

The Official Newsletter of the SENECA NATION



August 27th, 2021 - [visit us at www.sninews.org](http://www.sninews.org)



A message from President Matthew B. Pagels



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I'm thankful you are well! Best wishes to students as they prepare for the new school year. With the threat of COVID – 19 becoming greater within the county and around the State, please be vigilant with COVID protocol. Schools are preparing to open with face to face instruction and new safety protocols in the classroom and on school buses. It is extremely important that we keep our community safe and everyone

can do their part by becoming vaccinated. For more information on the vaccine or if you would like to set up an appointment please contact Seneca Health System at 532-5582 or 945-5894.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding allocation to members who completed the application by July 31st was mailed out the last week of August. This funding was to mitigate the costs of dealing with COVID-19 over the past year. Some members may have incurred additional health expenses, or other unforeseen costs. The second deadline date was in August, and funding allocation will happen during the week of September 22nd.

Other ARPA funding will be used for infrastructure, such as water and sewer, and for the broadband initiative in Cattaraugus. We appreciate the input provided on the survey which was attached to the ARPA application letter. This will help determine other needs within the community.

Lastly, the Seneca Fall Festival will happen on September, 11th and 12th at the Saylor Building grounds. Event applications and schedules are available on sni.org. We are

excited to be able to gather and enjoy our culture amidst the COVID crisis. The theme for this year's festival is Senecas together, Senecas safe.

The regular September Council session is moved back a week so everyone can enjoy the festivities. Have fun and come support our vendors!

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



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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SNI Newsletter website:
www.sninews.org

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

Seneca Nation website:
www.sni.org

Seneca Nation COVID-19 Response
Hub: covid19.snigis.org

Seneca Nation Twitter account
[@theSenecaNation](https://twitter.com/theSenecaNation)

FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER



Greetings,

Many children in our communities will be going back to school soon. For some, it will be for the first time since COVID-19 disrupted the world. It will be a time of adjustment for all. I am amazed at how resilient young people are. They have the uncanny ability to adapt much quicker than grown-ups. I encourage everyone to give gratitude to all of those who teach and guide our children at school. For the past 18 months we have learned first-hand how difficult their jobs are. They deserve all of the praise and support we can give them.

The 2021 USBOXLA Nationals, known as the best box lacrosse tournament in the Nation, was held August 6th-8th in San Jose, California. A local team, Iroquois Thunder competed in the Midget A category and consisted of all Iroquois team members. The Seneca Nation was represented by Assistant Coach, Robbie Jimerson and players: Mannoxx Jamison, Blayze Becker, Maddox Isaac, Landen Jimerson, Mason Sanden and Macay Jimerson. The Midget A category is deemed the best of the best. After two days of intense competition, the Iroquois Thunder-Midget A team brought home the gold medal, beating the Cali Lax

All Stars ten to seven!!!! What an exciting accomplishment for this young team. I am proud of their hard work, and of their support systems that have encouraged them to achieve greatness.

We are nearing our final meetings for the 2021-2022 Budget Season; and remain on schedule for presentation at the regular Council Meeting on September 18th. With the addition of COVID grants received to date, we stand to recoup some costs for personnel at SALC and ECLC for FY 2022. Our Seneca Nation Housing Authority has worked diligently with our Fiscal Department to complete all tasks associated with becoming a Seneca Nation department, effective October 1st, 2021. In an effort to streamline the voluminous amount of paperwork associated with fiscal operations, we are currently making progress with automating our document approval and workflow system for Human Resources, Purchasing and other Fiscal Department paperwork. This process will significantly reduce the amount of time it takes for approvals and other items to work their way through the process from beginning to completion.

I'd like to acknowledge that our Clerk's Office staff has worked very hard to get the August 25th ARPA Fund distribution list prepared so our Fiscal staff could cut the checks and make direct deposits for those

whom applied by the first deadline. We hope these funds will help families recoup some of the costs associated with surviving this global pandemic; such as, costs for masks, cleaning supplies, additional food and other expenses. If you missed the first deadline for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, you still have until August 31st, 2021, for the final distribution date of September 29th, 2021. Don't forget - in addition to the application; and in accordance with other Seneca Nation direct benefit programs, enrolled Senecas must have completed their regular registration requirements with the Clerk's Office. 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.**

Although the number of cases of COVID on our territories is low, it is an indication that we are still doing battle with this insidious virus. If you are presently unvaccinated, for the protection of all our people - please consider getting your COVID-19 immunization shot(s) as soon as humanly possible.

Respectfully,
Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.





Please Continue to stay Safe & Healthy!
The Clerk’s Office continues to monitor the current pandemic & practice safety measures that protect the Clerk’s Office staff and Community as a whole, please watch for changes. Nya:Weh

CLERK’S OFFICE UPDATE -
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 above. Again, applications received after August 31, 2021 will not be processed for payment under this program.
PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL THE CLERKS OFFICE WITH QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS AT CATTARAUGUS 716-532-4900 OR ALLEGANY 716-945-1790.

NOTICE

TO APPROVE RESUMING ENROLLMENT APPEARANCE REQUIREMENT

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

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

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

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

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

CLERK’S OFFICE FORMS

Completed forms can be mailed along with a copy of your photo identification as proof of identify if you are unable to obtain a notary to: Seneca Nation of Indians, 90 Ohi:yo’ Way, Salamanca NY 14779.
All forms are available online at www.sni.org under Clerk’s Office documents.

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

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

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

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

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

• **RELEASE OF MINORS TRUST FUND**
In order to begin receiving Minor Trust Fund disbursements. A member must be at least 18 years old and submit the following

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

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

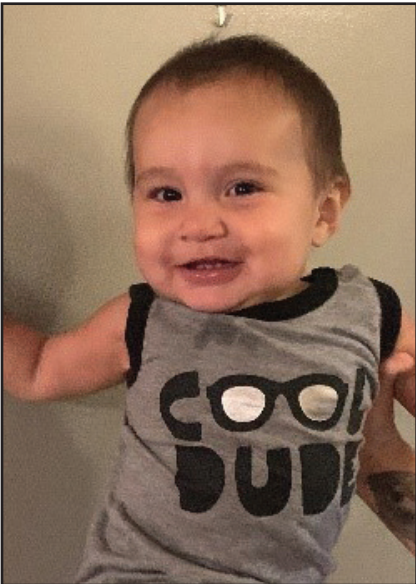
Welcome our recent enrollments to the Seneca Nation!

Eighteen (18) Additions To The Seneca Nation Roll – August 14, 2021 Regular Session Of Council

1.	Kiowa Deerfoot Bennett	-	Wolf
2.	Tyra Julisa Rose General	-	Bear
3.	Weston Cole Haugh	-	Snipe
4.	Jocelyn McKenzie Johnson	-	Hawk
5.	Sasha Rodan Kettle	-	Snipe
6.	Osirus Ray Knoxsah	-	Hawk
7.	Bellamy Suzi Lewis	-	Turtle
8.	Destin Wayne Montour	-	Turtle
9.	Legacy Avelina Moses	-	Turtle
10.	Gary William Chandler Nephew	-	Turtle
11.	Luke James Peterson	-	Turtle
12.	Leta Ailyn Regis	-	Hawk
13.	Xiezz Samual Siuxtas Russell	-	Turtle
14.	Olivia Mae Sandy	-	Bear
15.	Esequiel Isaiah Simental	-	Turtle
16.	Kaiden Royce Swamp	-	Bear
17.	Denim Machai Thomas	-	Turtle
18.	Mi’Chanel Denise Wiliams	-	Turtle

Due to Covid-19, the in person requirement for enrollment has been temporarily suspended, therefore we are asking parents who recently have or will be having their child(ren) enrolled and wishes to have their child(s) pictures included in future editions of the SN Newsletter, please email a picture to: Leslie.john@sni.org or Bjohnson@sni.org

Kaiden Swamp (Bear Clan)
Son of Emily Seneca & Trevor Swamp
Enrollment Date: August 14, 2021



Mi’Chanel Williams (Turtle Clan)
Daughter of Akira Reid & Michael Williams
Enrollment Date: August 14, 2021



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

Seven (7) Deletions To The Seneca Nation Roll – August 14, 2021 Regular Session Of Council

1.	Melissa Ann Bach	-	Deer
2.	Rachel M Ground	-	Turtle
3.	Briley Sophia Jackson	-	Turtle
4.	Kenneth Lay	-	Turtle
5.	Lyle Lyons	-	Wolf
6.	Alton W Schindler	-	Turtle
7.	Audrey Lou Suosmaa	-	Snipe

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

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.



