevens

The family of Ken Lay, Sr. (Gee Wen) would like to express our sincerest thank you to all those who helped us get through this difficult time. To our family and friends, your friendship has always been our greatest asset we don't know how we would have gotten through this loss without all your support.

To all his brothers of the game, thank you for the outpouring of respect you showed to our fallen warrior. He would hope to see his legacy continue by passing on the game he loved and shared, he always said it wasn't his to keep and felt obligated to pass on to future generations.

Thanks to Jacky, NAMLA Secretary, for her efforts in getting Ken recognized through the UCBL League (Buffalo Bandits) for this seasons Unsung Hero Award. I can only imagine what he would say, but the impact he brought to our youth will go unmeasured. With appreciation and gratitude,

**Evette, Kenny Jr. Wase' and Kennlynne
Viola, Howie Lay**





Karolyn Karsten is a member of the Heron Clan. She graduated with honors

Ja:goh Karolyn "Kari" Karsten

Submitted by Karen Karsten

from Syracuse University and received a scholarship to attend grad school at the University of Washington where she is pursuing a Masters Degree in Museology with a focus on Contemporary Indigenous Art. Prior to COVID-19 she was interning at the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum.

She was recently selected by the Seattle Art Museum (SAM) as its 2021 Emerging Curatorial Professional Intern. This particular internship is an 18 month program.

The selection process was highly competitive and the result of an intensive interview process in which Kari was the single recipient chosen from a slate of students and other young professionals from across the country. The internship is made possible through the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in conjunction with the SAM.

Kari is the daughter of Karen Karsten and Kevin Gates.

K ART: Native American art finds a home in Allentown

Reprinted from buffalospree.com

One reason we've been waiting for a place like K Art is located about twenty miles north of the gallery's downtown location. It is the looming, deteriorating hulk unofficially known as the Turtle and officially named the Native American Center for the Living Arts when it opened in 1981. Once a vibrant focal point for Native culture, it has been vacant since it closed in 1995 and sits near the edge of the Niagara River Upper Rapids, with no plan for preservation or revival.

K Art provides an opportunity to refocus that frustrated energy and reawaken local audiences to the rich vein of Native American expression that informs our community. With a mission to increase visibility of contemporary Native art, K Art aims to blow away stereotypes, replacing them with fresh, challenging works by artists who may or may not employ traditional Indigenous motifs.

K Art was opened this past October by Dave Kimelberg, attorney and Seneca Nation (Bear clan) member, who also rents out the space for coworking

and events. Located at 808 Main Street, the multilevel facility has a downstairs gallery, an upstairs gallery, upstairs offices, and an elegant rooftop patio with beautiful views of downtown and nearby St. Louis Church. It's a stylish renovation of an 1878 brownstone, adding life and strengthening links between Allentown and the theater district.

The inaugural exhibition featured many artists who may be unfamiliar locally

but have been internationally shown and featured in well-known museum collections, which underlines the importance of bringing this programming to Buffalo. A second show opened in May. Entitled Brought to Light: The Epidemic of Violence against Indigenous Women, it includes works by five Native American artists who explore the subject using interesting and, given the topic, often-subtle visual and multimedia techniques. Part of the show documents a performance piece by Julia Rose Sutherland (Mi'Kmaq Metepangina) that took place at Silo City. It employs rose petals as symbols of remembrance, as does the mixed-media-on-fabric series by Sonya Kelliher-Combs, which was previously shown in Denmark. Brought to Light is up through August.

Much like another new gallery at the other end of Allentown, College Street's Rivalry Projects, K Art introduces new players to the neighborhood's gallery



Photo courtesy of the gallery.

scene, players who are much needed, given the closings of Indigo and Nina Freudenheim. This infusion of artists who have made their reputations outside Buffalo and gallery owners with innovative ideas about gallery design is fresh, exciting, and, dare we say it, game-changing.

The fact that K Art is bringing attention to Native artists who are based both locally and outside WNY provides important context and diversity to our understanding an appreciation of these artists. A small exhibition accompanying Brought to Light features works by G. Peter Jemison (Seneca, Heron Clan), a painter who's also a leading authority on the subject of Haudenosaunee history. K Art has signed Jemison as the first artist it is representing.

Dave Kimelberg is optimistic about his new venture. "We've only been open six months," he says, "but we've sold a lot of work. I think it's only going to go up from here."



Dave Kimelberg, attorney and Seneca Nation member, opened K Art in October 2020. Photo by Luke Copping

Attention Elders: The AOA Centers are NOW FULLY RE-OPENED!

We are excited to announce that the AOA Elder Centers are fully reopened. 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 the AOA facilities. Play a game, work on your crafts, or just enjoy a cup of coffee with friends. All activities will be self-directed until normal staffing levels resume. Please note that COVID safety precautions are still being followed, including: temperature screenings, social distancing and mask wearing for unvaccinated individuals.

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.

WE ARE OPEN!

