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SENECA NATION





A message from President Matthew B. Pagels



Nya:wëh sgë:nö' gagwe:göh,

There is a crispness in the air as we move into Fall. It's time for sweatshirts, football and apple cider. The leaves should be reaching their peak of color, reminding us how fortunate we are to experience all of the seasons.

As the weather gets cooler we will be gathering in doors more often. Let's continue to follow the CDC recommendation for social distancing, mask wearing and sanitizing our hands. These actions not only protect us from COVID they keep us safe from the flu and common cold. As people began to loosen their mandates the number of COVID cases were rising. Our recent 10-day look has 20 cases reported from Allegany health, 10 in Cattaraugus Health and 1 detected through Blue Stone testing. As you can see our numbers continue to oscillate from week to week.

Nya:wëh to everyone for continuing to fight this pandemic by practicing good judgment with the protocols. We continue to encourage eligible members to get vaccinated. Please contact the health center for an appointment or with questions regarding vaccination. I will continue to emphasis this message every article as long as we are fighting this terrible virus. Weekly Blue Stone testing will continue for the next few weeks every Thursday from 1pm - 5pm at the fire halls in both Allegany and Cattaraugus. Remember to pre-register before arriving at the testing site. To register, visit BluestoneSafe.com or visit our Coronavirus response hub through our website at sni.org.



The Nation observed multiple significant gatherings this month. The Health Department, Native Connections and Cattaraugus Community Center sponsored the Out of the Darkness walk in recognition of suicide awareness. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among Native people ages 10-24. In our community we have members who are struggling, hurting or feel alone. Let's lift each other up and give support to each other in any situation. Together we can get through the darkness and be that ray of hope that shines through. Each year we reflect on one of the worse betrayals the Seneca People have endured in our history. The Kinzua removal of our ancestors, and families from their homesteads. Schools were burned and burial grounds were disrupted and moved. These acts are forever embedded in our

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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hearts and disseminated unto our children. This is a reminder that must always defend our agreements and our sovereignty.

Together we continue to grow and make our Nation stronger today and for our future generations.

Lastly, we observed Orange Shirt Day with a community healing walk sponsored by the Seneca Nation Victim Services Department and Area Office of the Aging. This is in remembrance of those who attended residential boarding schools. It's a time to begin healing by acknowledging the trauma suffered at the hands of people who were charged with their well-being. We acknowledge the loss of language, culture and family structure and begin to understand how this trauma transcends generations. Our communities are strong and resilient and we will continue to heal through this trauma.

We feel this is the time for truth

and healing. We ask the United States and other governments to formally acknowledge and apologize for their role in these schools. If we are to truly heal we must examine and investigate the role these schools have had on Native peoples, remember Every child matters.

Have a great month. Let's stay safe, and stay strong!

Dah ne'hoh dih ae' Matt.





FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER



Greetings,

I hope everyone is enjoying these crisp fall temperatures and taking time to notice the changing colors of the leaves. This time of year always gets busy, as it seems there are football games, craft fairs and other gettogethers every weekend.

Back in August, one of our Steamburg members, Sharon Atwood, stopped by to visit because she had an idea she wanted to discuss. She thought it would be a good idea for our communities to do a collection of clothing and household items for the Native American Heritage

Association. NAHA is a charitable nonprofit organization, located in Rapid City, South Dakota and is dedicated to helping Native American families in need, living on sovereign lands in South Dakota and Wyoming: Pine Ridge, Rosebud, Crow Creek, Lower Brule, Cheyenne River, Wind River, Northern Arapahoe and Eastern Shoshone. On September 26th, a semitrailer, loaded to the brim, with bags upon bags of good used clothing, jackets, shoes, boots and miscellaneous furniture and household items made its way to South Dakota, from the Seneca Nation. I'd like to thank not only Sharon "Ibby" Atwood, but my staff and all of the generous folks from the Allegany and Cattaraugus communities who made donations of clothing and household items. I'd also like to thank the staff at the ACC, CCC, Cattaraugus Disability Department, Allegany Tribal Advocate Office, Cattaraugus Tribal Advocate Office; and of course, the hardworking, reliable staff of both Allegany and Cattaraugus DPW Departments. Without the manpower of both of our DPW crews, we would not have been able to get that truck loaded! Finally, I would like to express my appreciation for the added support of the Council and Clerk's Offices.

The Drug Taskforce recently held an artwork/concept contest to produce

some new billboards throughout our communities. We received fifteen entries. The winners of the cash prizes were: 1st place-Marlene Cook, 2nd place-Carson Waterman, 3rd place-Carson Waterman and 4th place-Mike Snyder. All of the entries were very good and the judging was very close. Congratulations and nya:wëh to those of you whom submitted your artwork and ideas! My staff is currently locating new sites for us to construct a few new billboards in our communities and the artwork has been delivered to our Media Department for them to create the final images.

As for COVID-19, we are seeing the levels of positive cases fluctuating, to a degree; with a mostly decreasing trend. It is because of these fluctuations that, I can't stress enough how important it is that we remain vigilant and keep our guard up. Please, if you have presently not received your COVID-19 vaccination, consider getting it as soon as humanly possible. The sooner everyone is vaccinated, the sooner we can get on the other side of the stress, worry and concern we all feel for our families, elders and loved ones.

Respectfully, Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.



Marta Kettle, Clerk
CATTARAUGUS
TERRITORY



Bethany Johnson, Deputy Clerk ALLEGANY TERRITORY

Please Continue to stay Safe & Healthy

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

CLERK'S OFFICE UPDATE - MASKS ARE REQUIRED UPON ENTRY TO ALL SENECA NATION BUILDINGS

The Clerk's Office on the Cattaraugus Territory has re-opened our doors with safety protocols in place. Masks are required at all times and you must social distance while in the Building.

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.

The Clerk's Office will be closed:

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

11:00 am – 4:30 pm for Training/Staff Development

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

All Day - Judicial Election

CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS ACCEPTED

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 during regular business hours in both Allegany & Cattaraugus Clerk's Offices. If picking up for someone else, please have a signed authorization letter.

CLERK'S EMPLOYEES

William Seneca Building – Cattaraugus Territory – (716) 532-4000

Marta L. Kettle, Clerk / Office Manager

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

Dana Maybee, Business Permit Officer

Sarena Seneca, Receptionist

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

Bethany Johnson, Deputy Clerk (Notary Public)

Charisse Ground, Executive Secretary Sue Case, Enrollment Officer Kathleen "Yomie" Hill, Enrollment 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

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.

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. Dinners are to be prepared in "to go" containers. Any Organization interested for Allegany may contact Charisse Ground at Charisse.ground@sni.org, 716-945-1790 ext. 3036 and for Cattaraugus you may contact Leslie Cooke at Leslie.cooke@sni.org, 716-532-4900, ext. 5038 to request a form.

Forms are also available at the Clerk's Office. Any questions can be directed to Charisse Ground or Leslie 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.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Seneca - Iroquois National Museum Board of Trustees (5 Vacancies)

Qualifications:

- · Trustees shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age and shall have obtained at least a high-school diploma.
- · Employees of the Museum shall not serve on the Board
- Full term of office shall be four (4) years, unless fulfilling the term of a former Trustee.
- · Trustees shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms

If interested, please submit a letter of intent to the Nation's Clerk no later than October 29, 2021 Mail To:

Seneca Nation of Indians Clerk's Office

Attention: Marta L. Kettle, Clerk 12837 Rte. 438 Irving, NY 14081















Seneca Holdings, LLC Management Committee



Seneca Nation of Indians Request for Qualifications

The Seneca Nation of Indians is seeking interested individuals to submit their qualifications to serve as a member of the Management Committee of Seneca Holdings, LLC. The company's Management Committee currently has **one** seat up for appointment.

Pursuant to the Charter adopted by the Nation's Council, every Management Committee member shall meet the following minimum qualifications:

- must be at least 21 years of age
- must have earned at least a high school diploma or equivalent
- have not been convicted of a felony, or other crime involving dishonesty, fraud, or otherwise involves a financial component (including, but not limited to, embezzlement or theft)
- provide information and submit to such background checks as necessary to ensure continued compliance with Federal disadvantaged business certification(s), security clearances and/or licenses as are from time to

time held by the Company or its respective subsidiaries or management as part of its ongoing business operations.

Pursuant to the Charter adopted by the Nation's Council, the Council shall appoint at least one (1) board member who shall (i) possess a Master of Business Administration or Juris Doctorate Degree, or (ii) be a Certified Public Accountant and at least one (1) board member who has a minimum of ten (10) years of relevant experience at a senior management level, in a company with a primary focus in contracting with the Federal Government.