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 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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

SENECA NATION HEALTH BOARD RESEARCH REVIEW COMMITTEE (2)

- 1 – Allegany Territory Community Member
- 1 – Cattaraugus Territory Community Member
- (Stipend may be available if not employed by the Nation)

Purpose:

The purpose of the Seneca Nation Health Board Research Review Committee is to review and to recommend to Nation Council approval or disapproval of all health research activities that use Nation resources and/or that occur within Nation jurisdiction. The Seneca Nation Health Board coordinates the Research Review Committee.

Qualifications:

- Enrolled Seneca (provide roll #), current resident of Cattaraugus or Allegany Territory
- Possess a sincere interest in the activities of the Research Review Committee
- Involvement in community enhancement activities and/or for work in cultural preservation, practices, enrichment

If interested, please submit a letter of intent no later than 4:30 p.m. on September 17, 2021.

Mail to:

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

GAMING

Seneca Resorts & Casinos Will Require Masks For Indoor Shows At Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino, Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino

Masks required for all attendees and staff inside Events Center regardless of vaccination status

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK-SALAMANCA, NEW YORK: (August 16, 2021) Out of an abundance of caution, Seneca Gaming Corporation announced that masks will be required for everyone attending upcoming indoor shows at Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino and Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino. The requirement applies to all guests and staff inside the Seneca Niagara Events Center and the Seneca Allegany Events Center regardless of vaccination status.

The resorts will host their first live entertainment performances in more than a year, when Ron White performs in the Seneca Niagara Events Center on Saturday, August 21 at 8 p.m., and John Fogerty takes the stage inside the Seneca Allegany Events Center on Saturday, August 28 at 7 p.m.

“In keeping with our unwavering commitment to the health and safety of our guests and team members, we believe a mask requirement inside our Events Centers, since physical distancing isn’t possible, is in everyone’s best interest,” said Kevin Nephew, Seneca Gaming Corporation President & CEO. “We want everyone

Request for Proposals: Seneca Nation Beach

The Seneca Nation of Indians is soliciting proposals from qualified individuals or companies to assume management of the Seneca Nation Beach recreational area, with the potential to design, develop, construct and operate proposed Facilities at that site.

Interested applicants are invited to submit a letter of interest, statement of qualifications, rate for management services, and proposal for future development. Proposals are due to the Seneca Nation of Indians on or before September 15, 2021. The Nation plans to schedule interviews in October and select the successful candidate, if any, by October 31, 2021. A copy of the RFP is available by calling the Office of the President at 716-532-4900, or on the Nation’s website at www.sni.org.

The Seneca Nation desires to enter into an agreement with the selected candidate. Applicants should be experienced in managing recreational areas, as well as be prepared to provide a detailed proposal for the design, construction and management of the proposed Facilities, including a financial analysis supporting the long-term economic viability to the Seneca Nation.

Proposals should be submitted to:

Office of the President
Seneca Nation of Indians
12837 Route 438
Irving, New York 14081

NOTICE OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021
9:30AM
email request to: SNGotomeet@sni.org. Include: name, enrollment number, phone number, and meeting date and time.

to enjoy the return of live entertainment to our properties in the safest, most enjoyable way possible.”

The masking requirement will be in effect for the Events Centers only, and will not apply to other areas of the resorts, where strict health and safety measures are already in place for all guests and workers.

“Just as we have for the past 18 months, we will continue to monitor the ongoing health situation, along with all pertinent policies and recommendations, and will take every measure to provide a safe, enjoyable environment at all of our properties,” Nephew said. “The health and safety of everyone who walks through our doors will always be our highest priority.”

For the latest on the health and safety protocols in place at all Seneca Resorts & Casinos properties, visit SenecaCasinos.com, SenecaNiagaraCasino.com, SenecaAlleganyCasino.com, and SenecaBuffaloCreekCasino.com.

Are You Unemployed? Training & Employment Resource Center Can Help

Submitted by Toonie Pierce, TERC

Were you aware the supplemental unemployment benefits will expire in early September? Now is the time to start working toward a new job or career. The Seneca Nation Training and Employment Resource Center (SN-TERC) can assist you with job search, career readiness workshops (resume writing, interview skills, etc.), tuition assistance for training, books, fees, tools and equipment required for training for a specific job and more! We also offer high school equivalency preparation classes which prepare you for testing.



You may also access our application on the Nation's website by looking under our department. The necessary documents you need to provide to determine eligibility are also listed there.

There are currently many jobs available throughout the Nation and surrounding area. Check out available positions at sni.org or we have all the available jobs posted in our office, as well as those at the Seneca Gaming and Entertainment, Seneca Casinos and local businesses. You can use our computers to complete your applications or print them out if you don't have the means to do so.

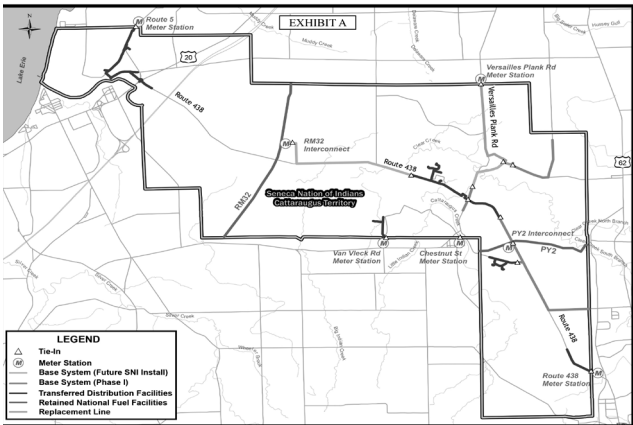
There are many fast food establishments in our area that are hiring. They offer high hourly wages, but they rarely have other benefits associated with them. Often times you are required to work crazy hours including nights, weekends and holidays. Whichever direction you go, if you need assistance please stop by either office.

Stop by the Cattaraugus office at 23 Thomas Indian School Drive, Irving, NY 14081 (716) 532-1033 or the Allegany office at 3764 Administration Drive, Salamanca, NY 14779 (716) 945-8120.

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

Economic Planning: We Need Your Input

Submitted by Courtney John-Jemison, Community Planning & Development Department



Blue Stone Strategy Group (a Native-owned advisory firm in its 14th year of operations in providing Tribal specific services) has been retained to support the Community Planning & Development Department on behalf of the Seneca Nation in leading the Nation through a planning process that will produce an Economic Resiliency Plan tied to

the latest Seneca Nation's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The Plan will create a guide to provide the Seneca Nation with feasible and practical short-term and long-term economic recovery and resiliency solutions.

The Economic Resiliency Plan will develop and tailor strategies for COVID-19 pandemic recovery, resiliency and workforce development for the Seneca Nation. The strategic planning process produces the best results when it is collaborative, inclusive and community centric, so we would like to request your participation by providing feedback through an online survey process.

We will be posting survey questions on a weekly basis over the next four weeks via our social media, Facebook page. The full survey can be made available to you via email or hard copy upon request to Courtney Jemison, 532-4900 x5093 at the Planning Department.

- Complete the questions each week to be entered in a drawing.
- 1 entry per person
- All answers are kept separate from entry.

Links:

To complete survey w/ all questions:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R9YY6Y6>

Week One (4 Questions):
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R97PBPK>

Week Two (3 Questions):
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R9P8RY7>

Week Three (3 Questions):
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RD926SZ>

Week Four (3 Questions):
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RDR6Y9R>

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for a cozy
getaway?



Highbanks
CAMPGROUND

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GET VACCINATED

The COVID-19 pandemic is not over, and it may not be over for a while. There are three easy ways to help your community reach immunity.

1.

Get vaccinated.

- No matter which vaccine you get, all available COVID-19 vaccines are effective at preventing serious and potentially deadly effects from COVID-19 while also lowering your chances of infection with the virus.
- Most clinics are now able to provide vaccines for everyone 12 years of age and older.

2.

Get the second dose.

- If you receive the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, you need to get a second dose a few weeks later. The second shot is especially important, as it provides the full protection you want from a vaccine.

