



The Official Newsletter of the SENECA NATION



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A message from President Matthew B. Pagels



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I hope you all had an enjoyable time with family and friends over the Thanksgiving holiday. We move quickly into Christmas and New Year's. Please be vigilant as you venture out into the surrounding communities to shop and enjoy holiday parties.

Covid – 19 continues to gain momentum as a new omicron variant was discovered in South Africa. There is concern this new variant may be more transmittable

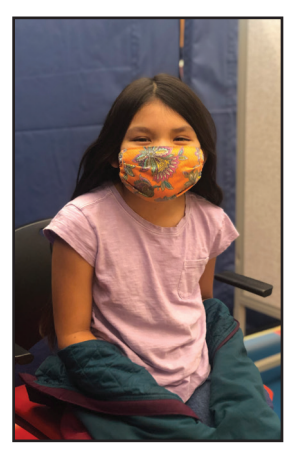
than the Delta variant. Researchers are conducting studies to determine transmission and severity once infected by the virus. According to medical experts we are better equipped to fight the spread of the new variant by following strict covid-19 protocols: sanitizing, social distancing and wearing face masks. The ultimate tool to fighting the spread is getting vaccinated as well as the booster shot.

Testing is also a deterrent to the spread of the virus. Free testing is now available at the fire halls in both Allegany and Cattaraugus 7 days a week from 3pm – 7pm. This includes Rapid Tests, with results available in as little as 10 minutes, and PCR tests, with results available in 24-36 hours. This testing is open to everyone, and appointments and insurance are not required. For information, contact Mike Gates, Emergency Management Director at 716-244-0820, or check out the flyer online at sni.org and on the Seneca Media Facebook page.

Some great news for the Department of Education. They were awarded the American Rescue Plan Grant sponsored by American Indian Resilience in Education program, the grant supports education and cultural literacy programs with an

award of \$482,172 for three years. This is an excellent opportunity to expand language preservation and connect it to student success entering and graduating from post-secondary programs.

Lastly, the Seneca Nation observed the 173rd Birthday or recognition of our constitutional government on Friday, December 3rd. For nearly two centuries the Nation has stood on the roots of sovereignty and strength. It was at the foresight of our ancestors to create a form of government which could withstand outside forces with these values. We are to protect our members and provide sound foundations for future generations, so they are afforded the same opportunities during their time. Happy Birthday Seneca Nation!



Harper Watt, age 8, gets vaccinated at LRJHC

Enjoy the holiday season! Stay warm, stay safe, stay strong - Dah ne'hoh dih ae'.

-Matthew B. Pagels

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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A message from Seneca Nation President Matthew B. Pagels:

"We commemorate the Seneca Nation's 173rd birthday this weekend. In 1848, our ancestors adopted our Constitution, creating a new form of elective self-government to guide, preserve and strengthen our Nation for generations to come.

For nearly two centuries, the Seneca Nation as we know it today has withstood every challenge we have encountered and grown, rooted in the belief, and foresight of our ancestors, and determined to always serve our people through sovereignty and strength. Together, we will continue to grow stronger for centuries to come. Dah ne'hoh dih ae'."

On Thursday, December 3rd, Seneca Nation employees enjoyed complimentary cake in celebration of the Nation's birthday.



FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER



Greetings,

I keep hearing we're supposed to have a mild winter. Then, I'll talk to someone else and they say we're supposed to have a fierce winter this year. Maybe it will end up being in between, since we already had some snow - then it all melted! Whatever happens, we know we'll be having winter weather very soon.

This is an especially busy time of year for our Fiscal Department. Right after finalizing all of the Nation's budgets each fall, they switch gears and go right into a variety of year-end closeout procedures and preliminary reporting. In addition, this is also the time of year for long-term financial forecasting of our governmental funds, investment portfolios and subsidiary entities. They continue to work on transition with the Housing Department and the new LLC's, SG&E and our Seneca One Stop enterprises, which are vital contributors to our nation's economic position. The Fiscal Department is also supporting the IT Department on the document management project; as is it a goal for the Nation's fiscal processing forms to be sent over electronically to the Fiscal Department. Operating any financial system includes processing payment documents such as purchase orders, paying invoices and producing electronic and paper checks. The most tedious paperwork processing can be accomplished quicker and more efficiently through digital submission

of the forms and we are working to move in this direction. Our weekly check processing substantially increases at this time of year and our Fiscal Department makes sure to meet each and every deadline. Our Fiscal Department is also responsible for managing federal funds received from the CARES ACT; and the ARPA funds; which each have strict distribution and reporting guidelines.

This COVID-19 pandemic, with all of its accompanied variety of strains, seems to be a never-ending plague; but I know that there will eventually be a return to "normal" - at some point in the future. My hope is that all of us in our communities can pull together and do our part to help prevent any further spread and stand united in this battle. Please take advantage of all the testing opportunities provided by Seneca Nation, as well as the vaccination clinics established for booster shots at both of our health centers.

Respectfully,
Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.





We wish everyone a Safe & Happy Holiday Season!
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 Cards 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
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
Kayla Huff, Business Compliance Officer
Sarena Seneca, Receptionist

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

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.

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



Aylow Bethany Jimerson (Turtle Clan)
Daughter of Kaylee Marx
Enrollment Date : October 9, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

SENECA NATION HEALTH BOARD
RESEARCH REVIEW COMMITTEE (2)

1 – Allegany Territory Community Member

1 – Cattaraugus Territory Community Member

(Stipend may be available if not employed by the Nation)

Purpose:

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

The Seneca Nation Health Board coordinates the Research Review Committee.

Qualifications:

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

If interested, please submit a letter of intent by Noon (12:00 p.m.) on **December 31, 2021**.