Interested individuals are invited to submit a letter of interest and a resume to the Nation's Clerk. The Council plans to schedule interviews once Seneca Holdings, LLC has completed its background check and both Seneca Holdings, LLC and the Nation's Clerk have certified that the individual is an eligible candidate for the Management Committee position. As such, candidates are strongly encouraged to submit their materials to the Nation's Clerk as soon as possible, in order to provide sufficient time for the background check and certification process to occur.

Submit letters & resumes to the following address no later than, October 29, 2021 to:

Seneca Nation of Indians' Clerks Office Attention: Marta L. Kettle, Clerk 12837 Route 438 Irving, NY 14081

PUBLIC NOTICE

PURSUANT TO SECTION IV OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SENECA NATION, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BIENNIAL <u>JUDICIAL</u> <u>ELECTION OF THE SENECA NATION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021.</u>

PEACEMAKER JUDGES 2-Vacancies Allegany/Oil Spring Territory

2-Vacancies Cattaraugus Territory

SURROGATE JUDGES 1-Vacancy Allegany/Oil Spring Territory

1-Vacancy Cattaraugus Territory

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1-Vacancy Allegany/Oil Spring Territory
2-Vacancies Cattaraugus Territory

Voting shall take place on the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories. Polls shall be open from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm on this date.

Pursuant to Section X of the Constitution of the Seneca Nation, every member of the age of twenty-one (21) years and upwards, who shall not have been convicted of a felony, shall be competent to vote at all elections and shall be eligible for any office. Pursuant to Section I of the Constitution of the Seneca Nation, on or before the 15th day preceding the biennial election, all candidates shall file with the Clerk of the Nation their name and office, and no further candidate shall be allowed to file for office after the 15th day preceding the biennial election. Therefore, all Candidates must file with the Clerk at the William Seneca Administration Building, Cattaraugus

Marta L. Kettle, Clerk

Territory, no later than 12:00 midnight on Monday, October 18, 2021.

September 2021

Marta L. Kettle, Clerk Seneca Nation

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





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If you need assistance with registration, please contact Amy Beato at (716) 366-4623 or Amy@preventionworks.us.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

SENECA NATION DISABILITIES COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

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

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

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

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

Seneca Nation of Indians Clerk's Office Attention: Marta L. Kettle, Clerk 12837 Route 438 Irving, New York 14081 IN THE NEWS October 15, 2021

Trauma of residential schools continues to impact Native communities

By Matthew Pagels

President Pagels' op-ed that appeared in the Buffalo News.

Truth and healing are powerful words. For generations, Native individuals, families and communities still dealing with the impacts and trauma perpetuated by Indigenous residential schools have been searching for these elusive ideals.

For more than a century, hundreds of thousands of Indigenous children were forced to attend residential schools across the United States and Canada - including the Thomas Indian School on our Cattaraugus Territory. There, they faced physical and sexual abuse, mistreatment and hatred all in the name of a racist undertaking known as "assimilation."

Earlier this year, the United States announced a long-overdue initiative to investigate the intergenerational trauma caused by schools that were managed and administered by the federal government. Unfortunately, the initiative does not currently examine schools, like the Thomas Indian School and several others, that were either state-run or private. Their impact, which is still felt today, must be acknowledged and investigated.

Residential schools existed for the sole purpose of erasing Indigenous people - our language, our history and our very existence - from our own lands, often by force and violence. Children were systematically robbed of their dignity and self-worth. Some survivors were left broken and jaded, forever scarred by the lasting lessons of hate, as well as physical, mental and emotional damage – if they made it home at all.

Thousands of children are known to have died at the schools. The deaths of hundreds, if not thousands, more are believed to have gone unreported. These young lives were extinguished for one reason – their heritage did not fit the mold of what white settlers believed to be appropriate. These hate crimes can never and should never be forgotten.

Native people around the world, including many Senecas, still carry the scars and terror of those days. The sounds and memories of their experience can never be silenced. Discoveries like those at former school sites in Canada earlier this year, where the remains of nearly 1,000 children were discovered in mass graves, re-open those wounds. There are almost certain to be more gruesome discoveries at other sites. Yet, the majority of non-Native individuals are unaware of this dark chapter in history.

In the years since the schools closed, some, including Canada's government and Catholic bishops, have formally apologized for the role they played in the terror perpetuated by the residential schools. Others have made no formal acknowledgement of the human and cultural damage that occurred under their watch, preferring to remain silent and turn a blind eye to what they left in the past.

If now is truly the time for truth and healing, all boarding schools, whether federal, state or private, must be examined.

This must be done for the many children, now grown, whose pain has been carried with them throughout their life, for the children whose voices were forever silenced, and for the children of today and generations to come. They all matter.

Matthew Pagels is President of the Seneca Nation of Indians.

COVID-19 Diagnostic Testing

Submitted by Dawn Stevens, Emergency Management

The Seneca Nation still is offering COVID-19 diagnostic testing to individuals and employees of the Seneca Nation. Testing is open to anyone who would like to be tested. You DO NOT need to have COVID-19 like symptoms to be tested.

Location:

Seneca Fire - Allegany Territory, 8184 E. Loop Rd., Jimtown (Salamanca), NY

Seneca Fire - Cattaraugus Territory, 12879 Rte. 438, Irving,

When: Testing is by request to set a date and time

How: Call Emergency Management at (716) 532-8178 (business hours) or (716) 244-0820 (after hours) or Seneca EMS at (716) 532-8550 (business hours) or (716) 574-2007 (after hours)

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. You must register for a test.

Those without registration completed will not be accommodated at the test site and cannot be tested!

How to Register for COVID-19 Testing:

- Register online at Bluestonesafe.com
- Client code: senecagov and User code: 3030
- You must register prior to the testing date
- Please bring your phone with you to the testing site to access your registration link

What to Expect on the Day of your Test:

- DO NOT eat or drink anything one hour prior to the testing
- Please arrive no more than 5 minutes prior to your scheduled time
- Please remain in your vehicle and follow the directions of staff at the testing site
- Testing is conducted while you are in your vehicle
- Testing is conducted via saliva sample and only takes a few minutes to complete
- You can expect the results of your test in 2-3 days; by text message, email or phone call
- You should self isolate after testing until results comeback negative, to resume normal activity

Note: This saliva sample PCR test will determine if someone is currently infected with the COVID-19 virus.



THE INSIDE SCOOP WITH DR. LORI QUIGLEY





Nya:wëh Sgë:nö'! Harvest time is here again! The seeds we planted last spring are now ripe for picking. Now it's time to enjoy our crop of fruits and vegetables.

As a company, we are a lot like the farmers who plant seeds and hope to see a bountiful harvest in return. Everything that we do as a board and as a team is designed to successfully grow Seneca Gaming Corporation.

We can take pride in what we have accomplished. We continue to thrive, as Guests return to our casinos, restaurants, and hotels.

With Leadership Seneca, we are nurturing our next generation of leaders within our organization.

We continue to offer opportunities for our Nation members and our neighbors to launch fulfilling careers and enjoy The Best 8 Hours with us. Give Matthew Snyder, our Native Recruiter, a call at (716) 501-2215 or (716) 425-5289 or visit TheBest8Hours.com to join our team.

We never stop planting and harvesting what we sow. As a stakeholder, I invite you to join us at our next **Stakeholders' Meeting** on **Saturday, October 23**, at 10 AM to learn more about how we plan to grow. Please email your RSVP by Friday, October 22 to:

 $\underline{SenecaStakeholders@SenecaCasinos.com.}$



Chairwoman, Board of Directors Seneca Gaming Corporation



INSIDE DEAL

It's the most wonderful event of the year! Our Holiday Shopping Sprees at Seneca Allegany (October 22 and 23) and Seneca Niagara (October 29 and 30) are perfect opportunities for our loyal Social Club Members to get a jump start on their holiday gift buying and use their points on anything from jewelry and designer accessories to brand name appliances.

Of course, we didn't forget our Halloween fans! Guests will have a frightfully good time Bobbin' for Bucks, sitting in Haunted Hot Seats and winning sweet prizes ranging from free slot play to big cash!

INSIDE 8

On September 30, Team Members took part in the **Every Child Matters Remembrance Walk** at Seneca Niagara. From the reciting of the Ganö:nyök, to powerful speeches and music, we honored those impacted by the residential schools across the U.S. and Canada, including those from the Thomas Indian Residential School.

In November, we'll celebrate Native American Heritage Month throughout our properties with many events planned as we share our culture with our Team Members and Guests.

DEDICATED TO OUR SENECA NATION GUESTS

Here's the REAL inside scoop! If you want to experience world-class dining at any of our properties or be pampered in our luxurious resorts, we've got a number just for you. Seneca Nation Members can call

our dedicated reservation line at 1 (866) 873-6322 (866-8SENECA). Book your room or reserve your table with greater ease and less wait time. You can also call this line with questions about our other services.

