



The Official Newsletter of the SENECA NATION



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A message from President Matthew B. Pagels



Nya:weh sgënö ga:gwëgöh, agajëgwah gagwe:göh jöhiyoa:jë’,

November is a time of Thanksgiving. In our daily address we give thanks to everything around us which supports, sustains and protects us. We give thanks to one another and become of one mind. Our ancestors gave us this address to keep peace and balance so we can live in harmony with one other. I’m thankful for this message. It’s during times like what we are experiencing with the coronavirus

pandemic when we need to support one another and keep each other safe. Unfortunately, we continue to see a rise in positive cases on both Territories and in our surrounding communities. According to the Erie County Department of Health report, Erie Co. has seen a 37% increase in positive cases from the previous week. The highest number of cases are reported in the age group of 30-39 years old. Western NY infection rate is above 6 %, the highest in the state.

Our recent COVID report indicates we are now at 51 active cases – 38 detected by Allegany Health, 9 detected by Cattaraugus and 4 detected by blue stone testing. Salamanca and Gowanda schools briefly returned to remote learning recently caused by significant staffing issues due to COVID. I cannot express how important it is to monitor for symptoms, get tested and vaccinated. Following COVID protocols can lower the spread of the virus. It is vital as we gather for the holidays with family and friends. Stay home if you are experiencing any of the COVID symptoms, use good



Newly elected judges sworn in on Canvass Day

judgment and awareness when going out into the community. Wear your mask, practice social distancing and be vigilant about keeping hands clean.

Booster shots are available to anyone who is interested at each health facility. Contact Teri Cowles at Allegany at 716-945-5894 and Kim Bradley in Cattaraugus at 716-532-5582 or by filling out the online form at SenecaHealth.org/vaccine to schedule all vaccinations.

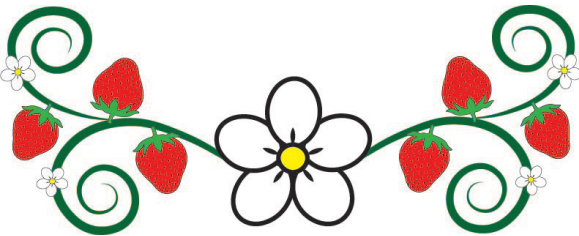
We recently held Canvass Day for our newly elected judges. Congratulations and nya:wëh for answering the call to service to

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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protect our people and to uphold our constitution.

This month we also celebrated Veteran’s Day. We had an opportunity to recognize our members who served in the military. We have had more than 1,000 members serve since World War I. Collectively we have a higher proportion of US servicemen than any other minority group. We are thankful our Veterans have put service in front of self. Nya:wëh to those who have served and those who continue to serve.

Stay safe, stay strong, *Dah ne’hoh dih ae’*

Matthew B. Pagels



Veterans at the American Legion- Iroquois Post 1587



SENECA NATION HEALTH SYSTEM

COVID-19

NO-COST TESTING SERVICES





RAPID

5-10 MIN

PCR

24-36 HRS

+++ APPOINTMENT & INSURANCE NOT REQUIRED +++

CATTARAUGUS
INDIAN RESERVATION
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
12879 ROUTE 438
IRVING, NY 14081
716-532-9794

ALLEGANY
INDIAN RESERVATION
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
8184 EAST LOOP ROAD
SALAMANCA, NY 14779
716-945-2730

3:00PM - 7:00PM
MONDAY - SUNDAY
NOV. 26-28 12:00PM - 7:00PM
CLOSED: THANKSGIVING,
@ 2:00PM CHRISTMAS EVE,
CHRISTMAS DAY & NEW YEAR'S DAY

FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER



Greetings,

This time of year gets so busy! I made time to stop by the H.E.R.O. Committee's Turkey Dinner drive-thru giveaway on the 18th. I heard the dinners were delicious. They had turkey and all the fixings. Even though they were prepared and increased their number from last year, they still ran out

within twenty-five minutes of the beginning of their distribution time. Hopefully, by Fall of 2022, everything will return to our new normal and the committee will be able to host a large community gathering for this event, as they have done in previous years.

I'd like to acknowledge all of the hard work, energy and efforts of the Health Education Recreation and Other departments (H.E.R.O.) Committee. They are the group that has been tasked with putting together community events on the Allegany Territory. The core group consists of: Health Education, Child & Family Services, Education, ACC-Recreation, Crime Victim Services, SALC and TERC, with the support of Council; and the Treasurer's Office provides administrative support. Each department in the core group is committed to contributing to various elements for each event the committee executes. In addition to the core group, they reach out to all of our Seneca Nation departments for anything from door prizes to donations of food or treats/prizes/gifts for children

and community members. All donations of goods and services are most appreciated. They are a well-organized, cohesive group which manages to plan and execute events for our community on an almost monthly basis. The next H.E.R.O. event will be a Winter Drive-thru Stocking Pick-up event in December. Keep up the great community work you are doing H.E.R.O. Committee!

I cannot stress it enough, but it is going to take everyone in our communities to help get us on the other side of this COVID pandemic. Again, if you test positive, or have been in contact with people whom have tested positive, please do not mingle in the community by attending gatherings or breaking quarantine to go to the store; as these type of actions are what continue to spread the virus. Remember, this virus is highly contagious. Please isolate yourself until you test negative.

Respectfully,
Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.





We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving holiday with family & friends!

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.

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
Dana Maybee, Business Permit Officer
Sarena Seneca, Receptionist

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
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

NOTICE

CONTINUANCE OF WAIVER FOR IN-PERSON ENROLLMENT APPEARANCE

MOTION: by Arlene Bova, seconded by Angela Kennedy, that the Seneca Nation Council approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Seneca Nation is responsible for the health, safety and well-being of our members and is taking precautions to reduce the potential impact of COVID-19 on our community; and

WHEREAS, due to safety concerns, the Nation Council waived the in-person enrollment appearance requirement per the enrollment ordinance as amended on March 12, 2016 (CN: R-03-12-16-06), effective March 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on July 10, 2021 Council reinstated the in-person enrollment appearance requirement (CN: R-07-10-21-06); and

WHEREAS, recent increases in the rate of infection of COVID-19 both within and outside of the Seneca Nation Territory have made it unsafe to require in-person enrollment appearances at this time; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Seneca Nation Council hereby rescinds the July 10, 2021 resolution (CN: R-07-10-21-06) and continues to waive the in-person enrollment appearance requirement until reinstated by Council Resolution.

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED

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.

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.

Annuity Check Distribution Schedule (FY 2021-2022)												
	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JUL.	AUG.	SEP.
Adult Check Amount	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Minor Check Amount	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Minor Trust Amount	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
Deadline for Voluntary Assignment & Other Annuity Assign	9/30/21	10/29/21	11/30/21	12/30/21	1/31/22	2/28/22	3/31/22	4/29/22	5/31/22	6/30/22	7/29/22	8/31/22
Enrollment Deadline	9/29/21	11/3/21	12/1/21	12/29/21	2/2/22	3/2/22	3/30/22	5/4/22	6/1/22	6/29/22	8/3/22	9/7/22
Council Date:	10/9/21	11/13/21	12/11/21	1/8/22	2/12/22	3/12/22	4/9/22	5/14/22	6/11/22	7/9/22	8/13/22	9/17/22
Court Order Deadline	10/22/21	11/12/21	12/10/21	1/21/22	2/17/22	3/18/22	3/22/22	5/20/22	6/17/22	7/22/22	8/12/22	9/23/22
Annuity Checks Mailed	10/25/21	11/15/21	12/13/21	1/24/22	2/18/22	3/21/22	4/25/22	5/23/22	6/20/22	7/25/22	8/15/22	9/26/22
Annuity Check Date	10/27/21	11/17/21	12/15/21	1/26/22	2/23/22	3/23/21	4/27/22	5/25/22	6/22/22	7/27/22	8/17/22	9/28/22

* Deadlines @ Noon

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

SENECA NATION JUDICIAL CONFERENCE

(1 – CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY)

PURPOSE:

- The Judicial Conference shall have the following duties and responsibilities:
- To oversee the administration of the Judicial budget and the administration of the Nation's Judiciary system
- To review, investigate and sanction violations of Article 9 of the Judicial Law, the Code of Judicial Ethics, including the development and adoption of interpretive rules and regulations not inconsistent with law, and
- Recommend policy to the Nation's Council on matters relating to the administration of the Judicial System.

The Judicial Conference shall be comprised of **five (5) members**, as follows:

- Four (4) Individuals to be appointed by the Nation's Council, two (2) from the Allegany Territory; and two (2) from the Cattaraugus Territory;
- One (1) Individual to be appointed by the President, the individual may be from either Territory.

The **term** of each Judicial Conference member shall be for **two years from the date of their appointment**.

Nation Councilors and Judges may **not** serve on the Judicial Conference.

If interested, please submit your **resume and letter of intent** no later than: December 3, 2021 to:

Seneca Nation Clerk's Office
Attention: Marta L Kettle, Clerk
12837 Route 438
Irving, New York 14081

Posted 11/10/2021

NOTICE OF REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL


Saturday, December 11, 2021
AT 9:30am - William Seneca Building - Cattaraugus Territory

For Virtual Attendance- email request to SNGotomeet@sni.org
Include: Name, enrollment number, phone number, meeting date and time

Nine (9) Deletions to the Seneca Nation Roll – November 13, 2021, Regular Session of Council

1. Bette Crouse	-	Hawk
2. Dustin John Domres	-	Beaver
3. Opal Frank	-	Hawk
4. Merrie Carol Jacobs	-	Turtle
5. Janet Rae Jimerson	-	Hawk
6. Danny Max Johnson	-	Beaver
7. Danielle Jean Redeye	-	Turtle
8. Darren Wayne Washburn	-	Turtle
9. Murray Albert Williams	-	Turtle

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



Welcome our recent enrollments to the Seneca Nation!