Mail to:

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

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

Seneca Nation of Indians

President - Matthew B. Pagels
Clerk - Marta L. Kettle

12837 ROUTE 438
CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY
SENECA NATION
IRVING, NY 14081

Tel. (716) 532-4900
FAX (716) 532-6272



Treasurer - Rickey L. Armstrong Sr.

90 OHI:YO' WAY
ALLEGANY TERRITORY
SENECA NATION
SALAMANCA, NY 14779

Tel. (716) 945-1790
FAX (716) 945-1565

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

EXECUTIVE ORDER
APPOINTMENT OF COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE

WHEREAS

Pursuant to Section III of the Constitution of the Seneca Nation of Indians of 1848, as amended, the President shall have the power to fill all vacancies in Nation offices that arise from death, voluntary resignation or impeachment; and

WHEREAS

a vacancy has arisen in the office of Court of Appeals on the Allegany Territory as the result of a resignation; and

WHEREAS

Evelyn George-Shongo, a resident of the Allegany Territory, has previously served as a judge for the Nation’s Court and is deemed qualified to hold the office of Court of Appeals Judge.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, Evelyn George-Shongo is appointed as Court of Appeals Judge of the Seneca Nation of Indians on the Allegany Territory effective November 10, 2021.

Dated: November 10, 2021




Matthew B. Pagels, President
SENECA NATION OF INDIANS

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Seneca Gaming Corporation, Niagara County Partner To Host Covid-19 Vaccine Clinics At Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino December 7 And 28

Online registration available through Niagara County Department of Health

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK: (December 3, 2021) As Western New York continues to experience a rise in the number of positive cases of COVID-19, Seneca Gaming Corporation and Niagara County are teaming together to make vaccines easily accessible for area residents.

The corporation and the County announced that Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino will host vaccination clinics on Tuesday, December 7, and Tuesday, December 28, from 2-6 p.m. The clinics will be conducted in the resort’s Hawk meeting room, located near the hotel lobby.

On December 7, County personnel will be providing first dose and booster shots of the Pfizer vaccine for eligible individuals age 5 and older; first dose and booster shots of the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine for eligible individuals 18 and older; and booster doses only of the Moderna vaccine for eligible individuals age 18 and older. The December 28 clinic will offer only second doses of the Pfizer vaccine along with booster shots of the Pfizer, Johnson & Johnson and Moderna vaccines.

“We want everyone to be safe and healthy, especially at this time of year, when families and friends are gathering for the holidays,” said Seneca Nation President Matthew Pagels. “We have battled the COVID pandemic as one greater Western New York community for nearly two years, and we need to continue to work together to keep our communities safe. We’re happy to work with our neighbors to reach as many people as possible.”

“Getting vaccinated is far and away the best thing people can do to

protect themselves and their families from COVID-19, especially as we head into the holiday season,” said Daniel J. Stapleton, Director of the Niagara County Department of Health. “My team is committed to doing all we can to make vaccines easily available and that is why we are happy to partner with the Seneca Gaming Corporation to host these two clinics. Remember, a vaccine reduces the chance you will get COVID-19, but perhaps more importantly, if you do contract it, it lessens the symptoms and makes it far less likely you will end up hospitalized.”

Registration is required to attend the clinics and can be completed online at the Niagara County Department of Health website <https://www.niagaracounty.com/health>.

The vaccine clinics at Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino are just the latest collaborative effort between the Seneca Nation, Seneca Gaming Corporation and local health officials to aid in the vaccination effort. The corporation has worked with Cattaraugus County to host a number of vaccination clinics inside the Seneca Allegany Events Center at Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino over the last several months.

“Our facilities are important cornerstones in our local community,” said Seneca Gaming Corporation President & CEO Kevin Nephew. “Thousands of team members and visitors come to our properties every day. What better reason to visit than to help keep yourself, your family and your neighbors safe? I think that’s the best gift we can give one another this holiday season.”

Seneca Gaming Corporation Names Craig Clark Chief Operating Officer

Executive has nearly 30 years’ of gaming, hospitality industry experience



NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK-SALAMANCA, NEW YORK-BUFFALO, NEW YORK: (December 3, 2021) Seneca Gaming Corporation announced that Craig Clark, an executive with nearly 30 years’ experience in the gaming and hospitality industry, has been named the company’s Chief Operating Officer.

Clark will be responsible for the overall business efficiency, including driving revenue, profitability and growth at Seneca

Gaming Corporation’s three properties – Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino, Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino and Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino. He will work with Seneca Gaming Corporation President & CEO Kevin Nephew and the company’s senior management team to develop and implement an overall strategic plan.

“Craig will be a tremendous asset to our team, and we are thrilled to bring him on board,” Nephew said. “His leadership and decades

of experience, including his knowledge and understanding of the northeast market, will help us target, identify and create opportunities for continued success as we continue to grow our operations.”

Clark was most recently Vice President of Finance at Live! Casino Pittsburgh in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. Throughout his career, he has held executive positions at properties across the United States and Canada, including President of the Hard Rock in Ottawa, Ontario; and General Manager at Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh and, previously, Pechanga Resort & Casino in California. He began his career in the gaming industry as Director of Finance at Turning Stone Resort Casino in Central New York, where he went on to serve as Senior Vice President and General Manager.

“Seneca Gaming Corporation has set a real standard of excellence at its three properties,” Clark said. “I’m excited by the opportunity to work with our team to build on the successes of the past two decades and to help create a comprehensive vision for the future, especially as the gaming market continues to evolve.” A Certified Public Accountant, Clark is a graduate of the State University of New York at Binghamton.