WE'RE ON A ROLL!

Live entertainment is BACK at Seneca Resorts & Casinos. We kicked off our first shows in August with comedian Ron White and singer John Fogerty. September 17 and 18 marked the return of our outdoor concerts at Seneca Niagara with rappers Vanilla Ice and Bobby Brown and country sensation Miranda Lambert. Ja:goh to every Team Member who helped make these events a success. Stay tuned for more great acts coming this fall!





First come, first serve.
For more info call 716-532-9449







NOTICE - HEAP

The Seneca Nation Advocate Program will be accepting applications for the Regular Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) benefit starting on October 1, 2021. This benefit will run until March 2022 or if the funding runs out, whichever comes first.

Also starting on October 1, The Advocate Program will be accepting applications for the LIHEAP Furnace replace/repair program, as well as the LIHEAP Weatherization program. These programs will end on September 30, 2022 or if the funding runs out, whichever comes first. The Weatherization program includes: Caulking, Insulation, Windows, Doors, Skirting etc...

You may pick up an application at the Tribal Advocates Offices located on the Cattaraugus (532-4900) or Allegany (945-2655) Territories.

Documentation Requirements:

- ~Tribal I.D.
- ~Social Security Card
- ~Proof of Address
- ~Current Utility Bill
- **Oak Tree Residents must provide a current rent receipt
- ~Proof of Income
- ~Deed/Home Ownership (Furnace repair/replacement/ Weatherization)

CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY ADVOCATE PROGRAM 210 Thomas Indian Building – Ext. Irving, NY 14081

716-532-4900

Update from the Training and Resource Center

By Pam Bowen

Nya:wëh sgë:nö'! My name is Pamela Bowen and I am the newest staff addition to the Allegany TERC department. I am the 477 Adult Employment Counselor.

What is the 477 Program of the Training and Resource Center (TERC)?

The mission of the TERC, is to assists Seneca youth and adults to succeed in the workforce by encouraging self-sufficiency, facilitating the creation of job opportunities and providing services that are related to job readiness.

The 477 Program offers a "one stop" shop for the Seneca community by continuous networking with various institutions, agencies, apprenticeships or individuals that offer vocational or on-the-job training and building partnerships with them, as they seek employable people. It is our job, to assist in providing qualified and/or certified members of our community to fill those positions. The success of our participants, is our success!

If you are interested in receiving additional training in your current position or are looking to change jobs and find that you are lacking in certain skills or training, please feel free to contact our office at (716) 945-8120. The staff at TERC will be happy to answer your questions or assist you in the application process of your requested interest.

Please feel free to contact the TERC office for further information concerning any of the listed courses. I can be reached at (716) 945-8120 x-3045.

- Front Parking 60 x 80
- Side Parking 60 x 30
- Brick Building
- Newer 6 year old Roof
- Store Front Windows
- Central Air
- Intruder/Fire Alarms
- Emergency Generator
- Open Office 30 x 25, with a 9 x 18 alcove
- Private Office 12 x 24
- Conference Room 12 x 16
- Two small offices each 12 x 12
- Kitchenette
- Janitors closet
- Electrical closet
- Fully Carpeted
- Former Radio Station













Commercial Real Estate Lease Available

215 Broad Street, Salamanca, NY 14779

Accepting bids/best offers until Oct 31, 2021

Seneca Nation of Indians Steve Harris, Facilities Manager 716-945-1790 x 3163

REMINDER from Emergency Management

Submitted by Dawn Stevens

The Seneca Nation Emergency Management Department's mass notification messaging service called Regroup is intended to provide SN Employees and Community Members with broadcast services in the event of



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emergencies, closings, delays, and health/safety messages. This service allows fast and reliable communications via mobile devices, landlines & email.

If you are interested in being placed on the call list, or if your contact information has changed, please contact the Emergency Management Office to update your profile.

We are available: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm (716) 532-8178 (Cattaraugus) dawn.stevens@sni.org



Reverse Call Back Number: 1-716-351-3013

(This number will allow those users that missed the call, to call this number and hear the last message that was sent out. Please save this number to your contacts.)

All Call Lists are confidential and will be solely used for the intended purpose.



CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2021

These workshops are FREE to the public

IN RESPONSE to our climate change survey and in an effort to better inform and connect our community on issues arising from the ongoing climate crisis, Seneca Nation departments are teaming up to offer workshops to teach our community members useful and sustainable practices.

Outdoor Survival Course - 12 participants

Contact | Allegany Conservation 716-945-1790 Allegany Fish Hatchery Campus, Salamanca, NY Date and Time TBD

In this course participants will learn basic outdoor survival skills and learn how to prepare an emergency survival bag consisting of how to create emergency shelter, fire, water, communication, and basic first aid

Inspect Your Home - 12 participants

Contact | Allegany TERC Office 716-945-8120 STC 10189 Old Rt. 17, Steamburg, NY

October 6 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm October 20 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

This workshop will cover the importance of conducting an annual inspection of your home. Weather, insects, rodents and even household members can cause damage to your home. Some damage may not even be noticeable. Using an inspection template will help you assess damage, presence of insects/mice damage, & wear and tear. The usefulness of conducting an inspection will be covered and the next steps following your inspection

Eco-Friendly DIY Beeswax Wraps - 15 participants

Contact | **Jessica Crouse** 716-945-1790 x3039 ACC Multi-Purpose Room, **Salamanca, NY**

November 4 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm November 8 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm

During the "Eco-Friendly DIY Beeswax Wraps" demonstration,

participants will learn how to make do-it-yourself beeswax wraps as a re-usable alternative to single-use plastic wrap.

Household Energy Saving Steps - 12 participants

Contact | Allegany TERC Office 716-945-8120 STC 10189 Old Rt. 17, Steamburg, NY

November 3 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

November 17 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

This workshop will cover the many ways a home can lose energy and costs you more in energy expenses. Extreme changes in the weather affects the house. Learn how the weather does this and steps you can take to lower the impact. This workshop can be a second step to the home inspection workshop. Types of energy efficient lighting will also be covered.

Tools for the Home - 12 participants

Contact | Allegany TERC Office 716-945-8120 STC 10189 Old Rt. 17, Steamburg, NY November 17 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

December 1 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Learn what every homeowner should have on hand to handle little fixes Also learn about specialty tools for bigger jobs that you can rent locally to save yourself from buying equipment and using ti once. The purpose and use of tools will be covered and some practical demonstrations.

Household Plumbing - 12 participants

Contact | Cattaraugus TERC Office 716-532-4900

23 Thomas Indian School Drive, Irving NY

October 6 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

October 19 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Learn the basics of plumbing in your home, how it works, and how to rectify common issues that may arise. From the water supply coming in, to the drains going out. You will learn how it works. Gas and propane plumbing will also be

Simple Electrical - 12 participants

Contact | Cattaraugus TERC Office 716-532-4900

23 Thomas Indian School Drive, Irving NY November 3 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

November 17 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Learn how to safely replace certain electrical components in your home. Learn about different lighting, switches and outlets. Learn how to identify projects you can do, and when you should call a professional.

Fixing Damaged Walls - 12 participants

Contact | Cattaraugus TERC Office 716-532-4900

23 Thomas Indian School Drive, Irving NY December 7 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

December 16 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm

In this segment you will learn how to drywall or how a wall board is hung so that you can make repairs to damaged walls yourself and you have the finished product look like you called in a pro. From nail holes to replacing

Composting 101 - 15 participants
Contact | EPD Office 716-532-4900

entire sections, you will learn it all.

Cattaraugus Community Center, Irving, NY

December 9th | 6pm - 7pm

Allegany Community Center, Salamanca, NY

December 7th | 6pm - 7pm

During composting 101, participants will learn the different forms of composting, the benefits to each form, and what is needed in order to effectively compost in various ways.

Please take note of the different locations of the course offerings

Times and dates are subject to change Contact listed phone numbers for updates.









We are following COVID-19 guidelines set by the Seneca Nation, classes may change to virtual if necessary.







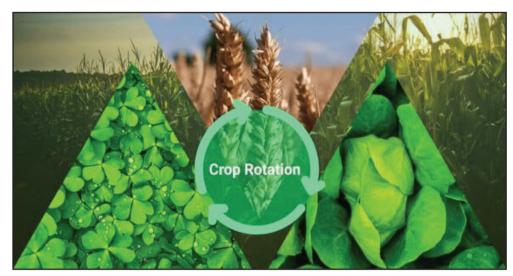


DROP OFF AT ACC ON 10.27.21 BY 7:30PM PRESENTED BY: H.E.R.O. COMMITTEE Please call the ACC at: (716) 945-8119, for more details

roasted pumpkin seeds are yummy - toss 1.5 cups of rinsed, dry pumpkin seeds in a bowl with 2 teaspoons of melted butter and a pinch of salt;

Sustainability Series: How We Can Help Combat the **Climate Crisis**

By James Douglas III, Environmental Program Manager



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 sustainable agricultural practices.