3.

Continue to protect yourself and your loved ones.

COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting you from getting sick. Based on what we know about COVID-19 vaccines, people who have been fully vaccinated can start to do some things that they had stopped doing because of the pandemic.

You are not considered fully vaccinated until two weeks after you receive the 2nd dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or 2 weeks after receiving the single dose Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.

Until then, there are three easy steps to stay safe:

- Wear a mask.
- Wash your hands.
- Watch your distance (6 feet or more)

Protecting yourself will help to protect those around you who may not be able to get vaccinated.

For more information on vaccine safety, community supports, and continued protection against COVID, visit <https://www.ihs.gov/vaccine>

Together, we can reach community immunity.

LET'S REACH COMMUNITY IMMUNITY!

PROTECT

YOURSELF. YOUR FAMILY. YOUR ELDERLY.

GET VACCINATED

Myths about the COVID Vaccine

MYTH: Getting the vaccine will give you COVID.

FACT: This is absolutely false. To become ill with COVID, there must be contact with the coronavirus. None of the vaccines available contain coronaviruses so they don't have what is needed to cause infection. Building up immunity takes time and so it is possible to contract the virus either before you get the vaccine or while your body is still building protection from the vaccine. That's why wearing a mask is so important.

MYTH: You don't need a vaccine if you've had COVID.

FACT: We don't know how long immunity lasts once you recover from the virus, but there is a possibility of catching the virus a second time, so the vaccine is still important. If you've had COVID, you may receive the vaccine after your symptoms have gone away and you have finished your isolation period. If you received certain medicines when you had COVID, you may need to wait to be vaccinated. Talk to your provider about what's right for you.

MYTH: The vaccine will change my DNA.

FACT: Your DNA is the blueprint for your body and is very difficult to change. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines contain a different type of genetic material called messenger RNA, or mRNA. Your cells break down the mRNA after a short period of time. And mRNA does not affect or interact with your DNA in any way.

MYTH: I can't get the vaccine if I want to have a baby.

FACT: There is no evidence the vaccine does anything to a baby during pregnancy, nor that it does anything to the mother's body to prevent pregnancy in the future. For men, there is no evidence to suggest it affects the sperm or male reproductive organs either, meaning it won't prevent someone from becoming a father. Your provider can help answer any specific questions.

For more information on vaccine safety, community supports, and continued protection against COVID, visit <https://www.ihs.gov/vaccine>

Together, we can reach community immunity.

Facts based on the CDC page Myths and Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines.

Remember the Removal Committee Accepting Bids

Submitted by Nancy Toth

Remember the Removal Committee is now accepting bids for the meal for the "RTR" day on **September 25, 2021.**

Quantity: 300 servings

- Entree consisting of a meat (example: meatloaf or turkey)
- Potato,
- Vegetable
- Dinner roll
- Assorted desserts

Also accepting bids for:

- Hulled corn soup
- Two canners
- 200 pieces of fry bread

The meal may be prepared on site. The corn soup and fry bread are to be brought in ready-made.

Location of meal: Seneca Allegany Administration Building

Bid deadline: September 2, 2021

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

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Remember the Removal 2021- Sustaining our Culture and Traditions Pt.2

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.

The walk will start at 10am at the former Red House Bridge area and end at the Breed Run bridge.

Buses will be available for drop off and pick up. The bus will meet walkers at the Seneca Allegany Administration Building (SAAB) starting at 9am to be dropped off at the Red House Bridge. The bus will meet walkers at the Breed Run bridge at the end of the walk to bring them back to the SAAB for the luncheon and demonstrations.

A bus will be available for elders to follow the crowd along the walk. Hay wagons will be provided by Gakwi:yo:h Farms for all walkers if needed.

Lunch will be served at the SAAB following



the walk at 12pm. Demos of various crafts and art is from 12pm-2pm, inside the Council Chambers and the outdoor patio. Vendors will be set up from 11am-2pm.

The RTR Committee will display images of community members engaged in cultural traditions; i.e.; 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 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.

Remembering And Healing

From the impact of residential schools in our community.

COMMUNITY HEALING WALK & RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL EXHIBIT @SULLY HUFF HERITAGE CENTER 12857 ROUTE 438, IRVING, NY

Sept. 30

4-8pm~ Residential School Exhibit open for viewing
4-5pm~ Check-in for walk (Pick-up dinner tickets)
5pm~ Opening remarks
5:30pm~ Walk begins (1 mile of paved paths through old TIS campus)
6-7pm~Take-out Dinner for participants

#EveryChildMatters
#SNIRememberingAndHealing

For more information, please contact Sharon Francis @ SNI Victim Services, (716) 532-4900 ext. 5060

WEAR ORANGE

September 30th-Orange Shirt Day

In remembrance of those who have been impacted by the residential school system.

EVERY CHILD MATTERS

SENECA NATION OF INDIANS

Crime Victim Services
Child & Family Services
Area Office for the Aging

Gakwi:yo:h Farms Market & Mobile Market

FARM HOUSE MARKET OPENS TUESDAY, JULY 20TH HOURS: TUES & WEDS 1- 6 PM

Products available at Markets:

- Fresh Produce
- Frozen Bison
- Maple
- Corn Products
- Honey
- Canoe Women Elderberry Elixir
- Sweet Grass Braids

Farm House Market location: 13594 Taylor Hollow Rd Collins, NY 14034

We accept: Cash, Card, and Veggie Bucks

Mobile Market opens on Thursday, July 22nd Mobile Market Hours Thursday's at Salamanca One Stop Parking Lot 11-1pm For more Info Call LeRoy (716)244-0493

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

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
Seneca.mohawk@sni.org
PHONE: (716) 532-5000 ext. 7732
FAX: (716) 532-3892

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

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

ERA CAN HELP WITH:
• Rent: Current and/or Arrears
• Utilities: Current and/or Arrears
• Gas
• Electric
• Water
• Other

Guidelines to Income Limits as of June 22, 2021

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).

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!

GET IT ON
Google Play

Download on the
App Store

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

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

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 from Treasurer Rickey L. Armstrong and staff

Clothing, Furniture, Toys,
Books and Household Items...

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

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, A/C
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

Climate Crisis Community Survey Results

THROUGH April and May, the Climate
Change Task Force asked you to fill
out a survey to get a picture of your
thoughts on climate change. We
greatly appreciate all the feedback
we received! Here is a glimpse of the
results from the survey. One of the most
important take aways was what skills
our community knows when it comes
to having to provide for ourselves. The
5 top responses show our community
is strong in basic hand sewing, cooking
from scratch, cooking with an iron
skillet, repurposing/recycling and using
basic tools. The skills that respondents
would really like to learn is carpentry,
food preservation, basic survival skills,
soap making and medicine/poultice
making.

If you have any questions/comments,
we will be happy to answer you at
climatechange@sni.org or you can call
716-532-4900 ext. 5401.

70% of
respondents
agree that climate
change is affecting
LIFESTYLE

50% of
respondents
agree that
climate change
affects spiritual,
mental, & physical
wellbeing

90% of participants responded with
concern about climate change.

Gender Breakdown
30% 70%

527
Total Surveys

Top 5 Responses for Definition of Global Warming
1. Climate change negatively affecting life on earth.
2. Increase in the temperature of the earth.
3. Consequence of ozone depletion.
4. Climate changes.
5. Melting of glaciers as a consequence caused by human
action.

Type of Experience	We know how to...	Interest in Learning
Animal husbandry/raising		
Animal training		
Baking without an oven		
Basic hand sewing		
Basic mechanic skills		
Basic survival skills		
Beekeeping		
Butchering		
Candle making		
Carpentry		
Cleaning and cooking fish		
Composting		
Cooking from scratch		
Cooking with a cast iron skillet		
Cultivating food		
Electrical Work		
Feeder systems		
Food preservation		
Foraging		
Hand washing laundry		
Harvesting food		
Harvesting, splitting, stacking firewood		
Hide tanning		
Hunting/Fishing		
Making laundry detergent		
Making your own apple cider vinegar		
Making your own smokehouse		
Medicine/poultice making		
Metal working/forging		
Milling grain		
Operate heavy machinery		
Permaculture		
Raising chickens		
Repurpose/recycle		
Saving seeds		
Shoemaking		
Soap making		
Soil Preparation		
Solar array skills		
Tapping maple trees		
Textile production		
Tying knots		
Using a sewing machine		
Using basic tools		
Weather forecasting		
Windmill building		
Worm composting		

Food Safety Training

Submitted by Courtney John-Jemison, Planning Department

The SNI Planning Department, Training Employment and Resource Center (TERC), Business Permits office, and Seneca Nation of Indians Economic Development Company (SNIEDC) have partnered together to provide trainings for our Seneca owned and on Territory businesses to help them with health and safety trainings post pandemic. A flyer was sent out 3 months ago, followed up by postings in the newsletter and social media to reach out to businesses to help in some small way.