NOTICE - HEAP

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

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

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

Documentation Requirements:	CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY ADVOCATE PROGRAM
~Tribal I.D.	210 Thomas Indian Building – Ext.
~Social Security Card	Irving, NY 14081
~Proof of Address	716-532-4900
~Current Utility Bill	
**Oak Tree Residents must provide a current rent receipt	
~Proof of Income	
~Deed/Home Ownership (Furnace repair/replacement/ Weatherization)	



SENECA NATION HEALTH SYSTEM

COVID-19

NO-COST TESTING SERVICES



RAPID

5-10 MIN

+++ APPOINTMENT & INSURANCE NOT REQUIRED +++

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

PCR

24-36 HRS

+++ APPOINTMENT & INSURANCE NOT REQUIRED +++

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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

Do you want to be a skilled Tradesmen?

*Submitted by Catt. Tribal Employment
Rights Office*

If you or anyone you know is interested, apply the
1st Tuesday of the month at the following locations:

**Bricklayers/Finishers: Local 3 1175 William
St., Buffalo, NY 14206 from 8am-12pm**

**Carpenters: Local 276 1159 Maryvale Dr.,
Cheektowaga, NY 14227 from 9am-12pm**

Are you a certified Flagman?

*Submitted by Catt. Tribal Employment
Rights Office*

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

• Apply in our office • Fill out the Skill Bank
Form

• Applications are renewed yearly.

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



CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2021

These workshops are FREE to the public

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

Outdoor Survival Course - 12 participants
Contact | **Allegany Conservation** 716-945-1790
Allegany Fish Hatchery Campus, **Salamanca, NY**
Date and Time TBD
This workshop will cover the importance of conducting an annual inspection of your home. Weather, insects, rodents and even household members can cause damage to your home. Some damage may not even be noticeable. Using an inspection template will help you assess damage, presence of insects/mice damage, & wear and tear. The usefulness of conducting an inspection will be covered and the next steps following your inspection

Inspect Your Home - 12 participants
Contact | **Allegany TERC Office** 716-945-8120
STC 10189 Old Rt. 17, **Steamburg, NY**
October 6 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm
October 20 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm
November 3 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm
November 8 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm
During the "Eco-Friendly DIY Beeswax Wraps" demonstration, participants will learn how to make do-it-yourself beeswax wraps as a re-usable alternative to single-use plastic wrap.

Eco-Friendly DIY Beeswax Wraps - 15 participants
Contact | **Jessica Crouse** 716-945-1790 x3039
ACC Multi-Purpose Room, **Salamanca, NY**
November 4 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm
November 8 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm
During the "Eco-Friendly DIY Beeswax Wraps" demonstration, participants will learn how to make do-it-yourself beeswax wraps as a re-usable alternative to single-use plastic wrap.

Household Energy Saving Steps - 12 participants
Contact | **Allegany TERC Office** 716-945-8120
STC 10189 Old Rt. 17, **Steamburg, NY**
November 17 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm
December 1 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm
This workshop will cover the many ways a home can lose energy and costs you more in energy expenses. Extreme changes in the weather affects the house. Learn how the weather does this and steps you can take to lower the impact. This workshop can be a second step to the home inspection workshop. Types of energy efficient lighting will also be covered.

Tools for the Home - 12 participants
Contact | **Allegany TERC Office** 716-945-8120
STC 10189 Old Rt. 17, **Steamburg, NY**
November 17 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm
December 1 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Learn what every homeowner should have on hand to handle little fixes. Also learn about specialty tools for bigger jobs that you can rent locally to save yourself from buying equipment and using it once. The purpose and use of tools will be covered and some practical demonstrations.

Household Plumbing - 12 participants
Contact | **Cattaraugus TERC Office** 716-532-4900
23 Thomas Indian School Drive, **Irving NY**
October 6 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm
October 19 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Learn the basics of plumbing in your home, how it works, and how to rectify common issues that may arise. From the water supply coming in, to the drains going out. You will learn how it works. Gas and propane plumbing will also be discussed.

Simple Electrical - 12 participants
Contact | **Cattaraugus TERC Office** 716-532-4900
23 Thomas Indian School Drive, **Irving NY**
November 3 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm
November 17 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Learn how to safely replace certain electrical components in your home. Learn about different lighting, switches and outlets. Learn how to identify projects you can do, and when you should call a professional.

Fixing Damaged Walls - 12 participants
Contact | **Cattaraugus TERC Office** 716-532-4900
23 Thomas Indian School Drive, **Irving NY**
December 7 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm
December 16 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm
In this segment you will learn how to drywall or how a wall board is hung so that you can make repairs to damaged walls yourself and you have the finished product look like you called in a pro. From nail holes to replacing entire sections, you will learn it all.

Composting 101 - 15 participants
Contact | **EPD Office** 716-532-4900
Cattaraugus Community Center, **Irving, NY**
December 9th | 6pm - 7pm
Allegany Community Center, **Salamanca, NY**
December 7th | 6pm - 7pm
During composting 101, participants will learn the different forms of composting, the benefits to each form, and what is needed in order to effectively compost in various ways.

Please take note of the different locations of the course offerings

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

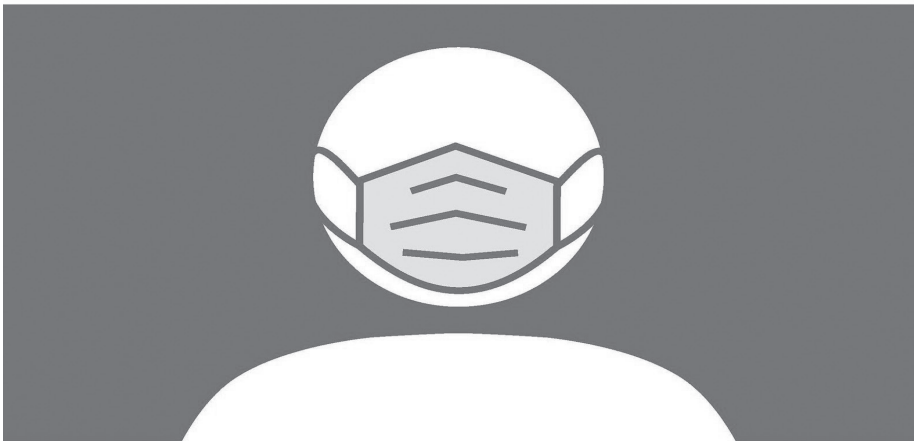


****We are following COVID-19 guidelines set by the
Seneca Nation,
classes may change to virtual if necessary.****





Face masks required.