Iroquois peoples have always taken advantage of the complimentary nature of growing the Three Sisters. This method of using different crops to naturally maintain soil integrity, ward off pests, and create ideal growing conditions is a great example of sustainable farming. However, many modern farmers rely on less-sustainable practices such as planting monocultures and using chemical fertilizers. Monoculture farms dry out and deplete nutrients from soil after repeated plantings. Chemical fertilizers applied to dry soil have a tendency to runoff into local waterways, causing

eutrophication, harmful algal blooms, and other ecological problems. One solution to these problems is crop rotation.

Crop rotation is the practice of planting several different types

of plants on the same land over successive seasons. By rotating crops, a plant that depletes a particular nutrient from the soil can be followed the next season by a plant that returns that same nutrient back to the soil. Some of the environmental benefits of crop rotation include:

Nitrogen Management improves the availability of natural nitrogen in the soil and reduces the amount of nitrogen fertilizer used.

Reduced Greenhouse Gas

Emissions – less nitrogen fertilizer use reduces nitrous oxide (N¬¬¬2¬0) greenhouse gas emissions. Reduced Water Pollution - a reduction in synthetic fertilizer use

> waterways and groundwater. **Improved Soil Structure – diversity** in root structures to enhance the

chemical, physical and biological

structure of the soil.

leads to less nitrogen runoff into

Reduced Soil Erosion – improvement in soil tilth and microbial communities creates stable soil



structure, enhanced water infiltration, and minimized surface runoff.

Pest and Disease Control - differing plants temporarily remove host organisms and disrupt the life cycle of pests, diseases, and weeds.

A good example of this method would require planting cover crops (like winter grasses or legumes) after a corn harvest. The following growing season, a different family of crops will be grown and harvested, followed by another family of crops the next season, and then restarting the rotation. Crop rotation will improve the workability of the soil and crop yields, which leads to more profitability for growers. It will also help farms to become more sustainable and provide food for generations.

CLIMATE CHANGE WORKSHOP SERIES **TERC – Seneca Training Center Inspect Your Home**

Use an inspection template to conduct your own house inspection.

Basic tips on repairs

Date: October 20th Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Household Energy Saving Steps:

- How is your home losing energy? Drafts, windows, doors.
- Affects of extreme weather changes to your home
- Review of your house inspection template.
- Steps to save energy loss.

Dates: November 3rd and 17th Time: 6 - 8:00 p.m.

Tools for the Home:

- Basic tools every homeowner needs
- Specialty tools for bigger jobs for rent
 - Practical demonstration and use of tools

Dates: December 1st and 20th

Time: 6-8 p.m.

All workshops held at the Seneca Training Center - 0189 Old Rte 17, Steamburg, NY. Each class is limited to 12 people. Contact for registration: TERC, Rory Crouse, Intake Tech. 945-8120

Cattaraugus Education Back to School Bash

By L. Eagle John



The SNI Cattaraugus Department of Education celebrated the start of a new school year for our Pre K and K-12 tridistrict students and family members at the annual Back To School Bash on Tuesday, September 21st at the Cattaraugus Community Center. In an effort to keep our students & families safe, the fun activities were scheduled outdoors, masks were required while indoors and hand sanitizers were available.

Despite the light rain the students still continued to enjoy the various stations which included a climbing wall and trampoline, a game corner with corn hole & four square games and a lacrosse skills competition for various age levels with

prizes awarded. A photo booth sponsored by the Seneca Media Department with a large colorful balloon arch & backdrop provided by Two Sisters Balloons was also on site to capture those unique student & family portraits. Other culture activities included a long ball game and a sweet grass braiding demo with the staff from the Gakwi:yo:h Farms which was very popular with all ages. Music & announcements were provided by Rez Road Sound and free fresh made CJ's kettle corn was available to all. Numerous large door prizes & gift cards donated by the Education Department were awarded



at the end of the evening. Complimentary Chiavetta's chicken take out dinner was also available for all that attended. We were very



fortunate to be able to sponsor this event and it was very rewarding to see and engage with the students and families once again.

The Department would like to thank the CCC for helping host this event and special gratitude goes out to Brian Stevens & Frank Ireland for their volunteer efforts, Nya:wëh!

In closing we encourage all our students to continue to work hard and have a successful 2021-2022 school year. The Education Department is here to provide support so if you have any questions or need assistance please feel free to call 532-3341. We hope to see you at our next event!

Remember the Removal 2021 - Sustaining Our Culture &

Traditions - Speech by Rebecca Bowen, Archives Director. September 25th, 2021. By Rebecca Bowen. Photos by Newsletter and Seneca Media.



whose greatest desire – I believe – was that we not forget who are. These elders saw what was happening and knew it was vital that they be proactive for our very survival. With that being said, we remember them today and acknowledge their determination to sustain our culture and traditions.

I want to speak about this year's Remember the Removal theme "Sustaining Our Culture and Traditions." But first what does it mean to sustain? According to the dictionary to sustain means to give support, to nourish, to keep up, to prolong.

Six decades ago we were in crisis mode here at Ohi:yo'. All that we knew, our very physical surroundings, were being demolished, bulldozed, and burned. But during that dark time there were cultural lifelines that would keep us connected to one another and to our Seneca traditions. Those lifelines were embodied in our elders In an article published in 1958 (Erie Times News Magazine 06/29/1958) it was reported that "a group of Senecas have been moved to preserve for posterity the true Indian way of life and the finer aspects of the early Indian culture. To do this they have erected an Indian village at Onoville, NY, on the grounds of the reservation. Here, in surroundings highly suggestive of the old days on the Allegheny, these modern Senecas don the regalia of their forefathers and dance the tribal dances that date back hundreds and hundreds of years in Seneca history. And too, they chant the age-old Seneca tongue."

The Indian village at Onoville was called Oi-hes-tah which means resting place or rendezvous. Gertrude Jackson Claflin was instrumental in its creation.

When the article about Oi-hes-tah was published in 1958 the Seneca Nation was in the throes of a court battle to stop the construction of the Kinzua Dam and Allegheny reservoir. In March of that year the D.C. federal court ruled in Seneca



Nation of Indians v. Brucker [Wilber M., Secretary of the Army], Corps of Engineers that the sovereign government-to-government promises of the 1794 Canandaigua Treaty did not protect us from the powers of Congress and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and ultimately



the construction of the Kinzua Dam. We appealed but in late November of that year the appeals court again ruled against us and in favor of the Army Corps. This was a time of great uncertainty for our people.

In 1961 an Indian Village, and that is what it was called, was constructed on property donated by DeForrest and Gladys Abrams, Sr.. It was situated on the north side of a knoll at the junction of old Route 17 and old Route 280 in the Coldspring community. Similar to Oi-hes-tah, the Indian Village was a private group effort that included Mr. and Mrs. Abrams, Walter and Dorothy Jimerson, Ernie and Sally Crowe, Lester and Hazel Jimerson, Paul and Mamie Jones, and Avery and Fidelia Jimerson. I remember visiting the Indian



Village as I'm sure some of you also have memories of going there. Despite the wearing of western-style headdresses by the men which they viewed as "borrowing," they were proactive in the survival of Seneca social songs and dances, as well as the language during this time of great uncertainty.

There's no written record of why these villages were erected, but I believe these elders felt the need to not only sustain our culture but to share it with the outside world.

After the Removal our old neighborhoods were gone and we were relocated to the Steamburg and Jimersontown relocation areas beginning in late 1964. The Haley Community Building, many of you knew it as the JoJo Building, was constructed in Jimersontown and opened to the community in May of 1966. It immediately became the hub of community activity here at Ohi:yo'. The Nation offices were located there as well as the Council chambers. New community organizations such as the Senior Citizens and the 21-Plus Club met in the dining room. The kids hung out in the gym and the arts and crafts room. It was in the arts and crafts room that elders such as Mariam Lee, Dorothy Jimerson, Avery and Fidelia Jimerson (also known as Ham & Fi), Mae Halftown, Helen Harris, Nellie Jack and George Heron came to teach Onön:dowa'ga:'Gawë:nö' and traditional crafts such as beadwork. If there were others I have not mentioned please let me know.

I believe we were a community wrapped in grief during these years. Depending on the source you consult, there are anywhere from 5 to 7 to 12 steps in the grief process. They say there is a step where shock initiates us into mourning. This step allows us time to absorb what has happened and to begin to adjust to the loss. But they also



say it is the guidance of caring people that sustains us.