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: Kathleen.Hill@sni.org or Bjohnson@sni.org

Eleven Additions To The Seneca Nation Roll-November 13, 2021 Regular Session Of Council

1. Maverick Nash Bable	-	Turtle
2. Leighton Maren Dowdy	-	Hawk
3. Brooklyn Rose Hatfield	-	Bear
4. Samson Fury Jackson	-	Bear
5. Elvera Rose Jimerson	-	Turtle
6. Ezra Bradley Jones	-	Turtle
7. Evander Abram Meldrum	-	Wolf
8. Holton Gerard Pierce	-	Turtle
9. Cheryl Elaine Whipple	-	Wolf
10. Liam Dennis Williams	-	Hawk
11. Creedence William Willis	-	Snipe

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

SENECA NATION DISABILITIES COMMITTEE

1-ALLEGANY

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:

- 1) 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:

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

Posted 11/15/2021

SENECA HOLDINGS, LLC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Seneca Nation of Indians Request for Qualifications

Deadline to Submit Extended to December 24, 2021

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, December 24, 2021 to:

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



Dont' miss the next deadline:
November 30, 2021

To be dated:
December 10, 2021

Address change? Don't forget to call us at
716-945-1790 ext. 3029, 3030, 5495

Press Release- Seneca Nation Begins Construction Work On Broadband Network

\$9.5 Million Project Will Bring High-Speed Internet Access to Cattaraugus Territory

CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY, IRVING, N.Y. – The Seneca Nation took an important step this week toward closing the significant digital divide experienced by residents at a time when reliable and fast online access is crucial for education, health, safety and overall economic success.

Work has begun on the initial phase of construction for the Nation’s new broadband network, funded in part by a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant. Construction crews are hanging strand wire and completing underground work along Route 438 on the Cattaraugus Territory. In the coming weeks, they will begin work on central office and data center locations to support the network before hanging more than 52 miles of fiber optic cable.

Overall, construction is expected to last three to four months. In addition to the fiber network, the Nation is also establishing high-speed wireless internet service to the Gordon Garrow and Buffalo Road communities.

Once all work is complete, more than 1,200 homes, businesses and Nation buildings, serving approximately 4,500 residents, will have access to high-speed, reliable internet service for the first time in Seneca history –

a development that is long overdue. “Our territories and our residents, including generations of Seneca students, have been left staggeringly behind, without basic services that are readily available in other communities,” said Seneca Nation President Matthew Pagels. “We’re 40 miles from the second largest city in New York, but we’ve been forced to live in a digital desert. Bringing connectivity to underserved individuals is a critical undertaking, and one that will dramatically improve their ability to access services and information for years to come.”

While high-speed internet access has become commonplace elsewhere, Seneca Nation residents, businesses and government and community facilities - including the Nation’s administration building, the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Volunteer Fire Department, the Early Childhood Learning Center, library, public works and utility departments, community center, and other facilities - have had to get by with slow speed wireless service and less than adequate satellite service. The challenges presented by this lack of service were exacerbated during the pandemic, when precautions put in place to prevent the spread pf COVID-19 forced virtually all interactions into the virtual space.“When classes went remote, some

students had to sit outside of the library or area businesses searching for a Wi-Fi signal just to get their school work done,” said President Pagels. “Even from a government perspective, trying to hold virtual meetings

made for a very frustrating situation for our community.”

Construction of the Nation’s broadband network has been years in the making. In 2019, the Nation was awarded a \$4.5 million grant from the USDA’s ReConnect Pilot Program to aid the effort. The Nation itself is investing an additional \$5 million, including approximately \$3 million in funds received through the American Rescue Plan Act, to make the network a reality. A great deal of work was necessary to clear the way for this week’s construction milestone. In addition to months of design, engineering and the procurement of the fiber cables, crews had to complete significant pre-construction work, including tree removal and the replacement of 260 utility poles.

Online service will become available in phases, as construction is complete, with the first users coming online in early 2022. The Nation is partnering with DFT Communications, a Fredonia-based telecommunications company, to offer a selection of residential and business service packages, with download speeds ranging from 100Mbps to 500Mbps, which is significantly faster than the Federal Communications Commission broadband standard of 25Mbps and will allow multiple users in every household to simultaneously stream and download without service interruptions.

“We’re on the verge of an exciting new day,” President Pagels said. “Through this transformational investment, the Nation will be able to finally and forever knock down the digital barriers and close the digital divide that have existed for far too long.”


HIGH SPEED INTERNET

FROM DFT COMMUNICATIONS

DFT Communications is 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 your neighborhood.

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



DFT LIGHTSPEED FIBER-OPTIC INTERNET

100 25 100 Mbps Down 25 Mbps Up \$49.95 monthly	200 50 200 Mbps Down 50 Mbps Up \$54.95 monthly	300 100 300 Mbps Down 100 Mbps Up \$64.95 monthly	500 150 500 Mbps Down 150 Mbps Up \$94.95 monthly
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*Above pricing effective as of 05/2021. Wireless speeds may vary. Certain restrictions and geographic limitations may apply. Additional installation and equipment lease fees may apply.

What are the benefits of fiber-optic internet?

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.



38-40 Temple St., Fredonia • 716.532.3131

SNI.DFTCOMMUNICATIONS.COM






Seneca Nation Education Department - Cattaraugus

VIRTUAL BASKET RAFFLE

To benefit the 2022 Native Success Scholarship (NSS)
Support Gowanda, Lake Shore, & Silver Creek Senior Classes of 2022!

Ongoing ticket sales until drawing day on December 10, 2021
\$5.00 enters you 1 time for each of the 15+ baskets available!



"Artistic"

"Spa"

"Magical"

"Horse Lovers"

"Hot Chocolate"


31" Bag & Stuff


"Tribal Print Suitcase"

Other Themed Baskets not pictured: Toy Bin (Nerf, Legos); Toddler Basket; Christmas Baking; Shave Care; Tribal Print Blanket; Christmas Morning Breakfast; also several gift cards & gift certificates available to win!!

To Purchase Tickets:
Venmo Aimee Sleeth – @AimeeSleeth (scan the QR code provided) or contact your building’s JOM teacher.

Purchase with Cash - Education Department (ECLC Building) – Wednesday, 11/24 8 am – 12 pm (Rm 1213)





When paying with Venmo: Please provide your **FULL NAME AND PHONE NUMBER** so you can be contacted if you win!



THE INSIDE SCOOP

WITH DR. LORI QUIGLEY

SENeca
RESORTS & CASINOS

SENeca
ALLEGANY
SENeca
NIAGARA

DEC 2021

On a Personal Note...

Nya:wëh Sgë:nö' and Happy Holidays! I'm so grateful that this holiday season is much brighter for so many families. There's a lot to celebrate as we look forward to 2022.

First, congratulations to Kevin Nephew, Seneca Gaming Corporation's CEO & President, who was honored by *Buffalo Business First* as one of the recipients of their coveted **C-Level Executives Awards**. Ja:goh, Kevin!

To kick off the holiday season, one of our favorite traditions returns this year: the tree-lighting ceremony.

Seneca Allegany throws the switch on Wednesday, December 1 at 5 PM. Enjoy cookies and cocoa as a surprise guest entertains us with holiday classics. Santa will also be hand to help light the tree.

Seneca Niagara follows on Thursday, December 2 with an event starting at 5:30 PM. Local finalist from NBC's *The Voice*, Cami Clune, will sing us into the season. And don't forget about special appearances by Buffalo Bills Hall of Famer Jim Kelly, Billy Bison, Sabretooth and of course, Santa! Light refreshments will be served.

As we end this year, I wish each of you a wonderful holiday season and a peaceful 2022. See you in January!



Seneca Niagara's Holiday Tree Arrives in Seneca Square

INSIDE DEAL

It's the most winning-ful time of the year! Seneca Resorts & Casinos is featuring hundreds of thousands in prizes, including daily wins with our Advent promotion, Jingle Bucks and our \$200,000 New Year's Eve Sweepstakes.

Two lucky Guests will also drive into the new year with a brand new vehicle. Seneca Allegany is giving away a 2021 Chevy Tahoe LT on December 30 with the "New Year, New Wheels" promotion. Seneca Niagara is offering "Aviator Adventures" to win a 2022 Lincoln Aviator on January 1.

INSIDE 8

For over a decade, Seneca Gaming Corporation has made spirits brighter for families in need through our annual Adopt-A-Family event.

We are once again partnering with Seneca Nation of Indian's Child & Family Program which provides wish lists for over 100 underserved children. Team Members purchase toys, clothes and other gifts for the child/family they've selected. It is truly one of the most heart-warming events of the year.

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Sincerely,
Lori

Chairwoman, Board of Directors
Seneca Gaming Corporation

WE'RE ON A ROLL!

The wins keep on coming for Seneca Resorts & Casinos! In November, all three properties were recognized by *Strictly Slots* readers in their **Best of Slots Awards** for New York State. We placed in 27 categories overall, with first place honors in 7 categories! Ja:goh to everyone who helped make us a favorite destination for slot players!

Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO)

Reminder: Make sure to update your application EACH YEAR with us to be considered for employment on future construction projects!



It is the objective of the Tribal Employment Rights Office to create, and maintain a database of skilled and semi-skilled Seneca and other Native American tradespeople. Whether you are presently a skilled trade person, or currently enrolled in an apprenticeship program, it's our goal to ensure your employment within the exterior boundaries of the Seneca Nation.

It is imperative for all skilled and semi-skilled Seneca's and other Native American tradespeople to participate in the TERO program. Your involvement ensures that employers hire Seneca and other Native Americans, in accordance with TERO guidelines. If you are unsure of what opportunities are out there, then stop by so we can connect you with the resources to help answer any questions that you may have.

If you are a tradesperson, or currently enrolled in an apprenticeship program and wish to be considered for employment on future Seneca Nation construction projects, please fill out the TERO skill bank form and return it to the SNI TERO office. The TERO office maintains your application on file for one (1) year from the date it is submitted, therefore if you have not submitted an application in over a year, it is important for you to resubmit an application now.

Any questions regarding this announcement, please contact the SNI TERO office. **Send all inquiries to snitero@sni.org.**

Nya:wëh,

Christian Reiller, Sr.
TERO Director
Allegany Office (716) 945-1790

To locate the TERO Skill Bank Form, please visit:
https://sni.org/media/129247/tero-skill_bank_form.pdf

Attention USDA FDPIR Participants

Do you do half of the grocery shopping or obtain at least half of the food supplies for your household?

If so, I would like to talk to you!

I am an enrolled Seneca doing a research study about our food system and traditional values related to food. I am reaching out to participants who would be interested in participating in a 30-minute interview. With support from a grant, each participant will receive an incentive of \$25 in the form of a local store gift card.