TSA requires proper wearing of face masks, per federal law. Face masks are to be worn at all times. Failure to comply will result in denial of boarding or removal, and may result in penalties.



Stay Healthy. Stay Secure.
tsa.gov/coronavirus

Don't miss the next deadline:
December 14, 2021

To be dated: *December 24, 2021*

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

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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.

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100 Mbps Down 25 Mbps Up	200 Mbps Down 50 Mbps Up	300 Mbps Down 100 Mbps Up	500 Mbps Down 150 Mbps Up
\$49.95 monthly	\$54.95 monthly	\$64.95 monthly	\$94.95 monthly

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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 Senecas 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

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Up to \$1,000 for 12 months

Rates starting at

5%

APR*

Some Restrictions apply. Please see a SNIFCU representative for more information.

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12837 Route 438
Irving, NY 14081
(716) 532-8179

Hours

Mon - Fri
9am - 4pm

Salamanca Branch

90 Ohi:yo Way
Salamanca, NY 14779
(716) 945-8510

ATTENTION: Allegany Higher Education Students (Current & Future)

Submitted by Gosheneh Kennedy, Higher Education Coordinator, Allegany Education Dept.



This is a reminder for any student requesting funding:

Spring Semester deadline is December 31st.

You can find the Policy & Application at:

<https://sni.org/media/500227/hep-2016-2-new.pdf>

For those that are eligible for **NYS Indian Aid - deadline is January 4th.**

You can find the application for NYS Indian Aid at: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/natamer/>

Lastly, all emails regarding the Spring semester, **please send to the AlleganyHEP@sni.org address.**

If you have any questions, please contact the **Allegany Higher Education Office at (716) 945-1790 ext. 3103.**

Good luck on finals!

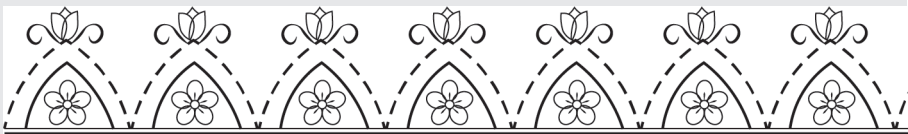
Talking & Healing Circle w/ Christina Porter

Submitted by Corbett Seneca, Crime Victims Advocate, Crime Victims Services

When: **Tuesday, December 14th**
Time: **5:30pm**
Where: **Saylor Dining Room - Cattaraugus Territory**

Refreshments provided.

Whether you choose to share or just be in a supportive and safe space, ALL are welcome!



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.

Please Contact:
Scott Scanlan
716-445-6878
No Worries Disposal



SN Disability Services

SOCIAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE *Allegany Territory*

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

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

NOVEMBER 17, 2021
DECEMBER 15, 2021
JANUARY 19, 2022
From
9:00AM - 3:00 PM

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, the Social Security Administration is still closed to the public. The appointments will be through phone conference ONLY until such time it is safe to open back up to the public. Please feel free to contact our office for details.



Phone: 716-532-4900, ext. 5152
Email: Ashley.kennedy@sni.org
leanna.leroy@sni.org



SN Disability Services

SOCIAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE *Cattaraugus Territory*

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

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



NOVEMBER 24, 2021
DECEMBER 22, 2021
JANUARY 26, 2021
From
9:00AM - 3:00 PM

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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



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:
Seneca Arts & Learning Center
staff.
Happy Holidays!*

with PosterMyWall.com

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!



THE CCC PRESENTS...

SANTA MEET & GREET

SPAGHETTI DINNER TO GO
FREE PHOTO WITH SANTA
GIFT CARDS GIVEN TO KIDS
AGES 0-12
CHILD MUST BE PRESENT TO
RECEIVE GIFT CARD!
GIFT CARDS WILL ONLY BE
GIVEN OUT ON THIS DAY
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2021
5:00-7:00 PM
FOR MORE INFO CALL 716-532-8450

SENECA NATION MEMBERS
WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY.
YOU MUST SIGN UP IN
PERSON. PLEASE BE
PREPARED TO SHOW PROOF.



THE CATTARAUGUS COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTS A

UGLY SWEATER SKATE NIGHT

Friday, December 17th, 2021
5:00-6:30PM
Prizes for best ugly sweater!





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

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Gakwi:yoh Farms host annual meat giveaway!

On November 22nd, Gakwi:yoh Farms handed out 180 bags of bison meat, deer meat, and Red Angus beef to community members.

Each bag included 4-6lbs for a grand total of 4,000lbs of harvested meat from their farm and the woodlands. Staff from both territories not only hunted and but harvested 20 deer for the community giveaway as well.

40 bags were given to the Buffalo community the day before and hundreds to the Cattaraugus community the week prior bringing the total to 2 tons of meat for the Seneca community! Nya:wëh Gakwi:yoh Farms!



Seneca Nation Offices will be closed:
December 24th - Christmas Day - observed
December 31st - New Year's Day - observed

Regular session of council to be held:
January 8th, 2022

Forestry Department gets new front loader

Photos by Seneca Media

On Wednesday, November 24th, Forestry received a brand new front-end loader tractor. The new tractor will quickly and efficiently move materials making this a great purchase!



Pictured left to right: Councillor Elliot Jimerson, Tractor Sales Rep and Forestry Director William "BJ" John

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



Highbanks
CAMPGROUND

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.