These elders were our caring people. They supported and nourished us despite the great loss they were experiencing. They chose to sustain us. It is important we remember them for their efforts to sustain our culture and traditions. It was at a time of great loss and these elders stepped forward with love to carry us through and make sure we did not forget.



Remember the Removal - Sustaining our Culture and Traditions was held Saturday September 25th starting with a

Traditions was held Saturday, September 25th starting with a 2.5 mile walk of remembrance from the Red House Bridge to the corner of Breed Run. Gonio Miller gave the ganonyok and Tyler Heron shared memories of the pre-Kinzua Days along Ohi:yo'. Photos of the former homesteads were along the road.

Craft demonstrators and vendors were onsite indoors and outdoors at the Seneca Allegany Administration Building with Covid-19 precautions in place.

Treasurer Ricky Armstrong, Councillor Tina Abrams on behalf of President Pagels, and Becky Bowen spoke. Gifts were given to the remaining head of the households. Although some have passed on in the last year. They were still honored; the late Ralph Bowen, the late Ellen John, Opal Frank, Rovena Watt, Caroline Brant, and Bennet Wheeler. Since the event, Opal Frank has passed away, leaving only 3 remaining head of households left.

The Remember the Removal Committee would like to say "Weso nya:wëh!" to all of the of Seneca Nation departments, volunteers, singers, speakers, and participants that helped make the day a success. We came together as a community to remember and heal.

Nya:wëh!

Tyler Heron **Victim Services** Seneca EMS Seneca Nations **Penny Minner ACC** Marshalls Pete Jones Sanitation **DPW** Patrick Redeye **Facilities** Gakwi:yo:h Farms All Volunteers All vendors Ted John Seneca Nation Crime All demonstrators

RTR Committee:

Joe Stahlman, Rebecca Bowen, Nancy Toth, Angela Steckman, Barbara Lynn Hill, Christine Perez, Tami Watt, Fallon Snyder, Councillor Tina Abrams, Councillor Arlene Bova

Community Healing Walk held on Cattaraugus Territory

By Megan Torres, Reporter. Photos by Seneca Media

On September 30th, 600 plus community members gathered to remember and honor residential school survivors and the children who never made it home. AOA along with the Crime Victim Services Department and Child & Family Services organized the walk that took place throughout the grounds of the former Thomas Indian School.

been impacted by the trauma that the residential boarding schools caused. After the conclusion of the remarks,

the community set off on the 1 mile

that is a direct result of the residential

schools, "Me along with my sisters

are daughters of a survivor of the

Thomas Indian School... watching

my mom raise us... I began to see as a young Seneca woman the impact."

She touched on how every individual

present at the walk that evening has

President Pagels opened with the reason of why we were gathering,

"As a nation, we often gather for many different reasons. We gather together to celebrate, or to remember, or to mourn. It is that close sense of togetherness that bonds us across generations. Today, we gather to share and, hopefully to heal." He also spoke on the lack of acknowledgment from the outside government, "To this day, the United States has never formally acknowledged nor apologized for its role in perpetuating the horrible things that occurred at the residential schools, nor has New York State. It is beyond time for them to do so." Back in August, President Pagels wrote to the Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland, requesting that the Tunesassa Indian Boarding School, the Hampton Institute and the Thomas Indian School be included under the recently announced Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative.

walk throughout the grounds of the former Thomas Indian School. as "Orange Shirt Day". As a way to continue to honor all who have been impacted by the residential schools, Council has passed a resolution officially declaring September 30th "Orange Shirt Day".





Following President Pagels was Thomas Indian School survivor Elliott Tallchief. Elliott shared his story of growing up at the school and what life was like for him afterwards. He spoke of the atrocities

that took place there, "I remember being punished for speaking the language... I remember thinking to myself, is this really happening... this is how I was brought up. They made us feel like everything we did was wrong. If it wasn't their way we would get beat up." Elliot touched on the trauma he has felt his whole life and how he never really wants to talk about it but that if he doesn't, no one will know what really happened there.

Dr. Lori Quigley spoke next about the multi generational trauma

It was also the day where the Residential School Exhibit initiated by Hayden Haynes, opened for the first time to the public. The exhibit which is titled "Hënödeyësdahgwah'geh Wa'öki'jö Ogwahsä's. Onëh i:'jögwadögwea:je'." Which translates to "We were at the school. We were there. We remember." The exhibits' current location is inside of the Sully Huff Heritage Center in Irving, NY and features the following Hodinöshoni artists: Luann Redeye, Randi Spruce, Peter B. Jones, Samantha Jacobs, Faye Lone, Patrick Redeye and Tami Watt. It is expected to be a traveling exhibit.

The discovery of the 215 innocent children at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School has sparked a nationwide initiative and has opened up the wounds of so many survivors and their families. In honor of all survivors and those who never made it home, the community will continue to remember, heal and bring awareness to the #EveryChildMatters movement. For more information about Seneca students in boarding schools and for student rosters, please visit the Iroquois Genealogy website at

https://www.iroquoisgenealogysociety.org/archiveschool-records.

Seneca Gaming Corporation "Every Child Matters" Remembrance Walk

Helping to bring greater understanding, awareness and healing to the atrocities faced by generations of indigenous children at residential schools across the US and Canada

NIAGARA FALLS – September 30, 2021 - Seneca Resorts & Casinos would like to thank all who attended their Remembrance Walk last month in Niagara Falls. "We believe awareness, visibility and community support can lead us to a path of healing and ensure that these tragedies never happen again." ~ Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino Twitter #EveryChildMatters



Ja:goh Seneca Marksmen, IBLA National Champions!

The Seneca Marksmen won the 2021 IBLA National Championship last month following an undefeated season. The team gathered in Lakeland, Florida for the championship game against the Grizzlies. Ja:goh Marksmen!

Post from IBLA twitter: A perfect undefeated season. A deserving National Champion. Congratulations to the Seneca Marksmen on being the 2021 IBLA National Champions. The Marksmen are a team that loves the game of box lacrosse and loves playing together as a family. What a treat to watch this team.



SENECA WARCHIEFS VS TEAM USA U17

Submitted by Adrian Stevens

The Jr. B Warchiefs defeat the visiting Team USA U17 16-14 in Box Lacrosse action at the Gil Lay Arena on Saturday, September 25th. The game was played in front of approximately 220 lacrosse starved fans ready to watch Jr Lacrosse action for the first time in 2 years and they were not disappointed.

The game was played using the World Indoor games format, 4-15 minute period stop time with modified rules. Team USA came out firing and had a 4-2 1st quarter lead on the WarChiefs. It was no different during the 2nd quarter with team USA leading 9-3 at halftime. Coaches Mouser Henry and Adrian John must have given the team a much needed pep talk at halftime as the team settled down and played better lacrosse in the 3rd quarter although team USA held a 12-4 lead midway through the 3rd. It was then that the team score 9

unanswered goals to take a 13-12 lead and with 4 minutes left in the 4th quarter and team USA traded goals to tie at 14-14 and with two highlight goals, the Warchiefs came out on top to win 16-14 win.

Pictures and the video of the game can be seen on the following website listed below.

Photos of the game: https://www.



usindoorlacrosse.org/2021-usa-u17-exhibition-seneca

Game tape: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRSorTUPuknFpc5FoZkJP7Q/videos

Team USA U17 will be heading to Massena for the WILJC U17 Championships in November. Seneca Warchiefs will be

forming a U15 team to play 2 exhibition games against Team USA U15 team in Rochester, October 30th at 6pm and October 31st at 11am at the arena address listed below. Any player with that age group are free to attend practices which will be posted on the Seneca Warchiefs website.

Arena:

Rochester Regional Health Totals Sports Experience 880 Elmgrove Rd. Rochester, NY 14624



'Water is Life' mural by Seneca artist installed on the

Genesee -- G. Peter Jemison (Seneca, Heron Clan) recently unveiled a mural overlooking the Genesee River in downtown Rochester. Titled "Water is Life," the piece depicts the Haudenosaunee Creation Story and overlooks the Genesee River rochestercitynewspaper.com | September 29, 2021

In the Haudenosaunee creation story, Sky Woman, the daughter of the Great Spirit, descends from the heavens toward a watery world whose animals, fearing for her safety, dredge mud from the bottom of the sea to make the earth grow on the back of a giant turtle.

That story has
been depicted on a
new mural that was unveiled
Tuesday in downtown Rochester
at the edge of the Genesee River.

Artist Peter Jemison, manager of the Ganondagan State Historic Site, painted the work, titled "Water is Life." A weatherproof reproduction was installed on the side of the Floreano Convention Center in cooperation with the city.

Jemison is a member of the Seneca Nation, which is part of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy (also known as the Iroquois — a name given to them by French colonists).

"To me this was the ideal location for the mural," Jemison said during the unveiling.