Please note that participating in this study will not affect your benefits in the FDPIR Program.

Participation is completely voluntary and anonymous.

Interviews can be held via telephone, Facetime, or Zoom.
If you would like more information or would like to participate, please email, call, or text!

Marlene Wakefield Wakefm23@dvc.edu 716-515-5262

ATTENTION COMMUNITY MEMBERS

ECLC regrets to inform the community that the 2021 ECLC Christmas Bazaar has been postponed until 2022 due to the on-going pandemic.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and look forward to seeing you all in 2022.

Have a happy holiday and be safe!



Allegany Territory

9:00AM - 3:00 PM

Cattaraugus Territory

9:00AM - 3:00 PM



These workshops are FREE to the public



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GARBAGE NOTICE

Are you an elder who is struggling to carry your garbage to the road for pick-ups? Give us a call to make arrangements for assistance with moving your garbage to the roadside.

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Scott Scanlan
716-445-6878
No Worries Disposal



Seven Bison brought to Gakwi:yo:h Farms

Photo by Seneca Media

In collaboration with InterTribal Buffal Council (ITBC) and The Nature Conservancy (TNC), seven buffalo joined the Seneca Nation's herd on November 11th.

The InterTribal Buffalo Council has partnered with Native American Tribes across the country to restore buffalo, helping expand the population size and genetic diversity of their herds. Buffalo are keynote species whose ecological role is integral to thousands of other natural relationships across North America. Their restoration on Tribal lands is an essential step in repairing these relationships which have been severed by European settlement and the ensuing violence against Native people as well as the extensive conversion of natural areas.

Since 1992, ITBC has transported more than 10,000 buffalo to Tribal lands through its Surplus Buffalo Program. The Nature Conservancy is a relatively new partner to ITBC and transferred more than 130 buffalo thus far in 2021 to ITBC Tribal nations including the Seneca Nation.

"Each animal returned to Tribal land becomes much more than its physical presence on the landscape - it signifies a restored web of relationships that had been broken for hundreds of years," said Troy Heinert, ITBC's Executive Director.

There is some risk during buffalo roundup and transport, as significant stress to the animals can occur, as well as injury or death.

"Buffalo are wildlife. Anytime you work with wildlife there is a considerable risk to their safety," Heinert added. "Unfortunately, four buffalo died as a result of injuries sustained during transport on Thursday. The Seneca Nation followed their normal procedures to distribute the meat."



"We are so grateful for the quick response from our community to pivot in a moment of duress, as we prepared on very short notice to process and distribute the buffalo meat to our community," said Michael Snyder, Director Seneca Nation Gakwi:yo:h Farms. "Not only did the Seneca Nation Gakwi:yo:h Farms staff step up tremendously, but our call to the community was heard and we were able to embrace the sacrifice made by the wild buffalo." Snyder went on to add "the genetics of these Wind Cave buffalo and the high rate of unique genetic traits not found in other herds will benefit our herd and the continued success of our food sovereignty goals for many generations.

The Bison at Gakwi:yo:h Farms enjoy a fun, fall snack

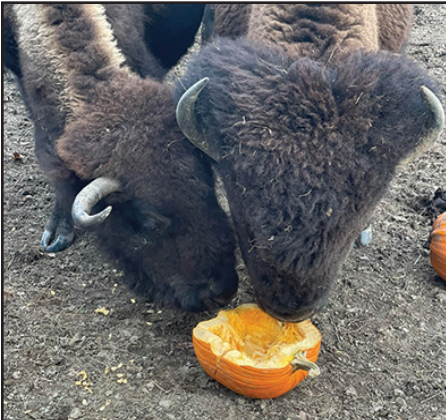


Now that Halloween is over and everyone has had their fill of candy treats, we focus on cleaning up the fall and Halloween decorations in preparation for the upcoming winter season.

Do you ever wonder what to do with all those carved pumpkins sitting on the front porch? Look no further than our very own Gakwi:yo:h Farms! Their staff have been out picking up leftover pumpkins across the territories to feed the bison.

Bison are herbivores, therefore only eat plants, fruits, vegetables and vegetation. So this time of year they get to enjoy a delicious fall treat too, thanks to the community members and local farmers who graciously donate their leftover pumpkins for the animals to enjoy.

"Nya:wëh to those that donated pumpkins. Our bison are loving them!" said Mike Snyder, Gakwi:yo:h Farms Director.



Gakwi:yo:h Farms Fall Meat Distribution

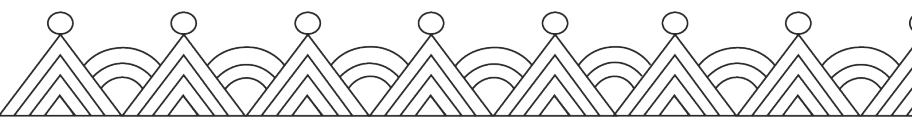
Photos by Seneca Media

Gakwi:yo:h Farms hosted another meat giveaway on both territories, November 22nd and 23rd. With COVID protocols in place due to the rise in cases in WNY, they opted to distribute the meat packages by holding a drive-thru event.

The ever popular giveaway is on a first come, first served basis so everything was handed out in a short time. Community members received packages of bison meat, deer meat and angus beef - all processed and butchered at the farm!



Happy Thanksgiving everyone! - From your favorite Farm Crew!



Judicial Elections Canvass Day held at William Seneca Building

Photos by Seneca Media

The Seneca Nation celebrated the Judicial Election Canvass Day on November 9th. Inspection and certification of election results were completed and followed by the administration of the Oath of Office by Clerk Marta Kettle. Afterwards, family and friends were able to congratulate the newly elected judges along with receiving a take-out lunch. Ja:goh to the newly elected judges!

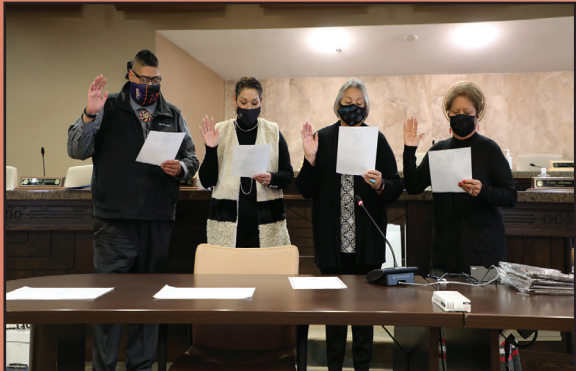
Gloria Heron, Allegany Peacemaker Judge
Christina N. John, Allegany Peacemaker Judge
Michael Jimerson, Cattaraugus Peacemaker Judge
Darlene Lay, Cattaraugus Peacemaker Judge

Lani K. George, Allegany Surrogate Judge
Luana Jimerson, Cattaraugus Surrogate Judge

Aaron Crane, Allegany Court of Appeals Judge
Sylvia John Patterson, Cattaraugus Court of Appeals Judge
Irene Warrior, Cattaraugus Court of Appeals Judge



Pictured left to right: Irene Warrior, Michael Jimerson, Luana Jimerson, Christina John, Gloria Heron, Lani George, Sylvia John Patterson & Darlene Lay



Surrogates Court News

Submitted by Luana Jimerson



Nyawëh Seneca Nation of Indians voters for re-electing me as Surrogate Court Judge on Cattaraugus Indian Territory!

The staff and I are dedicated to being fair and consistent with the administration of estates we are charged with. If you have a matter that relates to an estate, Meaka Garlow and Nadine Maracle are the point of contact for the Surrogate’s Court. Our office may be reached by calling (716) 532-0024 or by calling the William Seneca Building receptionist at (716) 532-4900.

Court Clerks' Contact Information:

- Court Clerk, Meaka Garlow @ Ext. 5486
Between 7:00 am – 3:30 pm
- Court Clerk, Nadine Maracle @ Ext. 5492
Between 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

I cannot take your phone calls or emails as it relates to business. Communication is always best when all heirs are present in a courtroom setting.

Face coverings or masks are mandatory upon entering the courthouse.

Nyawëh,
Luana Jimerson



SALC

North Pole Express

November 29th- December 21st

****Open to the community****
Drop your letter in the North Pole Express Mailbox located at the SALC front doors. be sure to include your return address!

November 29th - December 21st

Watch your mailbox, you might just get a letter back!

*Brought to you by:
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Happy Holidays!*

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The North Pole Express is coming to town! Be sure to have your child mail their letters to the North Pole in the Seneca Arts & Learning Center Pole Express Mailbox - **located just outside of the SALC front doors from now until December 21st.**

Please be sure to include your return address as the SALC Teacher Elves will be working hard to respond!

This is open to the community!

H.E.R.O. COMMITTEE PRESENTS

Winter

Drive-thru Event

STOCKING PICK-UP

IN THE ACC PARKING LOT

Tuesday, December 14th, 2021

4:30PM - 6:30PM

Enrolled Seneca Members Only

0-17 years of age

To register, please call the ACC at: (716) 945-8119, by 8:00pm on 12.03.21

The Sully Huff Cultural Center

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Seneca Elder's

Holiday Drive-Thru

Holiday event sponsored by Seneca Nation Executive and Council Offices

Friday, December 17th, 2021

11:30am

Cattaraugus DPW, Allegany DPW, and the Buffalo Resource Center

Each enrolled Elder and their guest will get a Weidner's Meal (While Supplies last!)

Chicken, pulled pork, mac n cheese, roll

If you are homebound and need delivery, call your respective AOA by December 13th

Allegany AOA

716 - 945 - 8990

Cattaraugus AOA

716 - 532 - 5777

Buffalo

716 - 845 - 6304

COVID Testing Now Available at Tallchief Territory Home of Native Pride - JC Seneca Foundation sponsors free onsite testing

Irving, NY - November 2021 - J.C. Seneca, President of the JC Seneca Foundation, announced the formation of a partnership with Community Testing Services (CTS) to provide free COVID testing four days a week at his Tallchief Territory/Native Pride Travel Plaza, located at 11359 Southwestern Boulevard in Irving. The testing is for people of all ages, including children who need to be tested to remain in school. According to Seneca, it will be available to anyone from the Seneca Nation Territories and surrounding WNY communities, as well as to those patronizing his business.