Highbanks Campground is an affordable great place to rest your legs after a long day of hunting or hiking. Make your reservations today at www.camphighbanks.com or by calling **1-(877)-764-2267.**

1370 West Bank Perimeter Road, Steamburg, N.Y. 14783

Check us out on Facebook and Instagram

Ja:goh Franky Brown, for making the 2021-22 NLL BREAKOUT CANDIDATES List!

- November 26, 2021 | Laxflash Staff | www.lacrosseflash.com

As fans and analysts of the sport, we always like to take a look at the next crop of stars that could be in the NLL. They may be players who are just starting out their careers or individuals who are getting a bigger chance to shine on new teams.

Our staff has put together one breakout candidate for every team heading into the 2021-22 NLL campaign. We didn't include incoming rookies from the 2020 or 2021 classes. With that in mind, let's go through each team and which players could be in line for a good year.

(View full list here: <https://www.lacrosseflash.com/read/2021/11/15/nll-breakout-candidates>)

Buffalo Bandits - Frank Brown, Transition

Cousin Brownie has had an interesting NLL career since entering the league with the Georgia Swarm in 2017.

The 27-year-old has played for five different organizations during his pro stint — including both Rochester franchises. Let's quickly go through his stops.

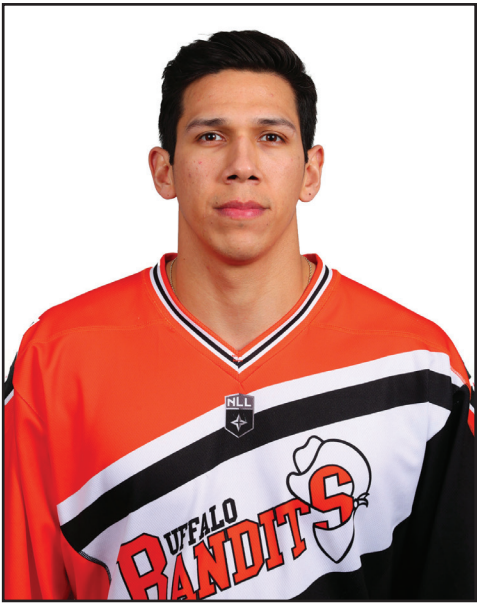
Following a seven-game run with the Swarm, Brown was released before signing with Rochester to finish out to 2017-



18 campaign. After being left unprotected for the 2018 Expansion Draft, he was selected by the Philadelphia Wings, where he had his best season to date. In a transition role, he scored six goals and had 12 points on the year, adding 36 loose balls and six caused turnovers as well.

Despite that, he was unprotected once again and found himself on the expansion Knighthawks to start last season. A mid-season trade landed him with Buffalo, where he'll suit up this year.

Brown has definitely landed in a fantastic situation. He'll feature with one of the better defensive



units in the league and have the ability to get out on the run with their other weapons. Standing at 6-foot-4, 220 pounds, he's going to be able to create some chaos out of the back gate while chipping in offensively.

It was a small sample size, but he had two assists in as many games with Buffalo in 2019-20. It could prove to be the year that Brown takes that next step as a top transition threat.

UPDATE

Reprinted from Warrior Games Boxla Facebook

Due to continued rising positive COVID cases in our county we have decided to postpone the Warrior Games. We can't wait to get back together with all our old friends and making new ones. Please stay safe throughout the holidays and keep an eye out for the upcoming new date when it is safe for our community, family, and friends. ~~ Warrior Games Family

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JANUARY 14-16, 2022

Allegany Community Center. Seneca Nation of Indians. Salamanca, NY.

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until further notice

Warrior Games: Keepers of the Western Door youth lacrosse tournament

Teams representing the US, Canada, and Native communities will once compete to see who is crowned 2022 Warrior Games Champion!

Register - website: warriorgamesboxla.wixsite.com/mysite

Contact us - email: warriorgamesboxla@gmail.com

Check us out - facebook: [Warriorgames2022](https://www.facebook.com/Warriorgames2022)

CONGRATS to the Fall Scholar Athletes - They got it done not only on the field, but in the classroom!

- Credit: SCCSD Facebook Page

Ja:goh! 2021-2022 Fall Scholar Athletes

Scholar Athletes - The following athletes will receive pins for making the honor or high honor roll on their teams:

Volleyball:

Karina Mireles-Crouse	97.29
Taylor Fuller	90.53
Aliyah Lee	95.82
Morgan Maybee	92.14
Jillian Rea	96.33
Mariah Skye	94.77
Bella Wolfe	96.00

Girls Soccer:

Emma Brown	90.85
Harley Brown	97.42
Mariah Downey	98.00
Haidyn Eddy	94.85
Leyna Harper	96.86
Grace Hodara	97.25
Gahsēni'de' Hubbell	97.47
Sydney John	95.33
Faith Long	98.08
Makenzie Oakes	92.55
Alyssa Perkins	98.13

Football:

Tayoni Galante	93.83
Cole Hedlund	95.15
Harley Hoag	96.00
Hayden Hoag	95.83
Quinton Jones	98.30
Eion Quigley	94.57
Tre Turner	97.00

Cross Country:

Matthew Schnauffer	98.85
Ryanna Brady	99.08

Swim Team:

Makenzie Crouse	98.15
Alicia Fiske	98.91
Camryn Quigley	95.86
Kyleigh Rohwer	92.15
Charli Ross	94.80
Mikaela Tennity	92.29

Cheerleading:

Emma Brown	90.85
Faith Brown	91.69
Summer Downey	99.08
Haidyn Eddy	94.85
Rylee Grant	97.82
Leyna Harper	96.86
Sophia Hodara	95.69
Chloe Holleran	95.08
Kierstyn Klahn	96.83
Kathryn Lockhart	92.43
Maylina Massagli	94.00
Izabella Milks	96.15
Camryn Quigley	95.86
Kyleigh Rohwer	92.15

Girls Tennis:

Emily Benjamin	98.00
Jasmine Smith	98.36

Boys Soccer:

Andrew Herrick	99.38
Kendell Valvo	99.00
Tristan Duhan	98.07
John Matteson	94.86

Ja:goh Calie Hudson!