SENECA ALLEGANY ELDERS CENTER & WINI KETTLE SENIOR CENTER ARE NOW OPEN DAILY!

HOURS: MONDAY-FRIDAY, 8AM-4PM

All activities are self-directed until we return to normal staffing levels.

Please remember:
 Wear a mask if you are unvaccinated.
 Maintain social distancing.
 AOA Staff will serve all food and drinks.
 Wash hands thoroughly and often.
 Stay home if you are not feeling well.

NYA:WĒH!



If you are not feeling well, please stay home.



Reminder: The Allegany and Cattaraugus Community Centers are open as COOLING Centers for those with no ability to keep their homes cool during periods of high temperatures and extreme humidity.

INSTRUCTIONS TO STAY HEALTHY:

Watch the weather this time of year and CHECK ON YOUR ELDERS

Heat Advisory Safety Tips

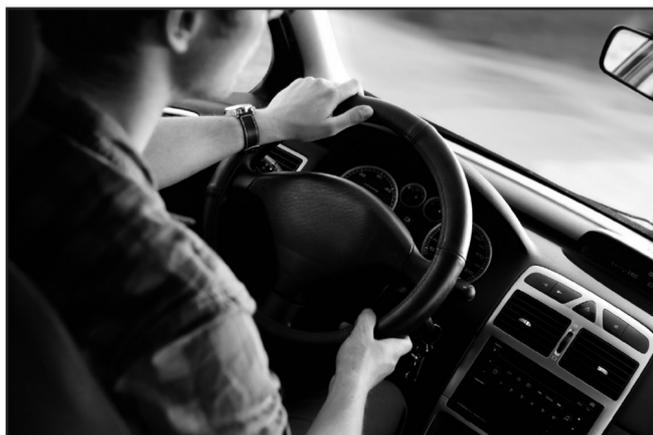
- Drink plenty of fluids, stay in an air-conditioned room, stay out of the sun, and check up on relatives and neighbors;
- Do Not Leave Young Children and pets unattended in vehicles under any circumstances;
- Take extra precautions if you work or spend time outside. Wear lightweight and loose fitting clothing when possible. When possible reschedule strenuous activities to early morning or evening;
- To reduce risk during outdoor work, the scheduling of frequent rest breaks in shaded or air conditioned environments is recommended;
- Know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke; Anyone overcome by heat should be moved to a cool and shaded location.

Medical Transportation

Reprinted from August AOA Newsletter

Starting in August, AOA drivers on both territories will be available to provide medical transportation to Elders needing a ride for medical appointments. Please call two weeks in advance to schedule your trip. Medical transportation is not available between 10am and noon each day because of home meal deliveries.

Please schedule your appointments accordingly and call two weeks



in advance. To schedule medical transportation in Allegany, please call (716)945-8990. For Cattaraugus, please call (716)532-5777.

Check out the August AOA Newsletter here: https://sni.org/media/1046711/august-aoa-newsletter-final.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3ySkW4ydOakQ1JHS_vl1U2xTi9ac3ZSgHpvkrkWjggBZWSpdRi-wRBq3HQ

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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~ Allegany Territory - Final Notice ~

ESTATE OF STEWART E. REDEYE, JR.

Administrator: Angela Steckman,
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~ Allegany Territory - 2nd Notice ~

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~ Allegany Territory - 2nd Notice ~

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~ Allegany Territory - 2nd Notice ~

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~ Cattaraugus Territory - 1st Notice ~

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~ Allegany Territory - 1st Notice ~

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Administrator: Valene M. Peters,
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~ 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.

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>



*ECF Nya-wëh Village Smoke
Dance Contest*

SATURDAY AUGUST
21ST, 2021

ALL AGE CATEGORIES & CASH
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SMOKE DANCE CONTEST AT 3PM

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Due to covid restrictions, tickets will need to be pre-purchased, so if you plan to attend this day make sure you get your tickets ahead of time.

(Face Masks are encouraged)

Upcoming Faming Reunion Picnic

Attn: ALL LeRoy Descendants

Submitted by Julie Snow

Attention all LeRoy descendants of Leah LeRoy Redeye, Joan LeRoy Jamison Twoguns, Althea "Hopie" LeRoy Jimerson, Jane LeRoy Redeye, Tyrone LeRoy, Sid Leroy, Uncle Dan LeRoy, Kenny LeRoy, Irene LeRoy Jimerson and Shari LeRoy Halftown.

A reunion picnic is being organized. You can contact Julie at 716-401-5738; Cathy at 716-544-2767; Brenda at 716-536-1536; or Keith at 716-801-5091 for more information or donations .

We are aiming towards a late September picnic. Any help you can offer is much appreciated. We are still seeking a site/location that can accommodate our large family. Make sure to watch the Newsletter & stay tuned for details!



Email us: sninews@sni.org

visit us on-line
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August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month

Taking Back Native Culture by Breastfeeding

Breastfeeding has kept our people and traditions strong since the beginning of time. We are here because our ancestors breastfed.