“With COVID rates rising again, the demand for testing is increasing,” Seneca stated. “To answer that demand, the JC Seneca Foundation is offering free COVID testing four days a week in a separate facility outside the Tallchief Diner. I am pleased to partner with CTS in providing this public service and encourage people to take advantage of the testing to ensure the wellbeing of themselves, their families, their communities, and our nation.”

The JC Seneca Foundation COVID Testing is available at the Native Pride Travel Plaza on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9am-5pm and Sunday 9am-1pm. Appointments are not required but can be made online at ctestingservices.org. For those with health insurance, identification cards are requested. Tim Courtney, CTS Co-founder, notes the importance of establishing satellite locations such as this one.

“The collective mission of CTS is to make it convenient for people to receive important health services in areas where they may otherwise not be available. That’s why partnerships like this, with the JC Seneca Foundation, are key to expanding our reach in providing no cost Covid testing and contributing to the overall health initiatives in this rural region.”

More information and updates on the JC Seneca Foundation free COVID testing will be available on the foundation website: <http://www.jcsenecafoundation.org/> and on the Native Pride website: <https://www.nativepride.com/>

Highbanks

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Highbanks Campground is OPEN Year-Round!

Outdoor enthusiasts will appreciate the warm, well-appointed cabins located in the foothills of the Allegheny National Forest and Seneca Nation Territory. Only minutes from Allegany State Park.

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Seneca Veterans honored on Veterans Day

Photos by Seneca Media



Each year, the Seneca Nation and the Iroquois Post #1587 pay tribute to all Seneca Veterans for the selfless act of serving in the United States Armed Forces. A special ceremony was held at the Cattaraugus Seneca Fire Hall. Iroquois Post #1587 Auxiliary President Sally Snow



opened the event with the "Tolling of the Bells of Peace", which represents the 11th month and the 11th hour of the end of World War I. Following the "Tolling of the Bells of Peace" was the traditional Flag Song, performed by US Army Veteran Al George. Iroquois Sachem Challenge Youth Program Graduate Adam Clark gave the Thanksgiving address followed by Iroquois Post #1587 Chaplain Philip Beck giving the opening prayer.



Patrice (Beck) Neyman gave an excellent and heart-felt rendition of the National Anthem and the Anthem of Canada.

Iroquois Post 1587 Commander and US Army Veteran Ron Cook, Jr. served as the Master of Ceremonies and guided the event as he highlighted all Veterans in the audience before recognizing the Korean War Honorees Marvin Abrams and Leland Hemlock. Post Commander Cook introduced Iroquois Post Auxiliary President Sally Snow who then gave her Veterans Day message which was followed by the keynote speaker, Seneca Nation President Matthew B. Pagels. President Pagels' remarks were fitting for the honorees and the many Seneca Veterans who served or are currently serving. He concluded his remarks by rendering homage and thanking all of our Warriors for their service to our Nation.

After thanking President Pagels for his presence and heartfelt remarks, the Honoree's biographies were read by Post Commander Cook. Marvin Abrams and Leland Hemlock were both presented with an eagle feather which displayed exquisite beaded artistry (beadwork by Tanya Stevens) of the Korean War Service medal. The Honorees also received a plaque, Korean War baseball cap, a service branch throw blanket, 2021 Native American Veteran (exclusive) \$1 gold coin, POW/MIA face coverings and other fun gift bag items.

Following the presentation to the Honorees, Chaplain Phil Beck gave the benediction



to pay tribute to the recent loss of Veterans Albert Tallchief, Donald Bennett and Timothy Jones. The ceremony then ended with Al George singing a traditional "Veterans Song" as the Iroquois Post 1587 Color Guard retired the Colors.

The Iroquois Post 1587 Auxiliary along with Fred's Catering service provided an excellent chicken marsala with pork loin



lunch to-go meal with corn soup by Markey Jimerson, fry bread by Nini Wheeler and venison vegetable stew by Bella Cook.

Iroquois Post 1587 Commander Cook wants to thank everyone for attending the event and the Iroquois Post looks forward to planning another Veteran event scheduled for March 26, 2022 to pay special tribute to our Vietnam War Veterans as part of a Vietnam War Commemoration partnership with the United States White House

Nya:wëh!



CPL Marvin B. Abrams (USMC) Korean War Veteran

Marvin Boyd Abrams is a U.S. Marine Corps Korean War Veteran, enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians and of the Wolf Clan. He grew up with aspirations of serving in the Armed Forces during the Korean War Era. He would join the New York State National Guard June 6th, 1949, and served honorably until his discharge until his discharge on September 19th, 1950 due to being underage and could not obtain parental consent.

Marvin would not let his underage setback deter him from his aspirations to serve in the Armed Forces and joined the U.S. Marine Corps and enter active-duty service on November 9th, 1953, in Buffalo, NY. After completing basic training, he received additional training in nuclear, biological and chemical warfare and follow-on training in Divisional Administrative Clerical Operations where the motto was "We Never Retreat, We Backspace." He

eventually received orders to deploy to the Pacific Theater in support of the Korean War efforts and found himself traveling in an unpleasant trip to Korea in a Merchant Marine Ship with 5,000 other Marines. Despite the motion discomforts of sea travel across the Pacific, he and his fellow 1st Marine Air Wing members had decent accommodations in the stern of the ship and ate crackers vowing never to sail again.

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He vowed to fly home after his tour of duty in Korea.

Upon arrival in Inchon, Korea, Marvin would endure another distressing experience of extreme cold weather conditions while traveling through snow covered mountains to a Marine Corps base near Pusan by steam engine train. He recalls an instance where train security had to sadly ward off Korean civilians from disabling the train by removing the steam fittings while the train had to pause atop of mountains to recharge the steam so they could continue. This threat hazard was obscured through use of children trying to draw attention from security efforts through "Schlitz" beverage sales.

After arriving in Pusan, Marvin was assigned to Headquarters & Headquarters Squadron, 17th Marine Wing Service Group, 1st Marine Air Wing, Fleet Marine Force as a force protection instructor from November 30th, 1954-September 22nd, 1956. He had the responsibility to ensure all personnel departing the airfield by air received operational procedures and protocols for the use of a nuclear, biological and chemical warfare injection device. After his assignment in Pusan, he received orders to move to an old Japanese air base where WWII Kamikaze pilots trained, but re-designated as a U.S. Naval Air Station, in Iwakuni, Japan.

While in Japan, he continued force protection injection device safety instructions until he was given an administrative operations opportunity within the Squadron Headquarters. Marvin adjusted quickly to operational administrative activity and would find time to volunteer to go on flight missions with the Squadron Commander and on occasion would be given the opportunity to fly the aircraft. He enjoyed his flying opportunities experiences with the Squadron Commander

and found himself working hard to free up time to volunteer to go on more flight missions.

Before his tour of duty ended, Marvin was given an opportunity to tour Hiroshima, where the atomic bomb was dropped during WWII, which was only a few miles from Iwakuni Air Station. He acquired use of a motorcycle to visit the devastation that the bomb had caused and witnessed the



developing hardships of the aftermath of war, especially for the children in Japan. This led him to become more involved in several community projects with the Squadron. One project inspired Squadron Marines to volunteer to transform a mountain top with hand tools to build a school of hope. After completing his tour of duty, he would receive his vowed wish to fly home state-side through Hawaii and be honorably discharged on November 8th, 1956.

After returning home, he began higher education at the University of Buffalo and secured a position as a claims examiner for Veterans at the Veterans Administration Regional Office. Shortly thereafter, he started to raise a family while attending

Wesley Seminary and soon became the Pastor of Four Corners United Methodist Church on the Cattaraugus Territory from 1958-1965.

In 1978, while attending a Trinity University Conference in Rochester (aka the California-Pacific Annual Conference) he would be approached by the bishop and encouraged to develop a Native American Ministry in southern California. He moved to California and joined a religious team to develop a series of outreach gatherings to unify a common spiritual understanding that served over 48 different tribes throughout southern California. He enjoyed preaching and teaching and eventually earned his doctorate degree in Native American Spirituality, which gave him the knowledge and perspective to bridge traditional teachings with Native American Christianity.

After many joyful years in California, he retired in 2005 and returned home to enjoy family and friends and would transfer his American Legion membership to Iroquois Post 1587. Marvin is a gifted orator and religious preacher who continues to serve his community and currently serves at the Jimersontown Presbyterian Church on the Allegany Territory.

Marvin's awards and decorations are many and commendable to name a few:

- Korean Service Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- United Nations Service Medal
- Achieved the highest rank of "Corporal".

The Seneca Nation thanks Corporal Marvin B. Abrams for his dedicated service to our Nation and his bold and fearless aspirations to be a Marine during time of war, exemplifies him as an admired Warrior and Hero. He is also a dedicated member of the American Legion and Iroquois Post 1587 for 14 years. Nya:wëh!

CPL Leland E. Hemlock U.S. Army Paratrooper & Korean War Veteran



Leland Ernest Hemlock is a U.S. Army Airborne Korean War Veteran, enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians and of the Wolf Clan. Leland grew up with aspirations of having the responsibility

to serve in the Armed Forces. Leland was a very persistent person and needed his mother to authorize him to join the Armed Forces at the age of 17 and would enter active-duty service on February 16, 1951, in Buffalo, NY. After completing Basic Infantry Training, Leland would volunteer to accept airborne training along with three other recruits from his training unit. Leland remembers his mother along with other family members unexpectedly driving down to Fort Dix, New Jersey when the family came upon a military training checkpoint where Leland noticed them watching his Airborne Operation jump exercise. Leland recalls his mother stating

that she closed her eyes after she seen three paratroopers jumping out of the planes above. Leland later realized that he was the fourth jumper on that day not realizing that his mother had missed witnessing him jumping from the plane but was memorable enough for Leland.

Shortly after airborne training, Leland eagerly waited for an airborne position to open and eventually received orders to deploy to Japan and would be assigned to the 187th Regimental Combat Team with the 11th Airborne Division in support of the Korean War efforts.

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Team Haudenosaunee U15 and U17 take home the Gold. JA:GOH!

2021 International Indoor Junior Lacrosse (IIJL) World Junior Lacrosse Championship

The "World Juniors" is the only international box lacrosse championship for players 20 years of age and under.

The IIJL World U17 & U15 Lacrosse Championships took place November 11-14, 2021 at the St. Lawrence Centre Sports Complex in Massena, NY.