On November 12, 2021, Calie Hudson of Gowanda Central Cross Country team, traveled to compete with Area runners from the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Athletic Association at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association cross country championships at Chenango Valley State Park. **Calie came in 50th (22:21.9) place** with over 100 in her class D competition.

Calie is the daughter of Jay Hudson, Granddaughter to Lisa Maybee & Great-Granddaughter of Sally Green. Ja:goh Calie!

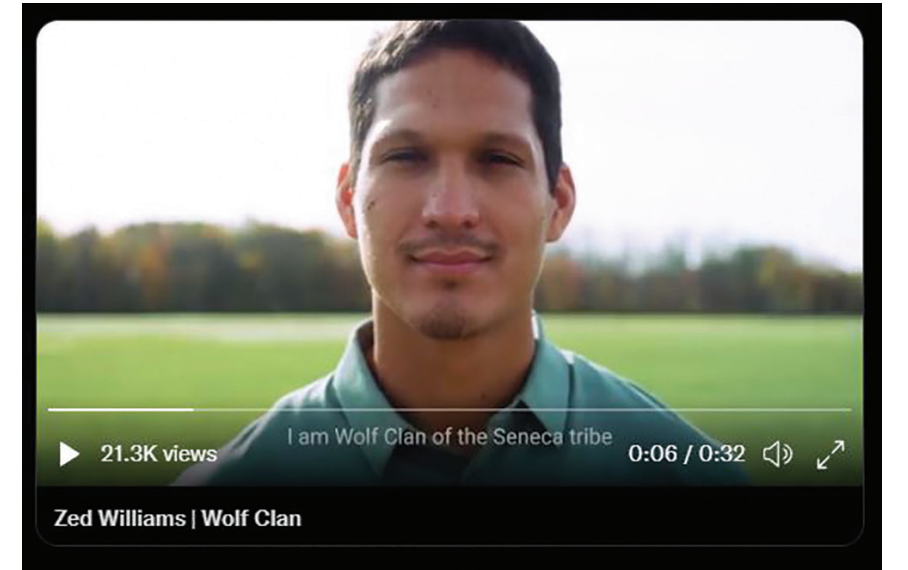


Zed Williams featured on Premiere Lacrosse League Twitter Page Sharing our Seneca Language

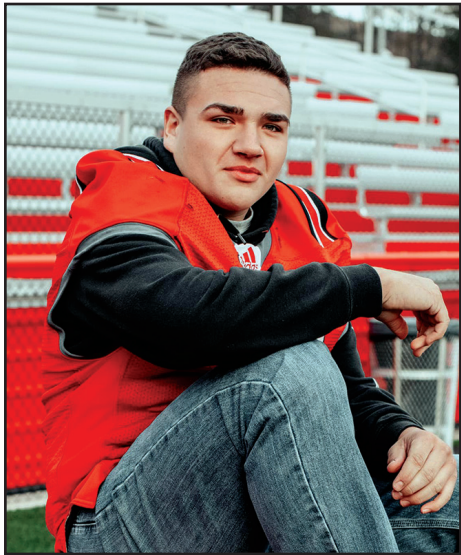
Zed Williams (Seneca, Wolf Clan), a Premier Lacrosse League Attacker for the Whipsnakes, is shown sharing his Seneca language, featured on the Premiere Lacrosse League Twitter page.

He entered the PLL via the 2020 Entry Draft and took the league by storm at the 2020 Championship Series. Emerging as a key attackman for the champion Whipsnakes, Williams finished the tournament as the leader in both goals (20) and shots (59). Williams' dominant performance in the Championship Game, saw him named to the All-Tournament Team and take home the prestigious Jim Brown MVP of the Tournament Award. Williams additionally was named the McEneaney Attackman of the Championship Series for his performances. Zed Williams is an Irving, New York native where he attended Silver Creek High School.

Check it out here: https://twitter.com/PremierLacrosse/status/1465733430994354177?fbclid=IwAR1WQAwwK2F3ppHx-Rd-Tmx75_wIw5Hjr-eR5KHckaRql5mHLRY-JGBat-HMY



Ja:goh Kody Shinnners! Shinners honored in ‘normal’ year for Big 30, awarded Unsung Lineman of the Year December 6, 2021 | [oleantimesherald.com](https://www.oleantimesherald.com)



With the Big 30 committee back in place (since COVID-19 derailed life as we knew it), they returned to choosing the traditional 30-player unit, representing both NY and PA — actually that number was 31, the first time it’s ever been that figure without a kicker due to there being a voting deadlock for the final spot. They were able to hand awards out in person for the first time since November of 2019.

The fourth major award-winner, aside from Coach, Player and Defensive Player of the Year, was Salamanca’s Kody Shinnners, who was named the E.B. Fitzpatrick/James Russell Memorial Award winner as the Lineman of the Year. He’s the first Warriors lineman to win it since Jeremy John in 1992.

He was the choice among a group of finalists that included Pioneer’s Alex Coder and Jasiah Jarocinski and Bolivar-Richburg’s Trent Sibble.

“KODY has kind of been the face of our identity the last few years,” Salamanca coach Chad Bartoszek said of the 6-foot, 250-pound senior. “He’s really matured over the course of his career here. He became a leader, a captain, he hasn’t missed practice in the three years I’ve been here, so he’s kind of become a part of our identity, and it’s going to be hard to lose him.”

“His (presence) along with a few other of our big kids has kind of made us who we’ve been: Just big, tough, physical up front and we’ve really controlled the line of scrimmage for two seasons now, really making things tricky for opposing offenses, and our run game saw the benefits this year offensively with a 1,000-yard rusher in Jesse Stahlman.”