When you breastfeed, you are giving your baby a gift that only you can give. Being a mother is a new journey, it's normal to worry a little and wonder if you will be able to provide enough for your baby. Talking to an elder, mother, auntie or friend can help you begin the most sacred passage into motherhood.

For added support, did you know that the Seneca Nation Health System offers education, support & supplies?

We have many staff members, other SNI department members and community members who are Lactation Consultants



who are happy to support your breastfeeding journey. We also offer breastfeeding supplies such as breast pumps, storage bags, nursing pads, cooler and ice packs to name a few. For a complete list, contact Robin Crouse, Health Educator at LRJHC: 945-5894 or Mary Jacobs, LPN Clinical Nurse at CIRHC: 532-5582.

The Seneca Nation Health System takes pride in caring for our community and our culture. The proud tradition of breastfeeding is part of our tomorrows.

As our families pass the gift and wisdom of mother's milk to their children and families our leaders, communities and futures will be stronger and healthier.

The message is hope and it begins with Mother's Milk.



*Source: Indigenous Breastfeeding Counselor Manual

Simply HR ~ June

New Hires

Jolene Powless
Health Information Assistant, LRJHC
June 7, 2021

Taylor Harris
Health Information Assistant, LRJHC
June 18, 2021

Transfers

Lydia Bushman
Prevention/Aftercare Supervisor, CHWC
June 14, 2021

Congratulations on your new positions!



You can reach us here:

Lionel R. John
Health Center
716-945-5894

Community Health and
Wellness Center
716-532-8223

Cattaraugus Indian
Reservation Health Center
716-532-5582

Here's a healthy recipe to try this summer!

Melon and Mint

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 0 minutes
Total time: 15 minutes
Number of Servings: 8



Ingredients

- 1 Tablespoon lime juice
- 1/4 cup fresh mint leaves
- 2 Tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 3 cups watermelon cubes
- 3 cups honeydew cubes

Directions

1. Blend lime juice, mint leaves and brown sugar together in a small food

processor.

2. Place melon cubes in a bowl. Drizzle dressing over melon and toss gently.
3. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

Notes:

- Try with other types of melon such as cantaloupe or crenshaw.
- Try omitting the brown sugar and adding crumbled feta cheese.

Find more delicious recipes from Food-Hero.org

*Source: https://medlineplus.gov/recipes/melon-and-mint/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=apr21

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.



Mark your calendar for upcoming events...

MOVIE NIGHT



Drive-in Family Movie Night



Family Movie Night!!!

Gather your snacks, chairs, blankets and comfy clothes, it's family movie night! We will be getting together to watch **SHREK!**

Arrive at 7:00 p.m. for the 8:00 p.m. movie!
Two dates and locations to choose from:

Tuesday, August 17th - Saylor Community Building in the back field 12861 Route 438 in Irving

Wednesday, August 18th - Seneca Iroquois National Museum 82 West Hetzel Street in Salamanca

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.

This event is open to the community RSVP:
Jennifer Stebbins
716.532.5583 ext. 5433
jstebbins@senecahealth.org




CULTURE



Dance Demonstration



DETAILS:

WHEN Tuesday, August 24th, 2021 | 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
WHERE Virtual on LifeSize and Facebook Live
WHAT Back by popular demand are our traditional dancers! Join us again for this celebration of our culture.

NATIVE connections
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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 are welcome to attend!
RSVP:
Jennifer Stebbins
716.532.5583 ext. 5433
jstebbins@senecahealth.org



We're honored to welcome you to the Clubhouse!

Check out the Clubhouse!

August 23rd 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

That's right!
We are almost ready to open, and we want you to check it out first!

We're located at
 The Saylor Community Building
 12861 Rt. 438
 Irving, NY

Have a look at our rock wall, arcade games, homework center and all the clubhouse has to offer youths ages 12 - 17. Please wear masks and social distance







Veggie Bucks Reminder

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

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

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

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

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



Visit our website
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Download the **SPEAK SENECA** app for free today!

Available on iPhone/iPad & Android devices!

The Allegany Language Dept., along with Thornton Media, Inc. (A Native-owned language app developer based in Las Vegas, NV), has released the **Speak Seneca** app on the App Store and Google Play!

The **Speak Seneca** app will help with everyday/

conversational language. There are 32 topics to explore, as well as games, quizzes, and cultural notes.

The Allegany Language Dept. collaborated with other Seneca language programs: Cattaraugus Language Dept., Deadiwënöhsnye's Gëjöhgwa'

(Seneca Immersion Program), Tonawanda Language Program (Tonawanda Seneca Nation), as well as Elders and community members to make this app possible.

This is the 1st revision of the **Speak Seneca** app. We are still working with the language

community to document any/all corrections needed for an app update in the future.

For any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact Jimmy Crane at the Allegany Language Dept.: james.crane@sni.org

Nya:wëh!



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