Our 1st collaboration was to coordinate a ServSafe Food Safety training for Food Vendors and Restaurants. It's been a trying year for some food businesses. They took a hit with the closure of indoor dining, outdoor event cancellations, and the switch to meal pick ups and giveaways. The training was also opened up to Nation Departments that handle food. Due to pandemic capacity restrictions we could only offer the classes at a max of 20 people. We partnered with the Seneca Allegany Casino and were able to have it there with ample room for participants to safely social distance.

Day one was targeted to Food Managers. These were the main ones running the kitchen, handle the ordering, staffing, etc. It was very in-depth in terms of bringing awareness of temperatures, cross contamination, allergens, and expiration dates. The participants finished up by taking an exam. Day two was for Food Handlers. These are the front-line staff

that are mainly serving and assist in preparing meals. This was a three-and-a-half-hour training followed by a test. Shannon Seneca, Environmental Health Director from the Seneca Nation Health System, came to every session and went over the Seneca Nations stance on food safety.

We are grateful to all the participants for their feedback and hope they share their knowledge to coworkers and employees to keep our people safe. Other trainings will be offered in the future. Nya:wëh!

Businesses and Departments that took the training:

- Root 438 Café- Rachel Johns
- CJ Best (Kettle Corn and More)- Jason Seneca
- Seneca Allegany Casino
- Bigfoot Snack Shack
- Hakuna Matata Nutrition
- Deli O's and BTR Brews
- Three Wolves Gifts and Confections
- Rhonda Powless Catering
- Murphy's Concessions
- Gakwi:yo:h Farms



- ECLC- Cattaraugus
- Allegany Education
- Seneca One Stop
- Cattaraugus Education
- Jamieson Productions, Beanie Jamieson
- Sassy's Truck Stop
- Harvest Moon

Vision 2020 Interns meet with Nation officials

Photos by Seneca Media

On August 13th, the Vision 2020 program held a luncheon with President Pagels and members of the council. The lunch was followed by a Q&A with questions from the Vision 2020 interns. The Councilors shared examples of their experience in government and advice for the students future plans. **Photos continued onto page 12.**





Seneca Media's Vision 2020 Intern Leland Parker

Photos by Seneca Media



This summer we had to pleasure of Leland Parker, Vision 2020 Intern, in our Cattaraugus Territory Office. He was eager to learn, share his work and show what he knew as a self trained photographer. A few of his projects included but wasn't limited to: still photos, Photoshop, video making, video editing, voice over work, flyer and drone work.

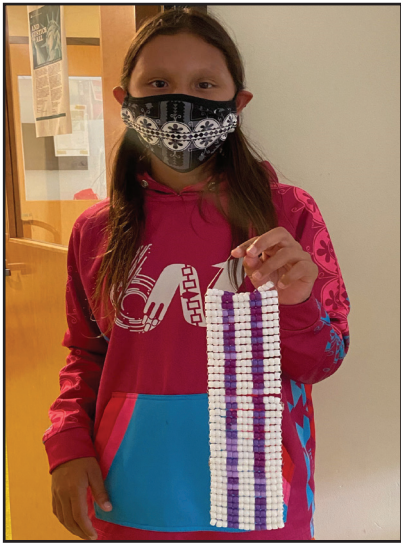
Leland will soon be on his way to NYC to start his college life. We wish him greatness in all that he inspires to tackle in life. Here are a few of his favorite shots.

Ja:goh Leland.



S.E.A.R.C.H. 2021 Summer Program: Grades 3-5

Submitted by Kellie Maybee, Cattaraugus Education Department



Scarlett John with her wampum belt.

What a unique and exciting SEARCH Summer Program we had this year. While maintaining COVID safety procedures, we managed to have a fun and educational program with a great group of students and staff. Our focus this year was on honing our ELA and math skills. Even in the midst of the summer, the students managed to show off their impressive knowledge in these areas, as well as garnering new information and skill sets.

With the 2020 Olympics going on, albeit a year late, we immersed the kids in the history of the Olympics and spent time actually

watching many of the live events! They created their own jerseys, and we had multiple events in which they had an opportunity to win medals. These events included physical, mental and moral challenges! Keeping a

daily updated medal count for the actual Olympics, as well as in the classroom, was a group favorite.

We had plenty of time for other fun activities like: fishing, tracking walks, crayfish "hunts", a trip to Evangola State Park, lacrosse, swimming, history day, wellness, mental health culture and language sessions and crafting. The students really enjoyed making dream catchers and wampum belts. 4 square tournaments took center stage, this summer, as a great bonding experience for our group.

We had a blast together and feel more confident about heading into the upcoming school year!

Thank you for a great summer!



The 3-5 group personalized their own jerseys.



Martin Jimerson III & Myles Conant with their dreamcatchers.



JOM Staff and participants fish at the Clinic Ponds.

S.E.A.R.C.H. 2021 Summer Program: Grades 3-5

Submitted by Kellie Maybee, Cattaraugus Education Department



Showing off their braided sweetgrass at Gakwi:yo:h Farms

Wow! Another great summer program has come to an end. After such a crazy year with so much uncertainty this was one of the best summers ever! Having a small group of students allowed for genuine connections and instruction. The students' day consisted of activities involving ELA and math, crafts, outdoor time, swimming, cultural history, Seneca language, and health and wellness. We took several trips to the Seneca Nation Library so the students could engage in quiet reading throughout the day. As a group we read the book 'Sweetgrass Basket' by Marlene Carvell and discussed the history of boarding schools including the Thomas Indian School. The students were able to take a trip to Gakwi:yo:h Farms and learn how to braid sweetgrass, which was a main element in the novel.

Sam Jacobs graciously spent three days with us sharing her beading skills and the students were able to bead a pop socket for their cell phones. Sam Agnew from Conservation provided three great activities: catching



Front L to R: Emma Golden, Cordelia Haring, Ayla Jimerson, Corrina John, Jules Hageman, Alanson Stafford. Back L to R: Mrs. Hageman, Miss Miller, Mrs. Foit & Miss Schott

crayfish, fishing, and a presentation on the life of deer. The students really enjoyed their time outside with Mr. Agnew as he provided hands on conservation knowledge. BHU also supplied a weekly presentation on mental health.

The highlight of every day was an epic Four Square showdown between students and teachers. While no one was seriously injured, a few Crocs were thrown!

A special Nya:wëh to our awesome students this summer, who made it so amazing! We hope you have an excellent school year!

-Mrs. Hageman, Mrs. Foit, Miss Miller, Mrs. Schildhauer, and Miss Schott



Catching crayfish at the creek



Enjoying the playground at Evangola State Park

20th Annual Fort Apache Lacrosse Tournament

Photos by Newsletter Dept & Seneca Media

Rae Lynn George and Chad Whitcomb hosted the 20th annual Fort Apache Cup Box Lacrosse Tournament at Veteran's Memorial Park in Salamanca, NY on August 14th, 2021 and this years tournament was dedicated to the families of Darryl John and Andrew John.

RedBev took home the win beating the Kodiaks in the championship game 7-2. Awards were handed out to: Kobe Whitcomb who received the "Top Gunner

Award", Keelan Seneca nabbed MVP, and Craig Seneca took home the "Top Goalie Award." Lastly, shout out to Emily Brown who is #5 in the country, All American Wrestler!