Kody is the son of Jeanette and Jerry Shinnners.

Source: https://www.oleantimesherald.com/sports/brown-shinners-honored-in-normal-year-for-big-30/article_2e31be31-b411-5d64-8845-379fbooe85ff.html



Pictured are the major postseason award winners from the 2021 Big 30 football season. Seated, from left, Eion Quigley (Salamanca, 12th Man Scholarship Award, New York) and Jonathan Hinton (Ridgway, Joe DeCerbo Memorial Award). Back row: Jeff Pagett (Randolph assistant, accepting for Brent Brown as Coach of the Year), Travis Cooney (Smethport, Defensive Player of the Year), Kody Shinnners (Salamanca, Unsung Lineman of the Year) and Xander Hind (Randolph, Player of the Year). Photo credit: Sam Wilson/Olean Times Herald

Summer Hemphill Scores 1,000th Career Point in Loss to Oklahoma. **JA:GOH!** November 21, 2021 | ubbulls.com

PARADISE ISLAND, BAHAMAS – University at Buffalo women's basketball redshirt fifth year forward Summer Hemphill had a career day, but the Bulls came up short as they fell to Oklahoma 93-72 in the second game of the Bad Boy Mowers Women's Battle 4 Atlantis Tournament at the Atlantis resort on Sunday night.

Hemphill became Buffalo's 28th 1,000 point scorer, recording the historic bucket on an offensive rebound putback at the 3:04 mark of the first quarter.

"I'm so proud of Summer," said head coach Felisha Legette-Jack. "Summer is an exceptional athlete who has really paid her dues to get healthy and get back out there and give herself to this team. Her energy was so contagious for people to feed off of her, but they never came and that was disappointing to see that. I'm just so proud to see her reach these milestones. Her game will only get better and we are going to try to get this team better as well."

The Buffalo, NY native led the Bulls with a career-high 26 points to go along with 12 rebounds, two assists, a steal and a block. Senior forward Adebola Adeyeye also had a double-double with 12 points and 13 rebounds, just one off her career-high. Also scoring in double figures was junior forward Loren Christie who had 11 points to go with five rebounds.

After a slow start to the game for both teams, Dyaisha Fair found Adeyeye with a great pass for the first basket of the



game. She continued to dish out dimes as she hit Hemphill for a transition bucket and later knocked down a spot up three to cut the Sooners lead to 9-7 at the first media timeout. A three from Hemphill out of the timeout would give the Bulls the lead and on the next possession she got an offensive rebound putback for her 1,000th career point. Hemphill would continue to heat up as she knocked down another triple and Fair followed with a jumper to give the Bulls a 17-15 lead as UB held the Sooners scoreless for the final two minutes of the quarter.

Hemphill continued to attack as she scored the first four points

of the second quarter and later, Christie was fouled on a three-point attempt and converted all three free throws to give UB a 24-17 lead at the 7:06 mark but Oklahoma would answer with an 11-0 run to take a 28-24 lead at the media timeout. The Bulls offense would continue to stall, and the Sooners capitalized as they extended their run to 19-2 to take a double-digit lead before Adeyeye converted on a pair of baskets and Hemphill found Christie on the block with a great pass to trim the lead to 39-32, but the Sooners rattled off a 7-0 run in just over a minute to take a 46-33 lead at the break.

The Bulls offense found its rhythm to start the third quarter as Hemphill, Adeyeye and Fair scored on three consecutive possessions to cut the lead to 51-39 but the Sooners answered with back-to-back threes to extend their lead to 56-39 and force a UB timeout at the 6:51 mark. Oklahoma continued their hot shooting from beyond the arc as they used a 6-0 run in just over a minute to take a 62-41 lead at the media timeout. Hemphill continued to assert herself as she knocked down back-to-back jumpers to cut the lead to 68-54 but the Sooners scored at the buzzer to go up 70-54 at the end of the third.

The two teams traded baskets early in the fourth quarter before Jazmine Young knocked down a triple to trim the lead to 20 but Oklahoma responded with back-to-back second chance layups to take an 85-61 lead with 4:54 remaining. Junior Nia Jordan connected on a mid-range baseline jumper to end a four-plus minute scoring drought and cut the lead to 89-65 but that would be as close as the Bulls would get.

The Bulls evened up with the Sooners on the glass with 53 rebounds each and scored 34 points in the paint, but Oklahoma turned 14 UB turnovers into 19 points. The Sooners made 15 three pointers on the game and shot 41% from the floor and 37% from behind the arc.

Source: <https://ubbulls.com/news/2021/11/21/womens-basketball-hemphill-scores-1-000th-career-point-in-loss-to-oklahoma.aspx>

Hemphill became Buffalo's 28th 1,000 point scorer, recording the historic bucket on an offensive rebound putback

Ja:goh Hayden Hoag, SCCSD Youth of the Week - November 23, 2021 | oleatimesherald.com

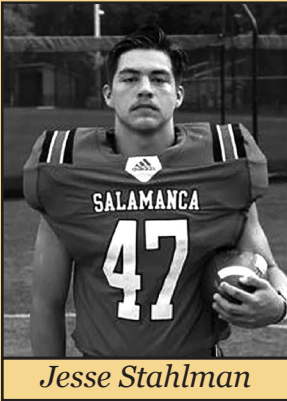
Ja:goh and Congratulations to Hayden Hoag (Seneca Heron) who was named by the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau as Youth Citizenship Award recipient of the week. Hayden is the son of Charles (Stephanie) Hoag Sr. and Carrie (Paul) Haley, and grandson of the late Leo Hoag and Corrine LeRoy. Hayden is a Senior and scholar athlete at Salamanca City Central School District. **For more on this story, check out <http://ow.ly/Lok750GUKga>**



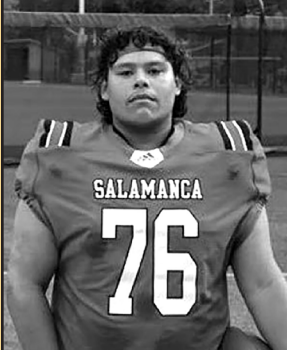
Warriors earn four spots on C South first-team all-stars

Ja:goh boys!