"I feel a very strong connection



Artist Peter Jemison stands in front of his "Water is Life" mural, which was installed on the Floreano Convention Center facing the Genesee River.
- Photo credit: Rebecca Rafferty

to the Genesee River because our people — my people, the Seneca people — lived on the river here, all the way down as far as Letchworth State Park," he said.

Mayor Lovely Warren led the unveiling, and commented on the Haudenosaunee people's powerful relationship to the natural world as well as the city's investment in remaking the riverfront, which has been a centerpiece of her administration.

"Today we honor that relationship, not only by this mural, but by reinvesting in and reimagining our relationship with the water that runs through our city," Warren said. Jemison, whose artwork is currently on exhibit at the Memorial Art Gallery through

Nov. 7, also oversaw the addition of the Seneca Art & Cultural Center at Ganondagan State Historic Site in 2014. The SACC functions as a museum to the Seneca's history in this region, a fine arts gallery, and a performing arts center.

A plaque with the title, names of contributing artists, and the creation story is installed next to the mural.

"Water is Life" marks what Jemison called a start to educating the wider public about the history of this land

and its original inhabitants.

"My ambition was to put something here that would acknowledge the original people that occupied this land," he said. "And this really solves that, just as a good representation of a story of ours, the creation story, an elegant story that figures into our cosmology. I think it will help raise consciousness."

The unveiling came ahead of Indigenous People's Day, Oct. 11, which the city formally recognized as the alternative to Columbus Day in 2018.

Source: https://www.rochestercitynewspaper.com/rochester/ water-is-life-mural-by-senecaartist-installed-on-the-genesee/ Content?oid=13726895&fbclid=IwAR1rI7ryZTJMRXSexle4ThhdQSOSlkxgbDyDx30Sglawk_ UaV_4eypBNmQU

Gowanda Middle School Elects Student Leaders

Ja:goh Cashis Montour! Repost from GCSD Facebook page

Congratulations to the following Panthers on being named Student Council officers at Gowanda Middle School for the 2021-2022 academic year:

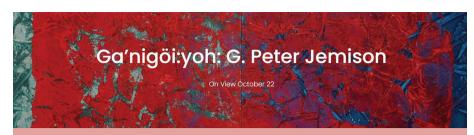
- CASHIS MONTOUR is PRESIDENT
- ALAYNA FISH is VICE PRESIDENT
- ISABELLE GRAHAM is TREASURER
- BELLA MAINES is SECRETARY

Way to go!



Peter Jemison's mural, "Water is Life," depicts the Haudenosaunee creation story. - Photo credit: Rebecca Rafferty

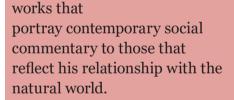




Opening Night of Ga'nigöi:yoh: G. Peter Jemison, a retrospective at K Art - October 22nd!

https://www.thek.art/g-peter-jemison

The illustrious career of G. Peter Jemison (Seneca, Heron Clan) spans decades across a wide swath of diverse accomplishments with an immeasurable worldwide impact. Jemison has explored various topics through his art, from creating political



Join Us - October 22nd for the opening night of Ga'nigöi:yoh: G. Peter Jemison, a retrospective surveying his triumphs and tragedies from 1964 to the present day, all portrayed through paintings, parasols, and paper bags. The event is open to the public at



the K Art gallery from 7 pm - 10 pm.

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Policy - For your
safety and those
around you, to
attend the exhibition,
you will need to
show proof of being
fully vaccinated.
Should you not
feel comfortable
providing that
information or not
be fully vaccinated,
we require guests
to wear masks. We

will have masks on hand at the event for your convenience.

For pre-registration, please email a copy of your vaccine card to operations@thek.art. Please make the subject of the email your first and last name.

For in-person registration, please bring a photo ID and at least one of the following forms of proof:

- State/city digital vaccine pass (ex: New York Excelsior pass);
- A photo of your Center for Disease Control vaccine card;
- Or the hard copy of your Center for Disease Control vaccine card.

Ga'nigöi:yoh:
To have a good
mind. For the
Haudenosaunee

Ja:goh John Waterman, Jr.,

Newest Gowanda Central School Board of Education Member

Repost from GCSD Facebook page

Let's give a warm welcome to **JOHN Y. WATERMAN JR.**, the newest member of the Board of Education of Gowanda Central School District.

Mr. Waterman, who is a 1992 graduate of GCS, was sworn in Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at the start of the regular meeting by district clerk Kathy Ferneza. He resides in Perrysburg with his wife, Beth, and their six children, some of whom attend GCS. He is a volunteer for Seneca Fire on the Cattaraugus Territory.

We're grateful for Mr. Waterman's volunteerism and are thrilled to have him working with our Panther family. #onceapantheralwaysapanther #GowandaCSD





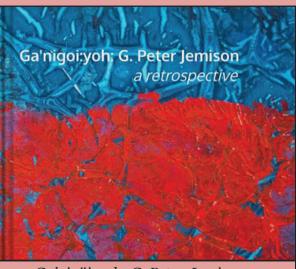
or Iroquois, this is the ideal philosophy of life. Following the arrival of the peacemaker, who assisted in the burial of arrows under the Tree of Peace, the Haudenosaunee have utilized this concept of awareness in their teachings of peace.

They believe that
peace is a state of mind
obtained through a
strong connection
to spirit, a process only
attainable with exceptional
clarity. Consequently, this will
allow the spirit to grow and
acknowledge the transmittable
spiritual energy which pervades
all inanimate and animate
natural objects, simply Orenda.
Those with a Good Mind have



strong Orenda, leading to a life of peace.

Above all, Jemison is a storyteller with a Good Mind, carving the path towards peace.



Ga'nigöi:yoh: G. Peter Jemison, a retrospective - A stunning hardcover catalog of G. Peter Jemison's works exhibited in Ga'nigoi:yoh: G. Peter Jemison, a retrospective. (Visit www.thek.art to purchase)



808 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14202

contact@thek.art (716) 216-2941



West Seneca Historical Society unveils marker commemorating the legend of Kau-Qua-Tau

wivb.com | September 26, 2021

WEST SENECA, N.Y. (WIVB) — West Seneca's Historical Society is honoring a legendary figure in the town's history. Officials unveiled a marker in honor of Kau-Qua-Tau.

The Seneca medicine woman was executed for witchcraft in the 1820s.

The marker is placed at lower Lower Ebenezer Cemetery where it's believed Kau-Qua-Tau is buried and where her spirit still remains.

"The role of the Seneca Nation in our



town's history is vital. They were the first inhabitants here. And this is a story that has some local attractions. But we want to get the story out more of this woman, a respected member of her community we feel that she was kind of an unfortunate demise, but we want to keep her memory alive," said

The marker was paid through a grant from the Pomeroy Foundation's Legends and Lore program.

New York Connects Update

Nya:wëh Sgë:nö' To All Seneca Community Members Submitted by Lafayette Williams

We at New York Connects would like to let you know that we are still operating during this pandemic of the COVID-19. We can help you with your long-term services and supports and needs for people of all ages, any disability, and caregivers. New York Connects can help you apply for Medicaid, find care and support, get answers about Medicare, learn about supports in caregiving, and much more.

There are three ways to contact us:

By phone: Call 1-800-342-9871. Interpretation and translation services are free. Individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing can use the Relay System 7-1-1. Western New York Independent Living Inc. 1-888-564-5171

Online: Please visit our website: www. nyconnects.ny.gov . Please be safe and healthy, Nya:wëh.

Personally: Lafayette Williams NY Connects Independent Living Outreach Specialist: Office number (716) 836-0822 Extension 538 - Work cell phone number: (716) 578-4679 or e-mail address: lwilliams@wnyil.org





Attention - SNI Offices & Buildings will be CLOSED:

Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021 | Election Day • Thursday, November 11th, 2021 | Veterans Day Thursday, November 25th, 2021 | Thanksgiving Day

Annual Fire Prevention Week

2021 Campaign: Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety Photos by Seneca Media | nfpa.org



In celebration of Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9, 2021; Seneca Fire Cattaraugus Territory held a fire drill with ECLC. The children were able to meet "Sparky" and have a fire apparatus tour.

Remember to change your smoke alarm batteries, test your detectors and plan an escape route with at least 2 practice runs throughout a year.

2021 Fire Prevention Week Campaign

This year's FPW campaign, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!" works to educate everyone about the different sounds the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe. When an alarm makes noises — a beeping sound or a chirping sound — you must take action.

What if someone in my home is deaf or hard of

hearing?

There are smoke alarms and alert devices that alert people who are deaf or hard of hearing. These devices include strobe lights that flash to alert people when the smoke alarm sounds. Pillow or bed shakers designed to work with your smoke alarm also can be purchased and installed. For more information on this important topic, visit Fire Safety for the deaf or hard of hearing section.