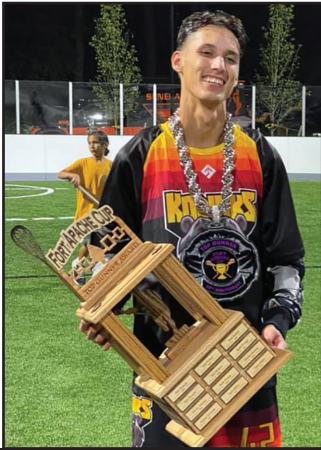
To mark the 20th anniversary milestone, Whitcomb really wanted to celebrate so that's why he reserved the newly renovated box lacrosse fields at Vets park. "This was the first Fort Apache tournament to be held there. Everyone got to play on and enjoy

the new fields, it was a great time, great atmosphere, and an awesome facility," said Whitcomb.

He also wants to give special thanks to: Allegany Arrows, SNI Council and Presidents Office, AC Watt, Ohi:yo Storm girls team, ALL the volunteers, and to the food and craft vendors. Nya:wëh on a great turn out.



Left: RedBev takes home the 2021 Fort Apache Cup! Ja:goh. Right: The tournament was dedicated to the families of Darryl John and Andrew John



Award recipients L to R: Keelan Seneca, Kobe Whitcomb, Craig Seneca, Emily Brown. Pictured to the right is the plaque that was given to the family of the late Darryl John.



Michalyn Steele Named Associate Dean of BYU Law School

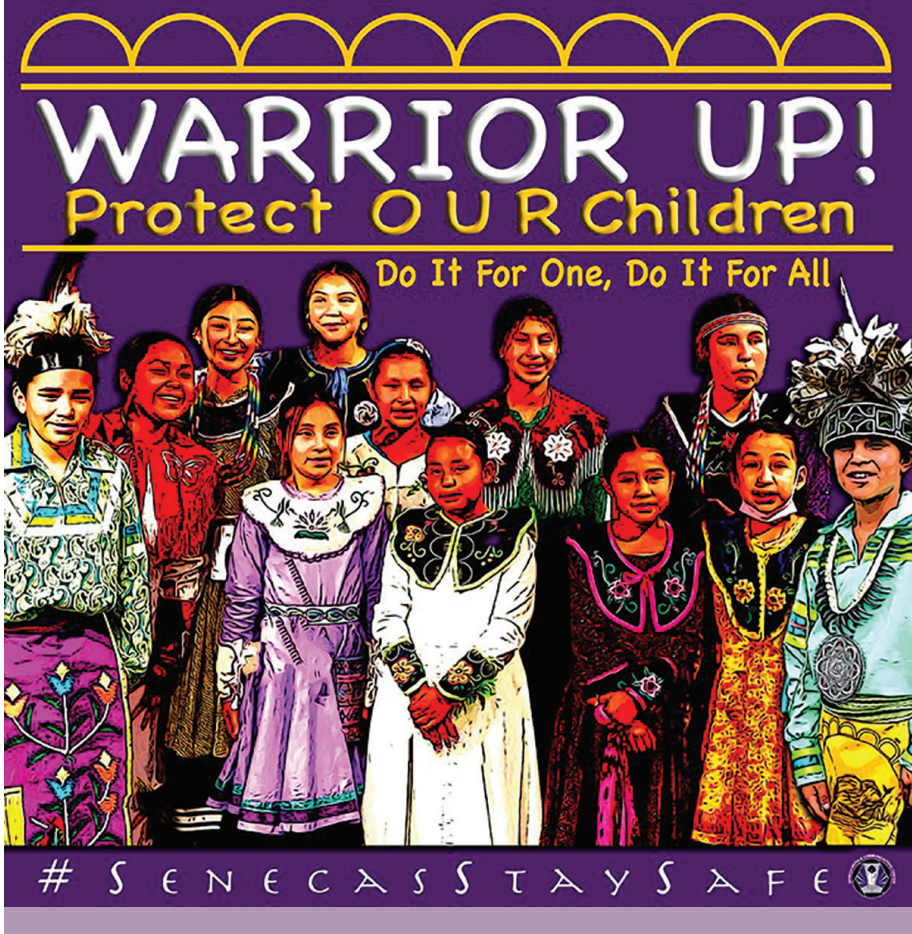
Submitted by Carolyn Steele

The J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University has named Seneca Tribal Member Michalyn Steele as the new Associate Dean for Research and Academic Affairs. Michalyn is a tenured professor who teaches Federal Indian Law, Constitutional Law, the Law of Evidence, and Civil Rights. She has written many scholarly articles, mostly addressing federal Indian Law issues, that have been published in prestigious law reviews. For example, one of the recent articles that she co-authored with one of her colleagues, “Rethinking Protections for Indigenous Sacred Sites,” was published in the Harvard Law Review. She will undertake the additional duties of Associate Dean in the fall semester that will begin in August of this year. Michalyn is from the Beaver Clan. She grew up on the Cattaraugus Territory. She is the daughter of Lynn and Carolyn Steele and the granddaughter of the late Martin and Norma Seneca.



Protect OUR children!

Due to the increased transmissibility of the Delta variant, and out of respect for children under 12 and immunocompromised individuals who cannot be vaccinated, the Seneca Nation Health System encourages our community to get vaccinated, mask up, and stay safe. This has never been just an individual fight, however, our actions as individuals will define the success of our community as a whole to overcome this pandemic. "Do It For One, Do It For All" #SenecasStaySafe



Attention ALL LeRoy Descendants

Upcoming Faming Reunion Picnic
Submitted by Julie Snow

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 to make a donation.



We are looking to schedule 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. Stay tuned for details!

sninews@sni.org Contact Form

Please be advised that this contact email is specifically for information about the Seneca Nation Official Newsletter.

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for the Seneca Nation of Indians. Any/all emails that do not pertain to the Newsletter will not be answered directly from Newsletter staff but forwarded to the appropriate Department. It will thus be the responsibility of the appropriate Department to reply to the email. If you have any comments, complaints, or questions, please contact the specific department directly. Contact information for all departments is available on sni.org.

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Two-Row Patient Navigation Services program

By David Silverheels and Marissa Haring



CENTER FOR INDIGENOUS CANCER RESEARCH

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center’s new Indigenous Center established the Two-Row Patient Navigation Services program in 2021. Our patient navigation program is a free community-based service designed to promote access to prevention, screening, timely diagnosis and treatment of cancer and other chronic diseases by eliminating barriers to care, such as challenges with health literacy, language barriers affecting comprehension of diagnosis and treatment, lack of transportation, fear or insufficient insurance coverage to name a few.

Two-Row Patient Navigation Services aims to provide and ensure culturally aware care, relieve some of the stress and anxiety that comes along with a cancer diagnosis, provide support and increase screening

and prevention of cancers that most affect our communities. These cancers include, breast, lung, prostate and colorectal. If you have any questions about screening, cancer or Roswell Park, give us a call or visit our office.

Community patient navigators will work closely with patients and community members who may be doctor referred or self-referred. Two-Row Patient Navigation Services will ensure a collaborative approach by the patient’s clinical team of providers and others is maintained to provide the best care and support possible.

In fall 2021, the Two-Row patient navigation program will have assigned patient navigators on the Allegany and Cattaraugus territories that will work in cooperation with the Seneca Nation Health System with offices both on Territory and at Roswell Park. As this new program begins its journey in helping

interested community members who have been impacted with cancer or other chronic diseases, Roswell’s Indigenous Center is committed to meeting the challenges and opportunities to improve the lives of everyone within the Seneca Nation of Indians and surrounding communities.

Community Patient Navigators:

Marissa Haring, M.S. CHES
– Cattaraugus Territory
(716)697-3687
Marissa.Haring@roswellpark.org

David Silverheels, LMSW
– Allegany Territory
(716)697-3582
David.Silverheels@roswellpark.org



Indian Residential Boarding Schools

By Leatha Jimerson

In recent months, there has been much discussion on social media and news outlets regarding Indian residential boarding schools. We have learned of the finding of graves of young Indian children on the grounds of Indian boarding schools especially in Canada. It is very disturbing, hurtful and painful to think of this happening to our children.

This is a part of our history that is not talked about, taught or thought of through our lives. In order understand the good and the bad, educating ourselves on how the schools came to be and what life was like is important to know.

Most of us in the community know relatives (siblings, grandparents, great-grandparents etc.) who attended a boarding school. On the Cattaraugus Territory, there was the Thomas Indian School (also an orphanage). On the Allegany Territory, there was the Tunessasa Quaker School. Children were also sent to other schools such as Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania, the Hampton Institute

in Virginia and other schools.