The Haudenosaunee U15 and U17 teams hit the floor and didn't look back after sweeping the IIJL tournament.



They defeated the USA and Canada with the U15 remaining undefeated! The U17 team took home the gold defeating Canada 14-10 while the U15 team beat USA 15-8.

Ja:goh boys!



CPL Leland E. Hemlock U.S. Army Paratrooper & Korean War Veteran - CONTINUED BELOW

Leland's airborne unit gained attention from the Japanese dignitaries and would receive the nickname "Rakkasans" (meaning "Umbrella Man"), but the Korean's viewed them as fearless sky warriors as they conducted two combat parachute jumps during the Korean War bringing intense bloody fighting capabilities and decimated their foe. Leland would be a part of these deployment jumps into Korea and would be selected as the unit's Sniper to conduct combat defense occupation operations until the Korean War ended in July 1953. Although the 187th Regimental Combat Team coat of arms motto is "Ne Desit Virtus" (Let Valor Not Fail), the nickname Rakkasans from the Japanese is now also a prominent name that continues to this day through all major conflicts to include Vietnam, Lebanon, Persian Gulf, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq. No other regiment in the U.S. Army can lay claim to this distinction and it is doubtful that any regiment of any Army in the world can claim a similar record. The Rakkasans, CPL Leland Hemlock unit was to be herald the only airborne force to meet and destroy the Korean enemy. It's because of the heroic service of these brave airborne soldiers like CPL Hemlock that the colors of the regiment still fly proudly for others to emulate for generations to come.

Leland's awards and decorations are many and commendable to name a few:

- Korean Service Medal with Bronze Star (Valor)

- Combat Infantry Badge
- Combat Parachute Badge (Airborne Wings)
- National Defense Service Medal
- United Nations Service Medal



Leland achieved the highest rank of "Corporal" and would receive a letter from the Congress of the United States House of Representative signed by Jack Quinn:

CORPORAL LELAND ERNEST HEMLOCK (CONGRESSIONAL LETTER)

Dear Mr. Hemlock,

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my enthusiastic commendation and thanks for your service in our Armed Forces

during the Korean War. For too many, Korean has become America's "Forgotten War." We must all work to ensure that those who defended freedom in America's "Forgotten War" never become America's forgotten Veterans.

As we pause to honor you and the brave men and women who fought and served with such dedication, valor, and patriotism in Korea, we must not forget those who made the supreme sacrifice and gave their lives in service to the Nation. Your fallen comrades are not forgotten.

On behalf of the Thirtieth Congressional District of New York, and indeed, a grateful Nation. I am honored to present this well-deserved medal which proudly commemorates your service and patriotism.

Very truly yours,

[Signed]
Jack Quinn, Member of Congress (dated November 25, 2002)

The Seneca Nation thanks Corporal Leland E. Hemlock for his dedicated service to our Nation and his bold and fearless aspirations to be a combat airborne paratrooper during time of war exemplifies him as an admired Warrior and Hero. Leland Hemlock is also a dedicated member of Iroquois Post 1587 for 57-years. Nya:wëh!

Indigenous Youth learning from the Old Bridge Singers on the Big Drum with mentors from the Salamanca School District's A.C.E. Mentoring Program

By Flip White



A.C.E. is a developing program for Indigenous males which was launched earlier this year in the Salamanca City School District. The acronym **A.C.E.** stands for; **A** = being an Asset to the community, **C** = contributing to the sustainability of the community, and **E** = Exemplifying one's best self. Lead by Karina Flagg, Mentor Coordinator, and Don "Flip" White, Mentor Consultant, this program is organized through the My Brother's Keeper Native American Program grant offered by New York State's Department of Education. The goals of the grant are to provide culturally centered interactions and role modeling in an effort to increase academic achievement and college/career readiness for Indigenous male youth.

Organized in collaboration with the Seneca Nation, A.C.E. is providing positive community role models for native male youth grades 6 through 12.

According to Flagg, "This is a new program designed to match native students with a community member who can identify and prioritize their best interests." She continues, "We have great community members and we want and need them to become these amazing students' mentors."

"We have a growing group of people who have been oriented through the A.C.E. Mentoring program and have become a friend, coach, and guide,"

added White while noting, "The key investment is the mentor's time..., time and caring." White stressed that a culturally centered program had advantages, as it enables youth to participate in group activities like learning how to drum and sing with the Old Bridge Singers; in other words, to do those things most of us take a deep interest in. "These group activities are important for our young people to realize and meet these 'A.C.E.' community members," continued Flagg, "for

most of the youth, they were initially hesitant but after a while they were excited to join in the songs."

The program allows the mentors and mentees to meet one hour each week. Each mentor and mentee relationship is unique, the program offers a wide variety of opportunities to build a positive, lasting relationship and trust.

Upcoming group events include Indigenous Carving Techniques with Hayden Haynes, Indigenous Themed Board Games with Dallas Hoag, Native Leatherworking with Cliff Redeye, Indigenous Fashion and Bead working with Breann "Breezy" Crouse, Gawasa' with Kory Dowdy, and Cooke'n with Culture hosted by Andrea Cooke. This is just the beginning.

For more details about the A.C.E. program, please contact Karina Flagg at 716-801-2525.



Christmas Tree Raffle
Fully decorated lighted 5 ft Christmas tree with beaded and hand made ornaments | Submitted by Mary Jacobs

• To benefit Catt. Rez Beaders • **Drawing will be held December 4, 2021** • Ticket Cost: \$10
Catt. Rez Beaders have tickets and will be selling them at local events. OR you can drop by the Sully on Mondays or Tuesdays between 6-8:30pm to view the tree and purchase tickets.

Unsettling pasts still pain Native Americans

November 12, 2021 | Submitted by Lafayette Williams | By John D'Agostino | Jamestown Post Journal & Dunkirk OBSERVER | Source: <https://www.observertoday.com/news/page-one/2021/11/unsettling-pasts-still-pain-native-americans/>

SILVER CREEK — Lafayette Williams asked for a moment of silence Tuesday night while speaking to a gathering of some 30 people in the Anderson-Lee Library. As a member of the Seneca Nation of Indians, his heart was heavy when discussing a dark past that both the United States and Canada are struggling to deal with and accept.

Williams began referring to a gruesome May discovery. The remains of 215 Indigenous children were found—some as young as 3 — in Kamloops, British Columbia, at a residential school that attempted to force assimilation of these individuals. It was a disturbing and cruel reminder for far too many Native Americans of what has happened over nearly 300 years.

“This is a cultural awareness thing,” he said. “We have to remember ... to grow and learn and heal from this. I don’t know if this is ever going to happen.”

In the United States, between 1869 and the 1960s, hundreds of thousands of Native American children were removed from their homes and families, then placed in boarding schools operated by the federal government and churches, the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition notes on its website.

One of those boarding schools, the Thomas Indian School, was open until 1957 and located on the Cattaraugus Reservation in Irving.

Locally, school districts in Silver Creek and Gowanda took part on Sept. 30 in orange shirt day, which acknowledges the trauma that occurred decades ago in those complexes. “The U.S. native children who were voluntarily or forcibly removed from their homes, families, and communities during this time were taken to schools far away



Lafayette Williams, right, poses for a picture with Grace Perez de la Garza, who was in attendance for his talk.
Photo credit: OBSERVER

where they were punished for speaking their native language, banned from acting in any way that might be seen to represent traditional or cultural practices, stripped of traditional clothing, hair and personal belongings and behaviors reflective of their native culture,” the coalition website said.

For two significant nations that champion freedom, it is an embarrassing and tragic history that must never be forgotten. For Williams and other natives to attempt to come to terms with something as heinous as deaths of youths in Canada in boarding schools that were also maintained throughout the United States, it is an extraordinary sentiment to look ahead.

Williams’ comments came as part of the series at the library that spotlights November as Native American Heritage Month. Christine Huff of the library said in introducing the speaker the facility has a mission that “promotes cross-culture dialogue, research opportunities and stronger appreciation for Native American leadership and innovation.”

As part of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Senecas — who are known as Keepers of

the Western Door — are an important part of our regional economy. Their territories surround Chautauqua County to the north in Erie County and east in Cattaraugus County.

While noting some other fairly recent Western New York history, Williams touched on these items:

- In 1924, Native Americans were given the right to vote and their lands were made sovereign. “(We) have no political relationship with U.S. government ... but we do try to cooperate with them,” he said.
- The Kinzua Dam on the Allegheny River near Salamanca was built in 1965 displacing about 600 Seneca members and submerging 1,000 acres — one-third of Seneca Nation territory.
- In 2015, there were three major happenings. Lancaster changed the name of

its school mascot from the Redskins to the Legends. Squaw Island was renamed Unity Island in Buffalo under Mayor Byron Brown’s leadership and Columbus Day was renamed Indigenous People Day.

Williams also mentioned a special role he had as an actor in the documentary “The War That Made America,” which tells the story of the French and Indian War and how it impacted the American Revolution. It was filmed near Latrobe, Pa., and broadcast on the PBS network in 2006.

“When I was younger, I was always fascinated with the film industry ... I always wanted to be on the big screen,” he said. “I just kind of followed that passion.”

Today, Williams is employed by New York Connects and assists those on the nation with long-term services and support.

All presentations/talks can be viewed on the library’s Facebook page.

Welcome!
Submitted by Adrian
Carry-Moccasin

Cheryl Elaine Whipple
Born September 20th, 2021
7lb, 12oz - born at 3:08pm



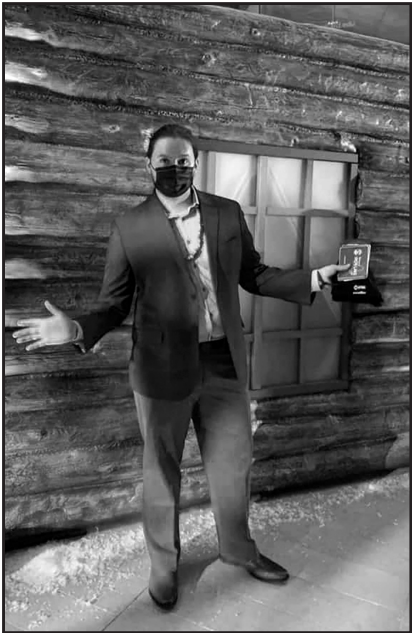
Ja:goh Caleb Abrams, who served as a consultant on the new season of Dexter!