Frequently Asked Questions about smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms

What's the difference between smoke alarms and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms? Why do I need both?

Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger. In the event of fire, you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely, which is why smoke alarms need to be in every bedroom, outside of the sleeping areas (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement). Do not put smoke alarms in your kitchen or bathrooms.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that displaces oxygen in your body and brain and can render you unconscious before you even realize something is happening to you. Without vital oxygen, you are at risk of death from carbon monoxide poisoning in a short time. CO alarms detect the presence of carbon monoxide and alert you so you can get out, call 9-1-1, and let the professionals check your home.

How do I know which smoke and CO alarm to choose for my home?





Choose an alarm that is listed with a testing laboratory, meaning it has met certain standards for protection.
Whether you select a unit that requires yearly changing of batteries, or a 10-year unit that you change out at the end of the 10 years, either will provide protection.

CO alarms also have a battery backup. Choose one that is listed with a testing laboratory. For the best protection, use combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms that are interconnected throughout the home. These can be installed by a qualified electrician, so that when one sounds, they all sound. This ensures you can hear the alarm no matter where in your home the alarm originates.

Importance of fire prevention

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn't just for school children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk in fires, making it important for every member of the community to take some time every October during Fire Prevention Week to make sure they understand how to stay safe in case of a fire.



"OUT of the DARKNESS" Walk

Helping to save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide.

Seneca Media

On Saturday, September 25, 2021, Native Connections held an "OUT of the DARKNESS" walk to help save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide. Jackie John was a guest speaker to relay her experience and share her healing process on the suicide of her son, Matthew Aaron John who died 12/20/2000, almost 21 years ago. There was also a large support presence in remembrance of Stacey James Williams. Registration number for this event was 100 participants.











How to Practice

MINDFULNESS

Take a seat. Find a place to sit that feels calm and quiet to you.

Set a time limit. If you're just beginning, it can help to choose a short time, such as 5 or 10 minutes.

Notice your body. You can sit or kneel in a comfortable position you can stay in for a while.

Feel your breath. Follow the sensation of your breath as it goes out and it goes in.

Notice when your mind has wandered. When you do notice thissimply return your attention to the breath.

Be kind to your wandering mind.

Don't judge yourself or obsess over the content of the thoughts you find yourself lost in. Just come back.



LeRoy Family Reunion Update

Submitted by Julie Snow

The LeRoy family reunion has been **CANCELED** due to COVID on the rise and with all children back in school, and because not everyone has been vaccinated. We don't want to risk the spread within the family. However, we will start working on next year's reunion! Stay safe and see you next year!



NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF HARLAN R. SENECA

Administrator: Brandy Montour, 12336 Route 438, Irving, NY 14081 ~ Allegany Territory - Final Notice ~

ESTATE OF BRILEY S. JACKSON

Administrator: Amanda Skiver, 416 W. Green St., Olean, NY 14760 ~ Allegany Territory - Final Notice ~

ESTATE OF BERNARD GEORGE

Executor: Phyllis George, 1683 Brant North Collins Rd., North Collins, NY 14111 ~ Cattaraugus Territory - Final Notice ~

ESTATE OF NANCY JIMESON (Note: Last name correction)

Executor: Pamela Pierce, P.O. Box 187, Irving, NY 14081 ~ Cattaraugus Territory - 2nd Notice ~

ESTATE OF BRILEY JACKSON

Administrator: Amanda Skiver, 416 W. Green St., Olean, NY 14760 ~ Allegany Territory - 2nd Notice ~

ESTATE OF RIESIA STARK

Administrator: Delilah Stark, 649 Washboard Rd., Pelion, SC 29123 ~ Allegany Territory - 2nd Notice ~

ESTATE OF NANCY C. SUTTON

Administrator: Trishelle John-Murphy, 8117 Jimerson Rd., Salamanca, NY 14779 ~ Allegany Territory - 2nd Notice ~

ESTATE OF ELLEN R. JOHN

Administrator: Teresa Redeye, 587 S. Loop Rd., Steamburg, NY 14783 ~ Allegany Territory - 1st Notice ~

ESTATE OF MELISSA A. BACH

Administrator: Lynsey S. White, 8015 Old Route 17, Salamanca, NY 14779 ~ Allegany Territory - 1st Notice ~

ESTATE OF LOUIS S. LEROY, JR.

Administrator: Tawny Kettle, 94 Newton Farm Rd., Salamanca, NY 14779 ~ Allegany Territory - 1st Notice ~

Seneca Nation of Indians SURROGATE'S COURT Cattaraugus & Allegany Territory

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedents, that all persons having claims against the decedents are required to file them with the appropriate Surrogate's Court, at the Allegany/Cattaraugus Territory. You are also required to mail or deliver a copy to the Administrator/Executor. This notice shall serve to notify creditors that they have ninety (90) calendar days from the date of the first publication of the notice to present their claims to the Administrator/Executor or the Clerk, and the estate may pay only those claims presented. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

Are you a certified Flagman?

Submitted by Cattaraugus T.E.R.C.

If you or anyone you know is qualified, stop into the Cattaraugus location Tribal Employment Rights Office located behind the SN Laundromat on Iroquois Drive

Apply in our office • Fill out the Skill Bank FormApplications are renewed yearly.

Bring your Tribal ID, Certifications, Licenses and other documents pertinent to your eligibility for preference and job qualification.

Ladies and Gentlemen: Are you or anyone you know a Skilled Tradesman?

Submitted by Cattaraugus T.E.R.C.

WE NEED YOU !Stop into the Tribal Employment Rights Office Cattaraugus Location.

Apply in our office • Fill out the Skill Bank FormApplications are renewed yearly.

Bring your Tribal ID, Certifications, Licenses and other documents pertinent to your eligibility for preference and job qualification.



Next SNI Newsletter Deadline

Deadline: **Tuesday, October 19, 2021**. Next issue to be dated Friday, October 29, 2021. ELDERS CORNER October 15, 2021

AOA Elders Corner: Preparing for Winter

Submitted by Melissa Shaw, Outreach Coordinator - SNI Area Office for the Aging

Fall is a beautiful time of year, but seasons change quickly! We want to make sure that our Elders are prepared for winter and aware of the services available to help them stay safe.

Snow Plowing

During the winter months the Seneca Nation DPW may be able to provide snow plowing for eligible Elders on-territory. Please remember that DPW's first priority is clearing parking lots and walkways at SNI facilities. After SNI sites are cleared, work begins to plow driveways for Seneca Elders/Disabled members that have requested service. DPW makes every effort to schedule early plowing for those eligible who need to be able to get out of their driveways for dialysis, chemotherapy, etc.

For more information or to apply for snow-plowing through SNI DPW, please contact Lindsey Cooper, AOA Senior Support Specialist, at (716) 532-5777 ext. 5504.

HEAP

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps low-income people pay the cost of heating their homes. If you are

Seneca Nation Area Office for the Aging

EMERGENCY KITS FOR ELDERS

DRIVE-THRU DISTRIBUTION

THURSDAY OCTOBER 21ST 1-4PM

TWO LOCATIONS:

Seneca Allegany Senior Center 3644 Administration Drive

Wini Kettle Senior Center 28 Thomas Indian School Drive Irving, NY

Stop by AOA on either territory to pick up a free Emergency Kit to help you stay safe in the event of a power outage or weather emergency.

Kits include an emergency radio/flashlight (solar, crank, rechargeable), safety light sticks, hand warmers, a survival blanket, antibacterial wipes, a first aid kit, and medical infromation sheet.

Kits are for elders age 60 & up and are first come, first serve.

For more information, please call Melissa Shaw, AOA Outreach Coordinator, at (716) 532-5777, ext. 5501

eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per program year and could also be eligible for emergency HEAP benefits if you are in danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off.

The 2021-2022 Regular HEAP benefit opened October 1, 2021. Eligibility and benefits are based on income, household

size, the primary heating source, and the presence of a household member who is under age 6, age 60 or older or permanently disabled.

For more information or assistance applying for HEAP, please contact Briana Snyder, AOA Options Counselor, at (716) 532-5777, ext 3624.

Winter Weatherization

With a little planning and preparation, you can reduce the cost to keep your home warm this winter. Dirt and neglect are the number one causes of heating system failure, so be sure to schedule a fall checkup of your heating equipment with a licensed contractor to make sure your system is operating at peak performance.

Seal air leaks to prevent warm air from leaking out of the

house. Winter weatherization Kits from National Fuel are available at Allegany and Cattaraugus AOA and include weatherstripping, foam sealant and other products to help keep your home warm. Kits are first come, first serve. Please call or stop in to pick one up if you are interested.