IGS will have an information table at the Seneca Fall Festival this year. The theme will be Indian Residential boarding schools. We will have various lists available for people to view. We will be at the festival on Saturday, September 11, 2021. We hope to see you there!

The following are various student lists on our website of Indian Boarding schools:

Go to our website:
IROQUOISGENEALOGYSOCIETY.



ORG and click on SCHOOL RECORDS

- ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE THOMAS INDIAN SCHOOL 1899-1908
- ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE THOMAS INDIAN SCHOOL 1905-1942
- A LIST OF STUDENTS ATTENDING THOMAS INDIAN SCHOOL 1855-1955
- THOMAS ASYLUM REGISTER OF INDIAN CHILDREN 1855-1881
- ALL STUDENTS DISCHAGED FROM THOMAS INDIAN SCHOOL SINCE ITS FOUNDING
- A LIST OF TUNESSASSA 1860-1938 WITH SOME GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION
- SENECA STUDENTS OF CARLISLE INDIAN SCHOOL
- NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENTS HAMPTON NORMAL & AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE, FEMALE/MALES

Please stay safe and healthy!



Thomas Indian School Kindergarten Class Circa 1900

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

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

It is hard to believe that summer is over, and kids are getting ready to go back to school!! After a year of isolation due to the pandemic so many events have been packed into a few months – family picnics, graduations, fairs, concerts, etc. It has been good to see family and friends again. Even though we have relaxed social distancing and masking we should continue to be cautious until the viruses are under control.

The **Seneca Hymn Singers** meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. If you enjoy singing in Seneca or if you want to learn to sing in Seneca, you are welcome to join the meetings. **Bible study** meets every Wednesday at 6:30. We have been studying Revelations which has been very interesting. We are learning about the imagery in the book and its relevance to our lives. Everyone is invited to join us as we continue reading the book.

A **Caregivers** gathering will be held

on Monday, August 30, at 6:30 p.m. in the

Fellowship Hall. We will have a speaker who will explain services that are available for caregivers. Anyone who is a caregiver, has been a caregiver or may become 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.

On September 5, at 10 a.m. we will enjoy our first joint Sunday service with our sister church in Versailles. In October the joint service will be held at Four Corners. Everyone is invited to join us.

On Sunday mornings you are invited to meet with Pastor Holly or just to visit at 8:30 a.m. Worship service begins at 9 a.m. We look forward to seeing you and your family. Please continue to pray for healing in our communities.

Peace.

visit us on-line
[@sninews.org](http://sninews.org)

Sahjowaeh!
(Wash Your Hands)
See senecalanguage.com for audio recordings.

1 Wet
2 Get Soap
3 Scrub
4 Rinse
5 Dry

Hands that look clean can still have icky germs!

This material was developed by CDC. The Life is Better with Clean Hands campaign is made possible by a partnership between the CDC Foundation, GOJO, and Staples. HHS/CDC does not endorse commercial products, services, or companies.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Job opening at Ganondagan State Historic Site

Cultural Liaison

POSITION: Cultural Liaison
AGENCY: Natural Heritage Trust
AGENCY ASSIGNMENT: NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Ganondagan State Historic Site
REPORTS TO: Ganondagan Historic Site Manager
KEY RELATIONSHIPS: NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Ganondagan State Historic Staff, Seneca Nation of Indians, Tonawanda Seneca Nation, Friends of Ganondagan Staff and Board of Directors
WORK SCHEDULE: Full-time, 37.5 hours/ week; Monday-Friday
SALARY: \$65,000/year and full benefits package

ORGANIZATIONAL BACKGROUNDS:

The Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) is a New York State public benefit corporation. Established in 1968, the NHT’s mission is to receive and administer gifts, grants and other funds to further public programs for parks, conservation and historic preservation purposes of the State of New York. The NHT is governed by a four-member Board of Directors comprised of the Commissioner of the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the Chair of the State Council of Parks, the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation, and the Secretary of State.

The NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) is a state agency within the Executive Department that is responsible for the care and management of 35 state historic sites and 180 parks. Collectively, these public facilities provide both residents and visitors access to natural, historic and scenic resources with opportunities for outdoor recreation and places to learn about New York’s rich cultural heritage.

The selected candidate for this position will be an employee of the NHT with work conducted under the supervision of OPRHP.

JOB SUMMARY:

A new position at Ganondagan is opening for a Cultural Liaison. The full-time position requires experience working with Hodinöhsö:ni’ communities and knowledge of Onöndowa’ga:’ (Seneca) territories and governance. The Cultural Liaison will collaborate with the Friends of Ganondagan, Seneca Nations of Indians, Tonawanda Seneca Nation, the Rock Foundation/Rochester Museum and Science Center and the New York State Office of Historic Preservation and other facilities in the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation system. This individual will share cultural knowledge with various constituents, be involved in training, programming, curriculum development, and community outreach.

DUTIES:

- The Cultural Liaison will –
- Share Seneca language, curriculum and cultural knowledge with Ganondagan State Historic Site (GSHS) Interpretive Staff to broaden their cultural understanding. Methodologies can include audio recordings, virtual programs, written materials and guest presenters. Proficiency in Seneca language is a prerequisite.
 - Act as a resource for programming and provide guidance surrounding and relating to contemporary Seneca and Hodinöhsö:ni’ people
 - Have a willingness and desire to actively engage with and reach out to the Hodinöhsö:ni’ and non-native communities, acting as the “face” of Ganondagan
 - Identify development opportunities including support from foundations, government, corporate and private sources, actively participate in related due diligence of funding
 - Develop a plan for implementing funding, prioritizing projects and programs in a collaborative manner with Friends of Ganondagan, GSHS and other constituents
 - Maintain communications with the President and Council of the Seneca Nation of Indians, the Chiefs Council of the Tonawanda Seneca Nation, the Friends of Ganondagan, and the Regional Director of the Finger Lakes Region of Parks
 - Assist the Seneca Iroquois National Museum in the protection and retrieving of Seneca human remains & material culture covered by the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). These efforts will be coordinated with qualified Seneca

- speakers and community partners.
- Work in close collaboration with the Historic Site Manager and Friends of Ganondagan to grow endowments, secure sponsorships and support grant applications.
- Work with Onöndowa’ga:’ language programs serving Hodinöhsö:ni’ students and working with curriculum development for K-12 students.
- Maintain ties with the Rock Foundation’s collections manager and assistant at the Rochester Museum and Science Center

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Cultural expertise and familiarity with the Seneca Nation and/or one of the Hodinösh:ni’ Nations
- An individual who has -
 - Working knowledge of Ganondagan and the historical importance to the Seneca people
 - General knowledge of the cultural protocols to work with Seneca governments, organizations and programs
 - Experience with Seneca artifacts, songs, dances, and cultural protocols
 - Experience organizing cultural programming working with members of the Hodinösh:ni’ communities
 - The ability to work independently, providing output that supports the ongoing efforts to maintain Ganondagan’s role as a preeminent resource for Seneca and Hodinösh:ni’ culture o Commitment to promoting peace and ensuring Ganondagan acts as a bridge between Indigenous peoples and non-Native communities o Possess a willingness and desire to collaborate with the Friends of Ganondagan and other constituents on cultural programming, community relations and development
 - Minimum of 10 years of professional experience in development, community collaboration and relationship building o Dedication to creating an environment that promotes respect, collaboration, collective thinking and consensus building o Experience in overseeing, and leading, professional development and managing personnel o Willingness, desire, comfort level and expertise in speaking and presenting to small and large groups o Excellent communication skills and a strong ability to collaborate with various partners across the community o Demonstrated success building relationships, bringing people together for a common goal, cultivating community-centered support.
 - Computer literacy relevant to job requirements, including virtual programming
 - Bachelor of Arts and Sciences degree from an accredited four-year college or university.