L to R: Bruce Abrams, Michael C. Hall (who plays Dexter), Caleb Abrams at the series premiere.

Everyone knows that Dexter is back on SHOWTIME for a limited series run. But did you know that the Seneca Nation’s own Caleb Abrams served as a consultant on the new season?

“I took every opportunity to incorporate Seneca material culture, artwork, language and music in the show - from all of our communities and beyond. I assisted with casting, wardrobe, props, set decoration, and had a small hand in the scripting of particular scenes and helped supply extras. Lots of cool inclusions for folks to spot throughout the series” said Abrams.



During the year long collaboration, one of the pieces Abrams brought on to the show was a necklace hand carved by Seneca artist Hayden Haynes. The necklace is carved from antlers with a technological theme on pit-fired style pots. The necklace is worn by the Seneca leader Abraham Brown who is played by actor Gregory Cruz.

Abrams is shown wearing the same necklace, along with actor and executive producer, Michael C Hall (who plays Dexter), and Caleb’s father, Bruce Abrams at the series premiere in New York City on Monday, November 1.



Viewers can see examples of work by numerous other Seneca and Haudenosaunee artists throughout the series including Sam Jacobs, Nettie Hepner, Reesa Abrams, Peter B. Jones, G. Peter Jemison, and Jodi Lynn Maracle as well as works provided by the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum and Tuscarora Woodworks.

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

As we approach the “official” season of giving thanks and celebrating family, keep these words in mind – “I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty, I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:12-13)



The **Seneca Hymn Singers** are taking a winter break from rehearsals. However, if their service is needed, please contact Beeda Parker or Terry Thompson. Once spring returns they will resume their Tuesday night meetings.

Continue to pray for healing in our communities. Pray for those battling addictions. Pray for those who are mourning. Pray for those who are struggling with illness. But also, give thanks for all the blessings that we have in our lives. On Sunday mornings you are invited to join us for coffee and to visit at 8:30 a.m. Worship service begins at 9 a.m. We look forward to seeing you and your family. **Peace.**

Helping Others & Paying Homage -Ja:goh Jared W. White!

Credit: GCS FB

Gowanda Central School District graduate **Jared W. White**, Class of 2011, is a descendant of the White family, proud members of the Seneca and Onondaga nations, hailing from the Indian Hill region of the Cattaraugus territory.



After commencement over a decade ago, Mr. White decided to pursue the art and trade of barbering. He now is a leader in the barbering industry and the visionary behind Il Mulino Barber Academy in Buffalo, N.Y.

Mr. White says, as a business owner, he is dedicated to

building up others’ futures. The company recently announced a new clothing line named Heritage (**HeritageTerritory.com**), which pays homage to their cultural roots. To learn more, visit <http://www.ilmulinoclub.com/>



Ja:goh, Jared!

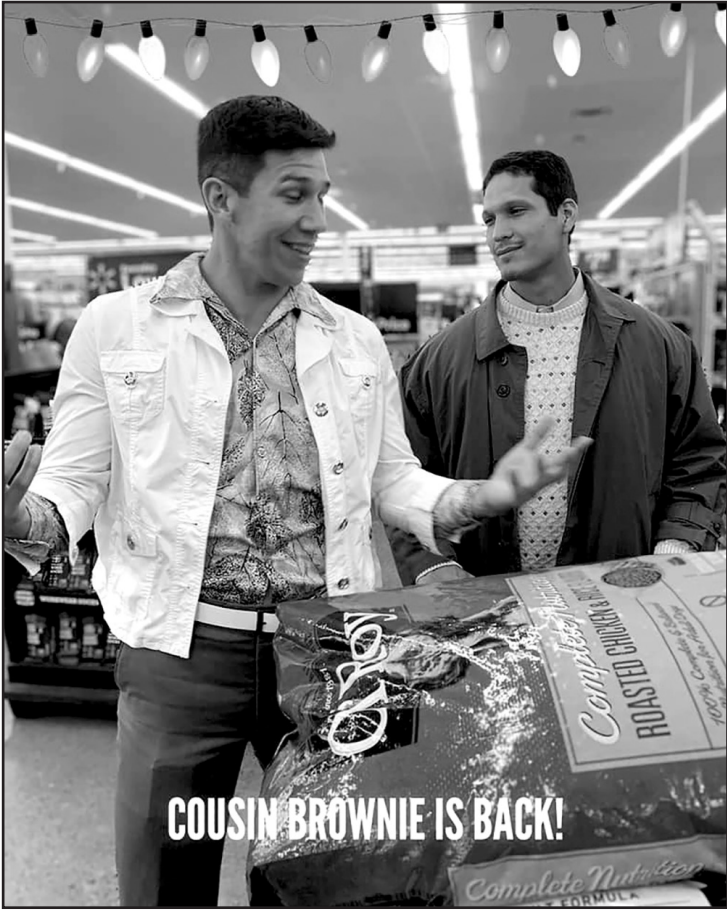
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[@sninews.org](http://sninews.org)

Second Annual Cousin Brownie Holiday Give Back

Help Cousin Brownie and Zed Griswold do some Christmas shopping for kids and families in need this season!

Last year Cousin Brownie, organized by Frankie Brown and Jillian Jimerson, along with their family and friends, wanted to sponsor a couple of families on each territory that were working with Child and Family Services to make sure they were provided with food and gifts for the holidays. What started as four families soon turned into several. Frankie partnered with his lacrosse team, the Buffalo Bandits and other lacrosse players and used social media platforms to reach out to the community to donate to “**Cousin Brownie Holiday Give Back**”. He offered chances to win a variety of donated items, from lacrosse sticks, helmets and apparel, etc, signed by pro players. Many donations were received which included toys, bedding, household items, hats and gloves, boots, cash and gift cards. Everything donated went to families in need on the Cattaraugus and Allegany territories.

The donations last year allowed us to help Seneca Nation Child and Family Services provide for over 100 families! We also adopted families and shopped their Christmas lists, provided gift cards to grocery stores for holiday dinners, and gift cards so parents could do their own shopping. We were also able to purchase



hats, gloves, winter coats and winter boots. With your help, we made the holidays brighter, and we’re hoping you’ll help us do it again, said Frankie.

They kicked off their fundraising efforts earlier this month. If you weren’t able to make it and are interested in helping, you can donate via:

- Venmo (@CousinBrownie)
- PayPal (CousinBrownie83@gmail.com),
- Purchase from the Amazon List <https://amzn.to/2VPFgyj>
- Checks made out to Cousin Brownie Inc., and mailed to

Cousin Brownie
PO Box 299
Lawtons, NY 14091

Donations for this holiday season will be accepted through December 8, 2021. All donations go directly to the community and every little bit helps -- no donation is too small.

Just like last year – for every \$10 cash donation, you will be entered into a raffle that includes gear and jerseys from pro players – more donations mean more chances to win! Raffle will be held on December 10, 2021.

As the great Clark Griswold said, “this isn’t charity, it’s family.” In Seneca we say o’tgënönyö:, which loosely translates to, "I give you my thanks and respect".

If you have any questions you can reach out via email to: CousinBrownie83@gmail.com.

Honoring Indigenous People’s (HIP) Week at SHS

Salamanca High School marked Native American Month by hosting Honoring Indigenous People’s Week for staff and students from November 15th-19th. Each day celebrated the contributions made by Indigenous culture; Monday was Warrior Day to celebrate being a Salamanca Warrior, Tuesday was Hodinöshö:ni’ Day with a purple theme, on Wednesday students wore orange to support the Every Child Matters movement and remembrance of victims, Thursday was “Rez” Wear



Day and Friday students were encouraged to wear red to raise awareness for the hundreds of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

Student activist and photographer Madison Brown shared photos to her social media accounts of her and her




peers dressed in their best “Rez Wear.” Many students wore ribbon skirts, ribbon shirts, moccasins, and beadwork with pride while exuding the feeling of comradery among classmates. “It was nice to see a good group of people in their ribbon skirts and shirts. The orange and red out were the best part- to see all our non-Indigenous peers participating,” shares Brown. (See additional photos included on page 19)




Salamanca High School marked Native American Month by hosting Honoring Indigenous People’s Week Nov. 15-19th.

Check out these excellent Indigenous climate change opportunities! Submitted by Councillor Tina Abrams & Jason Corwin, Department of Indigenous Studies, SUNY Buffalo



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2022 Student Summer Internship
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Eligible students must meet the following:

- US Citizen
- Identify as Native American/Alaska Native
- Full-time undergraduate or graduate college student during Spring 2022 (12 hours undergrad, 9 hours grad) at any tribal college, college or university
- Have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Majoring in an environmental or related field like science, engineering, planning, policy, law, management, political science, anthropology, or health
- Interested in pursuing an environmental career after graduating
- Proficient verbal and written communication skills
- Strong interest in working with Native American tribes
- If you need an exception for any of the above requirements, contact EEOP-INTERN@nau.edu

Please register at the following website for more information:

nau.edu/itepinterns

For details about how to apply, see the ITEP internship website. You can view host site descriptions and submit your preferences for the host sites you desire after December 6, 2021.

Deadline: February 1, 2022

Questions? Contact EEOP-INTERN@nau.edu



Membership Recruitment
Application Deadline: December 31, 2021

The National Tribal Water Council is a technical and scientific body established to advocate for the best interests of federally-recognized Indian and Alaska Native Tribes in matters pertaining to water. The Council is currently accepting applications from tribal water professionals employed by a federally recognized Tribe or tribally-authorized organization to fill the following open membership positions:

Region 2 Representative
Open to tribal water professionals from Region 2, which includes the following states: New Jersey and New York.

Region 6 Representative
Open to tribal water professionals from Region 6, which includes the following states: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

Region 10 Representative
Open to tribal water professionals from Region 10, which includes the following states: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Please note: the NTWC currently has two representatives from the State of Alaska, thus seeking applicants primarily from Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

Navajo Nation Representative
Open to tribal water professionals from the Navajo Nation.

Member duties include but are not limited to the following:

- Participating in monthly conference calls and attending bi-annual meetings;
- Contributing to crafting response documents to policy and/or rulemaking actions;
- Reviewing and discussing water-related issues in Indian Country; and
- Assisting the NTWC in informing tribes on a wide variety of water issues.