A.O.A. LEGAL DAY

w/SNI Surrogates Court & Attorney Lee Redeye

Tuesday, October 19th, 10am @ Wini Kettle Elders Center Thursday, October 21st, 11am @ Seneca Allegany Elders Center

Stop by to meet the Judges and Court Clerks. Get information on Will Preparation and Estate Planning.



Adult Day Services

Reprinted from AOA Elder Living
- October 2021 Newsletter

An adult day center provides care for vulnerable adults in a safe, cheerful and supportive environment. Adult day centers operate during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, in some instances Saturdays as well. Nutritious meals are typically included as well as an afternoon snack.

Examples of activities typically provided:

- Arts and crafts
- Musical entertainment
- Mental stimulation
- Stretching or other gentle exercise

The Seneca Nation AOA has contracted with three Adult Day centers to provide Adult Day services to qualified Elders and their caregivers. They include:

- 1. **Lake Shore Family Center** in Irving, NY
- 2. **Chautauqua Adult Day** in Jamestown, NY
- 3. Linwood Adult Day Center in Olean, NY



If you are a caregiver you may find that an adult day program can not only provide you a safe & supervised environment for your Elder, but it can also provide social interaction and cognitive stimulation for your loved one.

Depending on the participants income, there may be cost share associated with this program. For more information or to schedule an assessment to see if you qualify, please contact AOA Case Managers:

- Shantel Burning, Catt. AOA (716) 532-5777
- Theresa Redeye, Alleg. AOA (716) 945-8990

International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week 2021

Submitted by Kingsley Nephew, Public Health Technician II, Environmental Health, LRJHC

It is very important to bring awareness of the dangers of lead in our environment. Young children are at the greatest risk. Lead poisoning can result in developmental delays, decreased ability to learn, issues involving the heart and central nervous system, and in serious cases, death.



At your 1-year and 2-year well child visit, your doctor should complete a blood test to determine your child's blood lead levels. Direct ingestion is a concern among children due to hand-to-mouth actions, curious/explorative behaviors, and minimal hand hygiene.

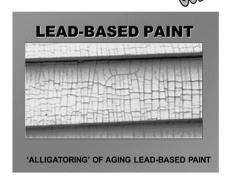
Lead can commonly be found in:

 Lead-based paint in homes built before 1978 (friction areas such as win-

- dows and doors pose highest risk)
- Toys from other countries
- Soil contamination lasts for several years
- Contaminated food or water

How to reduce lead exposure:

- Wash hands often, especially before eating
- Remove shoes upon entering home
- In older homes (pre 1978), have house assessed by lead professional to confirm presence of lead and provide steps for remediation
 - To ensure proper procedures, remediation should be done by certified professionals
- Discard brightly painted toys made outside of the USA, especially China, India, & Mexico
- Increase intake of foods high in calcium and iron – these foods decrease the absorption of lead into the body



A child's blood lead level of 5 micrograms/deciliter or higher will require action to identify the source and reduce further exposure. You can work with the Seneca Nation Health System's Environmental Health office to help identify lead sources in your child's environment and reduce their exposure.

*Sources:

https://www.epa.gov/lead/national-lead-poisoning-prevention-week
https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/national-lead-poisoning-prevention-week.htm
https://www.who.int/news-room/events/
detail/2021/10/24/default-calendar/
international-lead-poisoning-prevention-week-2021---working-together-for-a-world-without-lead-paint

FAST & FREE drive-thru RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

Sponsored by the Environmental Health Unit

Please bring proof of previous vaccination



Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets Welcome!

Cattaraugus Territory
CIRVFD - enter rear of 1st bay
Thursday, October 14, 2021 5p.m.—6:30p.m.







Allegany Territory
AIRVFD
Thursday, October 21, 2021 5p.m.—6:30p.m.

Make it faster by pre-registering. For more information, call 532-8223 ext. 5296 or 945-5894 ext. 3246



SENECA NATION HEALTH SYSTEM



Mind Your Mental Health

Submitted by Seneca Native **Connections**

The month of October spotlights mental health awareness and helps to break down the stigma of mental illness.

So how can we stay mentally healthy?

Sleep-Always get plenty of rest and try to stay on a routine.

Exercise-Any type of exercise is great for the brain.

Eat Right-A healthy diet of fruits, vegetables and lean meats is great for high energy. Remember to limit your fat and sugar intake. Believe it or not, this makes a difference in your brain function as well as your waistline.

Self-Care-Do all of the above, but also do something nice for yourself. Pamper vourself. If you need to talk to someone do not be afraid to reach out. It may just be the best decision you make.

During the month of October, Prevention will observe Mental Health Awareness month by highlighting and sponsoring some educational, fun and spooktacular promotions and events. At the end of the month, we will focus on a Halloween style event called "MASK OFF". This event is to create awareness of the mask you wear to pretend life is OK, when sometimes it just isn't. Taking the "symbolic" mask off is a healthier way to emotionally heal, so don't be ashamed to take your mask off. Tell your story, show your authentic self. If you struggle with unmasking, know that there is help out there and all you have to do is ask.

Watch for October's Seneca Nation Connections flyers and calendars for all of these great upcoming events.

**Disclosure-The MASK OFF event in no way implies that this program endorses not wearing a COVID mask. Please always mask up, keep your distance and stay safe. **

Simply HR ~ August

New Hires

Kara Covell

Environmental Services Attendant, LRJHC August 2, 2021

Tyrone Goodson

Prevention/Aftercare Specialist, CHWC August 2, 2021

Claudia White Dental Assistant I, CIRHC August 9, 2021

Joshua Evanock

Helpdesk/PC Specialist, Saylor Community Building August 23, 2021

Kingsley Nephew

Environmental Health Tech II, LRJHC August 30, 2021

Congratulations on your new positions!





SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY FRIDAY Jennifer Stebbins Virtual events are hosted on LifeSize. You will receive login info when you register! JStebbins@senecahealth.org Family Self-Family Self-**Reduction Night Reduction Night** 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Cattaraugus Allegany People's Day 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **Awareness** No Hangout Cattaraugus 3:30 - 4:30 p.m **Programming Both territories** Family Halloween Youth Bonfire 6:00 - 7:00 p m Paint Night Allegany **Both territories**

SENECA NATIVE CONNECTIONS CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2021

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.

24 and under and their families Open to the community Green: Teal: Ages 18 and up Orange:

No programming/holiday

Mask-Off Event 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Allegany

NATIVE CONNECTIONS SENECA NATION HEALTH SYSTEM



IT DOESN'T GET FASTER THAN LIGHT.

FIBER-OPTIC INTERNET IS COMING TO THE CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY **FALL 2021**

We are committed to your future.

To do our part to support the future growth of your community, DFT Communications has partnered with the Seneca Nation to bring fiber-optic internet to homes and businesses in the Cattaraugus territory.

Fiber-optic internet transmits your internet connection via light, providing a faster, and more reliable service than copper-based connections.

What are the benefits of fiber-optic internet?

DFT Lightspeed Fiber-optic Internet provides a variety of advantages over other broadband technologies, including:

MORE BANDWIDTH

Fiber has the capability to transport virtually unlimited bandwidth. This accommodates for today's increasing demand for high speed connections the result of multiple users and devices engaged in applications such as streaming. The closer the fiber is to a home or business, the more bandwidth will be available for the end user.

GREATER RELIABILITY

Fiber-optic cables are less susceptible to glitches than traditional copper wires and can withstand the shock and vibration from inclement weather.

FUTURE FLEXIBILITY

Fiber-optic internet is considered "future proof" and offers the flexibility to deliver additional services in the years to come.

BASE RESIDENTIAL FIBER RATES

Choose the package that fits both your home and your wallet's needs. We don't believe in rate hikes. What you pay today is what you'll pay a year from now.

100 | 25 Mbps

\$49.95

per month 100 Mbps Down | 25 Mbps Up

200 | 50 Mbps

per month 200 Mbps Down | 50 Mbps Up

300 | 100 Mbps

300 Mbps Down | 100 Mbps Up

500 | 150 Mbps

500 Mbps Down I 150 Mbps Up

*Pricing as of 01/2021. Geographical limitations apply. Wireless speeds may vary. Additional fees may apply. Call 716-532-3131 for more details.

When can you sign up?

Construction of this extensive fiber network in the Seneca Nation Cattaraugus territory is underway, and service will be rolled out on a neighborhood by neighborhood basis. We expect service to be ready in some neighborhoods by Fall 2021. You can view the current progress of installation in your neighborhood or preregister for service by visiting sni.dftcommunications.com.





38-40 Temple Street Fredonia, NY 14048 • 716-532-3131 SNI.DFTCOMMUNICATIONS.COM







Import Export Meeting

The next Import Export meeting has been scheduled for October 21, 2021 at 1pm in the William Seneca Building Council Chambers.

The public is welcome to attend.