Posting Date: August 10, 2021 Cover letter and Resume Accepted
Until: August 31, 2021

HOW TO APPLY:

If you feel you meet the minimum qualifications, agency operating needs, and are interested in being considered for this position please submit cover letter and resume to:

Cultural Liaison Search Committee
c/o Regional Headquarters
Finger Lakes State Park System
2221 Taughannock Park Road, Trumansburg, NY 14886

Or Email: FL.Employment@parks.ny.gov

Subject Line: Cultural Liaison Search Committee

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

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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>

SN Disability Services

SOCIAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE

Allegany Territory

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

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

SEPTEMBER 15, 2021
OCTOBER 20, 2021
NOVEMBER 17, 2021

From
9:00AM - 3:00 PM

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
leanna.leroy@sni.org



SN Disability Services

SOCIAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE

Cattaraugus Territory

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

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

SEPTEMBER 22, 2021
OCTOBER 27, 2021
NOVEMBER 24, 2021

From
9:00AM - 3:00 PM

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.



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This month we are thrilled to welcome back four AOA staff members:

- **Irma Cortes** is the new Senior Advocate for both territories. Irma previously worked at AOA for seven years and is well acquainted with AOA programs and services. Irma is available to meet with and provide assistance to Seneca Elders. She is also planning and coordinating trips and entertainment for Seneca Elders. Irma can be reached at the Wini Kettle Senior Center at (716)532-5777, ext. 5513.
- **Raven Lay** is the new Activities Coordinator in Cattaraugus. She has worked at AOA for over a year and was

AOA Directors Update

By Bethany Lay

previously an Activities Leader. Raven will be coordinating activities like bingo, potluck dinners, crafts and other new games and activities. Pool and shuffleboard tournaments have resumed at Cattaraugus and many Elders have stopped in to participate or to work on their sewing and other crafts.

- **Nancy Printup** has been with AOA for 21 years and recently returned as our Allegany Activities Coordinator. She looks forward to planning activities like bingo, coffee hour, and exercise and Seneca language classes for Elders.
- **Dorsie John-Bluesky** is our Allegany Activities Leader and has been at AOA for over 10 years. Dorsie has enjoyed visiting with Elders again at the Senior Center and will be planning crafts and activities like beadwork, card-making and sewing.

The Wini Kettle Senior Center and Seneca Allegany Elders Center are currently open daily from 8am-4pm. Evening and

weekend hours will be added soon. If you would like to join us for congregate dining please call for reservations by 3pm the day before. Please note that we are still following COVID safety precautions, including: temperature screenings, social distancing and mask wearing for unvaccinated individuals. If you are not feeling well, please stay home.

Some other AOA services that are available to Seneca Elders are free legal assistance, emergency minor home repair, caregiver support, and assistance obtaining long-term services and supports. Home delivered meals, personal response units, adult day services and in-home contact and support are available to qualifying homebound Elders upon assessment.

If you need support or assistance, please don't hesitate to contact AOA in Cattaraugus at (716)532-5777 or Allegany at (716)945-8990. We hope you are staying safe and healthy and we hope to see you soon.

September Activities 2001

Seneca Allegany Elder Center | Submitted by Bridgette John

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Elder Center Hours Are from 8:00am-7:00pm Everyday Until further notice	For more information please contact Dorsie or Nancy @ 716-945-8990		1 9:am Coffee 11:am Card Making 2:pm Scrabble 4:30 Movie	2 9:am Coffee Hour 10:am Board Game 12:pm Lunch 1:30 BINGO 4:30 Leisure Time	3 9:am Coffee Hour 11:am Craft Class 2:pm Scrabble 4:30 Movie	4
All crafts are to be completed on that day for safety purposes	6 <u>SITE CLOSED</u>	7 9:am Coffee Hour 11:am Craft Class 2:pm Board Games 4:30 Movie	8 9:am Coffee 11:am Card Making 2:pm Scrabble 4:30 Leisure Time	9 9:am Coffee Hour 10:am Board Game 12:pm Lunch 1:30 BINGO 4:30 Movie	10 9:am Coffee Jour 11:am Craft Class 2:pm Scrabble 4:30 Leisure Time	11
<u>For safety purposes we are unable to store any personal or perishable items @ the Center</u>	13 9:am Coffee Hour 11:am Adult Coloring 2:pm Scrabble 4:30 Movie	14 9:am Coffee Hour 11:am Craft Class 2:pm Board Games 4:30 Leisure Time	15 9:am Coffee 11:am Card Making 2:pm Scrabble 4:30 Movie	16 9:am Coffee Hour 10:am Board Game 12:pm Lunch 1:30 BINGO 4:30 Leisure Time	17 <u>SITE CLOSED</u>	18
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September 2021

AOA Nutritional Menu	AOA Daily Trips Allegany Territory	AOA Daily Trips Cattaraugus Territory	USDA Schedule
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AOA Menu: For Allegany please call 716-945-8414 , For Cattaraugus call 716-532-5777 to make a reservation or cancel a meal by 9:30am the day prior to the meal MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE	AOA Trips: All passengers must be signed up by 9am day of trip. TRIPS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE USDA PROGRAM: Call 716-532-1028, Ext 5446	1 Beef stroganoff w/noodles Roasted brussel sprouts Orange slices Brigiotta's Jamestown Springville Walmart 1pm Call in your order so that you get it in time	2 Traditional Meal Butternut squash soup Side pork Biscuit Melon & whipped topping Walmart & Aldi's Bradford Dairy Queen 1pm	3 Grilled chicken caesar wrap Broccoli salad Dinner roll Big Lots Olean JOANN Fabric 1pm Call in your order so that you get it in time
6 Sites CLOSED <i>For Labor Day</i>	7 Vegetable pizza Side salad Roasted brussel sprouts Fruited jello JOANN Fabrics & Michaels Jamestown Applebees 1pm Cattaraugus - call to place your order for timely delivery	8 Roasted stuffed pepper Harvest salad Strawberries Ice cream Lowe's Springville Hamburg Walmart 1pm Delivery to Oaktree & Newtown	9 Boiled dinner w/ cabbage, rutabaga, potatoes & carrots Strawberry poke cake Chautauqua Mall Jamestown Home Depot 1pm Delivery to Indian Hill & Pinewoods	10 Sausage rigatoni Broccoli Dinner roll Angel food cake Scenic Ride Amish Trail Mayer Bros 1pm Delivery to Ozarks, Gowanda & Dayton
	13 Beef tacos w/ lettuce, to-mato, onion, sour cream & salsa Coleslaw Fresh melon Dunham's Bradford Target 1pm Delivery to Irving	14 Lemon chicken Green beans Brown rice Mandarin oranges Wegmans 5% Sr. Discount Jamestown Local Shopping 1pm Allegany - call to place your order for timely delivery	15 Crispy breaded fish fillet Herbed summer squash Boiled baby red potatoes Peanut butter chocolate rice krispy treat Maid of the Mist & Niagara Outlets - 10am Dunkirk Walmart 1pm Delivery to Sr. Complex & Salamanca	16 Birthday Party Chicken & biscuits Mashed potatoes Broccoli Birthday cake w/ vanilla ice cream Rider's Choice Open for suggestions! Fiesta Bamba 1pm Delivery to Jimtown
	17 Sites CLOSED <i>For Ogwe'o:weh Day</i>	20 Macaroni & cheese Zucchini & squash blend Stewed tomatoes Peach crisp Scenic Ride Bemus Point Outback Steakhouse 1pm Delivery to Steamburg & Kill Buck	21 Brunch Breakfast plate Scrambled eggs Breakfast meat Toast & fruit Good As New Thrift Store Conewango Savers 1pm Delivery to Olean	22 Grilled chicken strawberry poppyseed salad Dinner roll Ice cream Chef's Restaurant Depart @ 3:45pm Hamburg Walmart 1pm Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm
23 Ham & scalloped potatoes Cauliflower & green beans Dinner roll Strawberries w/ whipped cream Pet Smart Jamestown Rider's Choice 1pm Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	24 BBQ pulled pork sandwich French fries Peas Oatmeal cookie Peaches N Cream Randolph Allegany Casino 1pm Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	27 Spaghetti & meat sauce Tossed salad Roll Cinnamon pears Runnings Jamestown Gabes Senior Day 10% 1pm Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	28 Toasted tuna melt sandwich Carrot raisin salad Grapes & oranges Reid's Food Barn Olean Olive Garden 1pm Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm	29 Chicken salsa rice bake Red bell pepper sticks & hummus Brownie Cuba Gaming & Cuba Cheese Springville Walmart 1pm Call-ins ALLOWED 9am - 3:30pm
30 Salisbury steak & gravy over brown rice Roasted cauliflower Oranges & pineapple Remembering & Healing Walk- Depart @ 4:15pm Scenic Ride 1pm No Distribution Inventory Day	AOA Trips: WEEKEND TRIP* Allegany AOA Sat. Sept. 11th Fall Festival Irving, NY Depart @ 10am Allegany Trips depart @ 1:45pm from 44 and depart @ 2pm from J-Town			