We are seeking individuals that are passionate and vocal about tribal water issues. Interested applicants must submit the following: application form, letter of interest, and professional resumé. Please refer to the Council's membership application information packet for additional details.

To express your interest or obtain more information, please contact Elaine Wilson at elaine.wilson@nau.edu or (480) 452-6774.



Additional opportunity posted in the NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS section on page 20:
Native Youth Climate Adaptation Leadership Congress



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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
TIMOTHY P. JONES

NOTICE OF HEARING

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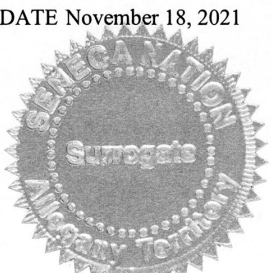
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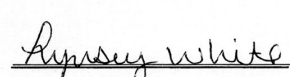
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an ADMINISTRATION HEARING is scheduled for:

DATE: MONDAY DECEMBER 13th, 2021
TIME: 10:00 AM
PLACE: Allegany Judicial Courtroom, First Floor, 90 Ohi:yo’ Way, Salamanca 14779

*Petitioner – You are further notified that you must post this notice in three (3) public places within the Nation. The notice shall be posted no less than ten (10) calendar days before the time of the hearing. On or before the time set for the hearing, the petitioner or the Clerk, as the case may be, shall file his or her affidavit and certified mail receipts with the Court verifying compliance with the notice requirement.

DATE November 18, 2021





Lynsey White, Court Clerk
ALLEGANY TERRITORY
Phone (716) 945-1790 ext. 3141
Fax (716) 945-8168
Email Lynsey.white@sni.org

YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR MAY RESULT IN A WAIVER TO YOUR RIGHTS IN THIS CASE. THE DATE OF THE HEARING IS NOT SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNLESS YOU CONTACT THE COURT IN WRITING WITHIN (5) DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE. YOU MUST PROVIDE A VALID JUSTIFIABLE REASON TO CHANGE THE DATE.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF CHARLA S. BACH

Administrator: Richard Frank,
118 Frank St., Salamanca, NY 14779
~ Allegany Territory - Final 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 if you have claims against the Decedents estate, please 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 proof of claim notification, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

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VISIT [HTTPS://NYCALC.ORG/](https://NYCALC.ORG/) FOR MORE INFORMATION

SNI Offices & Buildings will be CLOSED:
Friday, December 3rd, 2021
Seneca Nation Birthday (Observed)

December 2021

AOA Nutritional Menu

AOA Daily Trips
Allegany Territory

AOA Daily Trips
Cattaraugus Territory


USDA Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<div>For Allegany: call 716-945-8414</div> <div>For Cattaraugus: call 716-532-5777</div> <div>to make a reservation or cancel a meal by 9:30am the day prior to the meal</div> <div>.....</div> <div>USDA: 210 TIS Ext., Irving</div> <div>Call 716-532-1028, Ext 5446</div>	<div>Allegany AOA Saturday Trips</div> <div>• December 4th</div> <div>Yuletide in the Country</div> <div>\$6 Admission, Depart @ 10am</div> <div>• December 18th</div> <div>National Comedy Center</div> <div>\$23.50 Admission, Depart @ 10am</div>	<div>1 Crispy Breaded White Fish Fillet, Steamed Carrots, Boiled Baby Red Potatoes, PB Chocolate Rice Krispy Treat</div> <div>Beads, Beads, Beads Irving, NY</div> <div>Wal-Mart 1pm - Dunkirk</div> <div>Call in Orders Until Further Notice</div>	<div>2 Traditional Meal</div> <div>Green Bean Soup Garden Salad Dinner roll Vanilla Pudding</div> <div>The Paper Factory Olean, NY</div> <div>Fiesta Bamba Mexican Restaurant - 1pm</div> <div>Call in Orders Until Further Notice</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Sites CLOSED</div> <div>Seneca Nation Birthday (Observed)</div>
<div>6</div> <div>Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Broccoli Mini Breadsticks Cinnamon Peaches</div> <div>Wal-Mart Bradford, PA</div> <div>Vidler's 5 & 10 1pm</div> <div>Cattaraugus - call to place your order for timely delivery</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Pork Roast Sweet Potatoes Berry Crumble</div> <div>Scenic Ride Bemus Point, NY</div> <div>Galleria Mall 1pm</div> <div>Delivery to Oaktree & Newtown</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Ranch Chicken Green Beans Rice Tropical Fruit Cocktail</div> <div>Outback Steak House Blasdell - Depart @ 3:30pm</div> <div>Wal-Mart 1pm - Springville</div> <div>Delivery to Indian Hill & Pinewoods</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Beef Stew Parsley Cauliflower Biscuit Fruit Cup</div> <div>Home Depot Olean, NY</div> <div>Quaker Crossing Plaza 1pm</div> <div>Delivery to Ozarks, Gowanda & Dayton</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Garden Vegetable Pizza Side Salad Fruited Jello w/whipped cream</div> <div>Vidler's East Aurora, NY</div> <div>Riders Choice 1pm</div> <div>Delivery to Irving</div>
<div>13</div> <div>Chicken Noodle Soup Crackers Fruit cup</div> <div>Brigiotta's Jamestown, NY</div> <div>Teds Hotdogs 1pm - Lunch</div> <div>Allegany - call to place your order for timely delivery</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Salisbury Steak & Gravy over Brown Rice Roasted Cauliflower Oranges & pineapple</div> <div>Aldi's & Big Lots Olean, NY</div> <div>Savers - 1pm</div> <div>Delivery to Sr. Complex & Salamanca</div>	<div>15</div> <div>Beef & Vegetable Soup Side Salad Chocolate Pudding</div> <div>Walden Galleria, Buffalo Depart @ 10am</div> <div>Wal-Mart 1pm - Hamburg</div> <div>Delivery to Jimtown</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Christmas & Birthday Party!</div> <div>Ham, Mashed Potatoes Green Beans, Chocolate Cake w/Cherry Topping</div> <div>Pet Smart Jamestown, NY</div> <div>No Trip</div> <div>Delivery to Steamburg & Kill Buck</div>	<div>17</div> <div>Oven Baked Pork Chop Applesauce Steamed Carrots Breadsticks</div> <div>Hobby Lobby & Target Blasdell, NY</div> <div>Local Shopping 1pm</div> <div>Delivery to Olean</div>
<div>20</div> <div>Macaroni & Cheese w/Stewed Tomatoes Blueberries Chocolate Pudding</div> <div>Hamilton Musical Shea's Theatre</div> <div>No Trip</div> <div>Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Brunch</div> <div>Blueberry Pancake Scrambled Egg Turkey Sausage Fresh Fruit, Orange Juice</div> <div>Wegmans - 5% off Sr. discount - Jamestown</div> <div>Fugi Grill 1pm - Lunch</div> <div>Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Garden Burger Baked Beans Warm Cinnamon Applesauce</div> <div>Cubatheese Shop - Cuba, NY</div> <div>Wal-Mart 1pm - Dunkirk</div> <div>Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Meatloaf w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables Poke cake</div> <div>JOANN Fabrics Olean, NY</div> <div>No Trip</div> <div>Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Sites CLOSED</div> <div>Christmas Day (Observed)</div>
<div>27</div> <div>Beef Stroganoff with Noodles Roasted Brussels Sprouts Orange Slices</div> <div>Reid's Food Barn Olean, NY</div> <div>Riders Choice 1pm</div> <div>Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Chicken Broccoli Rice Casserole Green Beans Peanut Butter Cookie</div> <div>Out to Movies - Lakewood Cinema 8 - 1/2 price snacks</div> <div>Hamburg Gaming 1pm</div> <div>Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm</div>	<div>29</div> <div>Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Pear Crisp</div> <div>Riders Choice</div> <div>Wal-Mart 1pm - Springville</div> <div>Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Stuffed Shells Green Beans Dinner Roll Chocolate Pudding</div> <div>Runnings Jamestown, NY</div> <div>No Trip</div> <div>Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm</div>	<div>31</div> <div>Sites CLOSED</div> <div>New Year's Day (Observed)</div>

COVID-19 Vaccines for Children 5-11: What Parents Need to Know

Children ages 5 and up can now receive a COVID-19 vaccine after approval from doctors and scientists at the FDA and CDC. **This vaccine is safe and highly effective against COVID-19 disease in children.**

The Delta variant has put children at increased risk for severe symptoms and hospitalization. Children who get the vaccine will receive **strong protection** against COVID-19 disease caused by all known variants of the virus. Vaccinated children will also be less likely to spread the virus to others, helping keep our families and communities safe from COVID-19.



Will children receive the same vaccine as adults?

Yes, but in a smaller dose. The vaccine for children is the same Pfizer vaccine that has been given to billions of people around the world since December 2020. Children will receive a smaller dose that is one-third the size of the adult dose.

The Pfizer vaccine uses messenger RNA (mRNA) to create antibodies that can fight off the COVID-19 virus. The vaccine does not change a person's DNA and cannot give a person COVID-19.

What are the side effects?

Children ages 5-11 had side effects similar to those experienced by people age 12 and older. The most common side effects included:

- Pain, redness, and swelling where the shot was given
- Tiredness
- Headache
- Chills
- Muscle pain
- Fever


These side effects typically last 1 to 3 days. In the trial, children experienced less severe side effects compared to adults.

Is the vaccine safe?

The COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective for children. No safety issues related to the vaccine were reported during the research trial for children ages 5-11.

A small number of people have had myocarditis - a very rare, treatable heart condition - after vaccination. The risk of myocarditis in children is extremely low. Among vaccinated 12-17 year-olds, the risk was less than 1 in 10,000. Children are more likely to have myocarditis after getting sick with COVID-19 than after vaccination.

Children should not get the vaccine if they have a history of severe allergic reaction to any of the vaccine's ingredients.




Should my child get the shot?

The benefits of vaccination, like preventing COVID-19 and its possibly severe complications, greatly outweigh the potential risks of a rare negative reaction, including myocarditis.

Though children are less likely to experience severe COVID-19 illness, the Delta variant has been causing more cases in children, including more hospitalizations. COVID-19 hospitalization rates for Native American children are three times higher than for white children.

Children 5 and older are recommended to get the COVID-19 vaccine to protect them from the virus and to help keep our communities safe.



JOHNS HOPKINS
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For more information:
[CDC.gov/covid19](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19)

Effective November 4, 2021
Source: FDA, CDC

SNHS Employee Spotlight

Donna Crisanti's job title is driver II and she is located at the Community Health and Wellness Center. She has been in this position for almost three years.



We asked what she likes best about her job and what her job duties are. She says, "Meeting the people in the community and taking patients to medical appointments."

What is the most beneficial/inspirational part of her position? She says, "Knowing you are helping people out when needed."

Donna grew up in Sunset Bay, Irving NY. She didn't attend college but went to tractor trailer driving school. After graduating she started delivering gas to Seneca and Tuscarora territory stations for a few years until she transitioned over to medical transport.

We asked what she likes to do in her spare time. She says, "Spending time with family and taking drives in the country or unknown areas in small towns."

Favorite quote or words/advice that she lives by? She says, "If you want respect, you have to give it to receive it."

She also says, "I have 7 children and I got to live to tell about it."

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












































Continued Mask Mandate


Regardless of COVID-19 vaccination status, all Seneca Nation Health System patients, visitors, and employees are required to wear a face mask or face covering within SNHS facilities.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation with the continued mask mandate.



COVID-19 vs Flu

	COVID-19	Flu
 Common		
		
		
		
 Less Common		
		
		
		
 Not Common		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		




Nursing-Friendly Regalia Sewing Workshops

Monday 12/6/21 & Tuesday 12/7/21
4:00pm - 8:00pm (both days)
Stanley "Sully" Huff Heritage Center


or

Wednesday 12/8/21 & Thursday 12/9/21
4:00pm - 8:00pm (both days)
Seneca-Iroquois National Museum



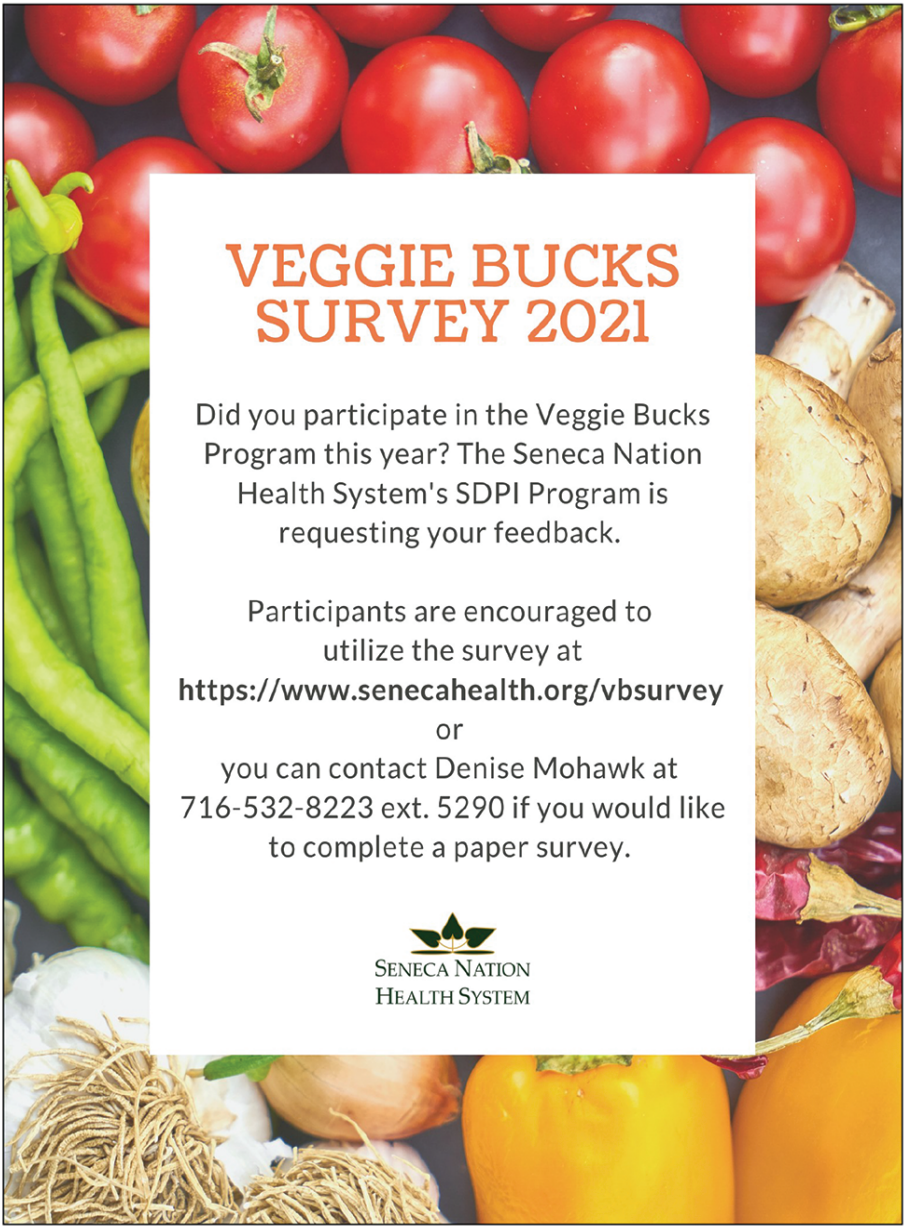
All materials will be provided to create regalia that is breastfeeding friendly! Only 6 spots are available for each workshop. Safety is a priority and all COVID-19 guidelines will be followed.

Registration Deadline:
November 22, 2021



To register, contact
Heather Ward:


716-532-8223 Ext. 5573
hward@senecahealth.org



VEGGIE BUCKS SURVEY 2021

Did you participate in the Veggie Bucks Program this year? The Seneca Nation Health System's SDPI Program is requesting your feedback.

Participants are encouraged to utilize the survey at
<https://www.senecahealth.org/vbsurvey>
or
you can contact Denise Mohawk at 716-532-8223 ext. 5290 if you would like to complete a paper survey.



COMMUNITY

Make a Holiday Card for an Elder



DETAILS:
Holidays are better when you feel the love of those around you. Help us make our elders holiday a little happier by making them a card. Starting on **November 1st**, Holiday Card Drop Boxes will be out on both territories. Make a card and drop them in the box by **December 10th** and we will deliver them to Elders in our community.

We hope that you will take the time to make a card and show them some holiday cheer. A few words can go a long way!

DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Health Center
36 Thomas Indian School Drive Irving, NY 14081

Lionel R. John Health Center
987 R.C. Hoag Drive Salamanca, NY 14779

All in the community are welcome to participate! Questions? Contact:

Jennifer Stebbins
716.532.5583 ext. 5433
JStebbins@senecahealth.org



SENeca NATION HEALTH SYSTEM

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

NOTICE:

Seneca Nation Health System will be closed:

Friday, December 3rd
Seneca Nation Birthday

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


Nya:weh

You can reach us here:

Lionel R. John Health Center
716-945-5894

Community Health and Wellness Center
716-532-8223

Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Health Center
716-532-5582





Degadënö:nyöh

What are you thankful for?
Dë'ëh na'od desadënö:nyöh?

1.) _____
2.) _____
3.) _____
4.) _____
5.) _____

Who are you thankful for?
Sö:h deshenö:nyöh?

1.) _____
2.) _____
3.) _____
4.) _____
5.) _____

Which ones do you like the taste of?
Dë'ëh sa'gwah saga'has?



O'so:ön o'wa:'


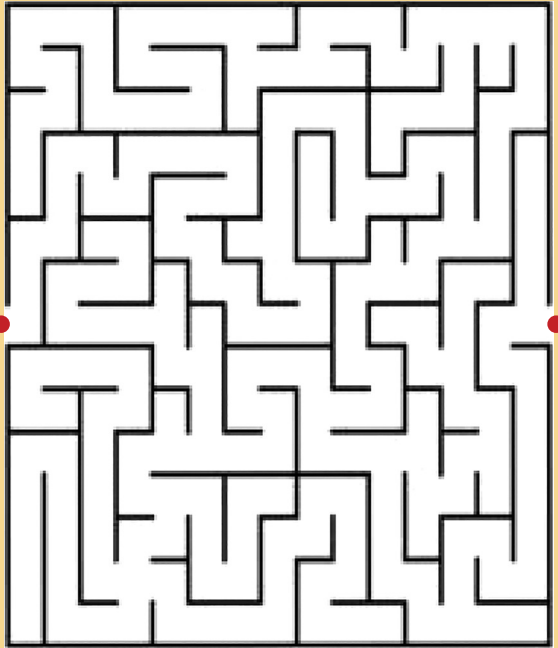

Onëö'

Onöno'da' degájisgwáihdöh

Oähgwa'

Dega:hgwa'se

O'so:ön agwas
godö'swe'da:nih. Hae'gwah
sa'gwah goga'has
neh dega:hgwa'se:'.
Ëshéya'dágeha' neh o'so:ön.



Allegany Community Center

Christmas Bazaar

December 4th- 5th

10:00am - 3:00pm

Come & Shop Local Crafts for Your Christmas Need

VENDORS CALL TO BOOK YOUR SPOT IMMEDIATELY


\$40 FOR THE WEEKEND

HOME-MADE CRAFTS - CHRISTMAS GIFTS - LOCAL JEWELRY - ARTWORKS - FOOD & DRINKS

For More Information: 716.945.8119

Onödowa'ga:' Gawë:nö'
Pronunciation Key

a.....father	ä.....cat	e.....they	ë.....men	i.....police	o.....note
ö.....own	u.....tune	w.....wash	n.....not	y.....yes	d.....dog
t.....tail	g.....girl	k.....kite	s.....sit	j.....job	h.....hat
š.....show	tš.....chalk	dz.....adze	:long vowel	'glottal stop	



The purpose of the Allegany Language Department, **Ögwaiwanösde' Ögwawënö'**, is to promote conversational Seneca language use at the Seneca Nation.

Next SNI Newsletter DEADLINE:

The deadline for the next edition of the SNI Official Newsletter will be **Tuesday, November 30, 2021.**
Next issue to be dated Friday, December 10, 2021.

Wishing you are your loved ones a safe & happy holiday season!