SENECA NATIVE CONNECTIONS CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Virtual events are hosted on LifeSize. You will receive login info when you register!			1	2 Youth Book Club Discussion 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	3	4
5	6 Labor Day No Programming	7	8 Traditional Beadwork Class - Cattaraugus 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	9 Traditional Beadwork Class - Allegany 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	10	11
12	13	14 Youth Choices Prevention Group Cattaraugus 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	15	16 Youth Choices Prevention Group Allegany 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	17 Ogwe'o:weh Day No Programming	18
19	20	21 Talk with Tony 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.	22	23	24	25 Out of the Darkness Walk Registration @ 10:00 a.m.. Walk @ 11:00 a.m.
26	27	28 Outdoor Family Movie Night Hocus Pocus Begins at dusk Cattaraugus	29 Outdoor Family Movie Night Hocus Pocus Begins at dusk Allegany	30	Jennifer Stebbins 716.532.5583 ext. 5433 JStebbins@senecahealth.org	
Please note that any event that is in-person or requires material pickup, will follow COVID-19 safety protocol. Please wear a mask and observe the six-foot social distant rule.			Event Color Codes Purple: 24 and under and their families Green: Open to the community Teal: Ages 12-17 Orange: Ages 18 and up Pink: No programming/holiday			

Moderna or Pfizer COVID Vaccine

SENECA NATION HEALTH SYSTEM

Additional Dose for Immunocompromised People

Per CDC Recommendation

28+ days after the initial 2 doses

A third dose is now recommended for people whose immune systems are moderately to severely compromised

Immunocompromised People

Received/receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood

Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system

Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system

Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)

Advanced or untreated HIV infection

Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response

Do I meet the qualifications for a third dose?

1. Call Teri Cowles at 716-945-5894 (LRJHC) or call Kim Bradley at 716-532-5582 (CIRHC).

2. Your Medical Records will be reviewed to see if you qualify (according to the definition of immunocompromised above). CDC does not recommend additional doses or booster shots for any other population at this time.

3. You will receive a call back on whether you qualify and can be scheduled for the additional dose of vaccine.

VISIT THE HEALTH TENT AT THE SENECA FALL FESTIVAL

SEPT. 11, 2021 | 10 AM- 4PM

SAYLOR COMMUNITY BUILDING

HEALTH & INFORMATION TABLES, GAMES & PRIZES, "THE BLEND" FOOD TRUCK, HEALTHY FOOD DEMONSTRATION, GIVEAWAYS & MUCH MORE!

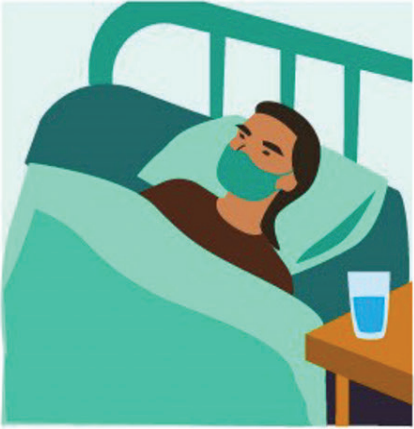
SEE YOU THERE!

SENECA NATION HEALTH SYSTEM

COVID-19 Delta Variant: What Community Members Need to Know

COVID-19 cases are rising in some tribal communities due to a new strain of the virus called the Delta variant. This fact sheet summarizes what you need to know to stay safe from Delta:

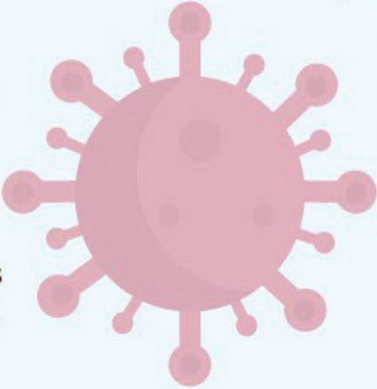
- The Delta variant spreads much more easily and quickly than previous strains of the virus.
- Unvaccinated people are at high risk of getting sick from Delta.
- People who have been fully vaccinated are well protected against severe disease from Delta.
- Delta is just one strain of COVID-19. The virus will continue to change and make new strains as it spreads from person to person.
- Vaccines are highly effective against all known strains of the virus. **Get vaccinated today to protect yourself, your family, and your community against new strains of COVID-19.**



How contagious is the Delta variant?

The Delta variant is much more contagious and spreads much faster than earlier strains of the virus.

The Delta variant has spread rapidly in the US. In June, Delta was responsible for just 10% of all cases of COVID-19 in the US. That number jumped to 50% in July. Increasing rates of infection show that Delta is highly contagious.



Am I at risk of getting sick from the Delta variant?

People who have not been vaccinated are at very high risk of getting sick from Delta.

Fully vaccinated people are at very low risk of getting sick from Delta.


Masks help prevent the spread of variants. People who are not fully vaccinated should wear a mask in indoor public places and crowded outdoor settings.

How effective are vaccines against the Delta variant?

All 3 available vaccines are highly effective against the Delta variant. Recent studies have shown all 3 vaccines provide significant protection against illness, hospitalization, and death from Delta. Vaccination is the best way to protect you and your family from Delta.

What is the Delta Plus variant and should I be concerned?

The Delta Plus variant is a new strain of COVID-19 that was first discovered in April. It is unknown whether it is more contagious than the previous Delta variant. The best way to protect yourself against all strains is to get vaccinated.



Effective July 12, 2021
Source: CDC

Simply HR ~ July

New Hires

Robert Link
Physician Assistant, LRJHC
July 26, 2021

Scott Rinfrette
Addictions Counselor, LRJHC
July 26, 2021

Transfers

Jessica Ackley
Addictions Counselor, CHWC
July 12, 2021

Hillary Boos
Family Services Provider, CHWC
July 19, 2021

Congratulations on your new positions!



Unifying Seneca Nation communities, systems and resources so our youth and families are protected against suicide and substance misuse.

NATIVE connections


Honor your journey.

Check us out online for more information about our prevention team, events, programs, and the Youth Clubhouse!


Cattaraugus CHWC
36 Thomas Indian School Drive
716•532•5583

Allegany LRJHC
987 R.C. Hoag Drive
716•945•9001

senecanativeconnections.org



NYS EXCELSIOR PASS TROUBLESHOOTING



If you were vaccinated at the Seneca Nation Health System:

Allegany - Lionel R John Health Center
Contact Theresa Redeye at 716-945-5894

Cattaraugus - Community Health & Wellness Center
Contact Marlene Weber at 716-532-5582

NOTICE:

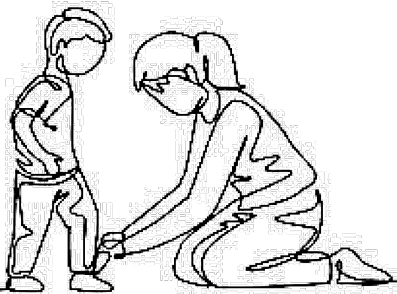
Seneca Nation Health System will be closed:

Monday, September 6th
Labor Day

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

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Nya:wëh sadeyësdö:je'

Onödowa'ga:' Gawë:nö'
Pronunciation Key

a.....f <u>a</u> ther	ä.....c <u>a</u> t	e.....t <u>e</u> y	ë.....m <u>e</u> n	i.....p <u>o</u> lice	o.....n <u>o</u> te
ö..... <u>o</u> wn	u.....t <u>u</u> ne	w..... <u>w</u> ash	n..... <u>n</u> ot	y.....y <u>e</u> s	d.....d <u>o</u> g
t.....t <u>a</u> il	g.....g <u>i</u> rl	k.....k <u>i</u> te	s.....s <u>i</u> t	j.....j <u>o</u> b	h.....h <u>a</u> t
š.....s <u>h</u> ow	tš.....c <u>h</u> alk	dz.....a <u>d</u> ze	:l <u>o</u> ng vowel	'g <u>l</u> ottal stop	

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