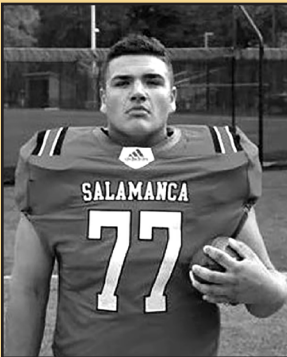
After a second-place regular season finish in the Section 6 Class C South division, the Salamanca football team had four members earn a spot on the C South first-team all-star league list.



Jesse Stahlman



Tre Turner



Kody Shinnars

Junior running back **Jesse Stahlman** and senior offensive lineman **Tre Turner** made the C South first-team offense, while senior defensive lineman **Kody Shinnars** and senior defensive back Cole Hedlund made the first-team defense. Stahlman led the Warriors' rushing attack with 1,044 yards (10 touchdowns), 108 receiving yards and one touchdown pass. Turner was a four-year starter and a key leader as a captain this year. Shinnars was a disruptive force on the line, making 59 tackles with eight sacks. Hedlund was the team's leading receiver (375 yards, six touchdowns) and had multiple interceptions at cornerback.

Also for the Warriors, junior defensive lineman Jaxon Tarr, senior linebacker Shawn Pierce and senior defensive back Harley Hoag made the second-team defense. Senior Eion Quigley and junior Zaron Tucker were honorable mentions.

The league's top honors went to Fredonia seniors Nick Whitfield and Matt Lotter and Southwestern senior Aidan Kennedy. Whitfield won the League Player of the Year, tallying 1,797 passing yards (16 touchdowns), 720 rushing yards (13 touchdowns) along with 32 tackles, two sacks and four interceptions. Kennedy won Offensive Player of the Year after marking 1,717 passing yards (17 touchdowns) and 606 rushing yards (14 touchdowns). Lotter was the Defensive Player of the Year with 140 total tackles (four for loss), three sacks, one interception and three forced fumbles.

Gowanda won the team sportsmanship award and the Panthers' Ben Krakewski won the individual league sportsmanship award.

From the Indigenous Cancer Research Center:

We were honored to host Allegany Councillor Tina Abrams as our keynote speaker for our Native American Heritage month event. Councillor Abram's profound words will help shape stronger relationships between Roswell Park, CICR, and Sovereign Nations. Her sgë:nö' was powerful medicine and we hope you find it as moving as we did.

View the Native American Heritage Month Ceremony at Roswell Park:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdNtDTuq5HE>



INDIGENOUS & RURAL PATIENT NAVIGATION

HOW TO JOIN

1

Call 1-888-RPGUIDE

2

A team member will fill out a Cancer Screening and Prevention assessment with you to see what cancer screenings are recommended for you and will discuss your concerns.

3

Connect you to the available resources that meet your needs.

Whenever possible we can connect you with a navigator that works in or near your community.

4

A patient navigator will follow up with you to make sure your needs are being met.

COMMUNITY PATIENT NAVIGATION SERVICE

Indigenous & Rural Patient Navigation is a free, non-clinical, service for Indigenous and Rural community members looking for recommended cancer screening and education, additional support and resources for cancer care.

PATIENT NAVIGATOR LOCATIONS

VIRTUAL

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(1-888-774-8433)

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BEYOND SERVICE

An Exhibition of Artworks by Veterans

Kathryn Hopkins featured in Bihl Haus Arts exhibition “Beyond Service II: Artworks by Veterans”

November 22, 2021 | Bihl Haus Arts Facebook



Bihl Haus Arts proudly presents "***Beyond Service II: Artworks by Veterans***", an exhibition of artworks by Veterans that runs from November 27 - December 18, 2021. “The artworks in this exhibition have been created by veterans who have served in various branches of the military during the Vietnam War and operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and by retired military,” said Kellen McIntyre, Bihl Haus Arts executive

director. “These veteran artists have been recognized with valor and meritorious awards and numerous service ribbons. The exhibit features paintings, drawings, prints and sculpture by these professional artists.

Today we'd like to highlight **Kathryn Hopkins**. With roots in Western New York on the Cattaraugus Territory, her youth was surrounded by culture and community of the Seneca Nation of Indians. Kathryn says "I admire the resiliency of my people, and the pride of our traditional garments and art".

Aspiring to be in the Fashion Industry, she began her education in fashion design, and later expanded her life experiences to include the military. As an 88M; a Motor Transportation Operator, she was excited for the opportunity to travel. This experience instilled in her the confidence to follow her dreams.

In 2016, she earned her BA in Fashion Management, with a concentration in Fashion Merchandising from the University of the Incarnate Word. With use of her traditional beadwork, she developed an interest in accessories. She seeks to bring beauty and confidence with jewelry or a handbag. Kathryn hopes others can appreciate the labor, and the love in each piece.



Kathryn's beautiful beadwork that is currently on display.

Happy Belated Birthday

We'd like to send Happy Birthday wishes to **Betty Schindler Rogers**, who turned 98 years young on November 30th!

Submitted by Karla Nephew

Tree Lighting Events across the Allegany Territory

The Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino held their annual tree lighting event on Wednesday, December 1st. Everyone had a fun time celebrating the official start of the holiday season.

Later that week on Friday, December 3rd, Seneca Media & Communications Center had a jolly good time welcoming Santa and his friends to Jefferson Park for the annual Silver Bells Christmas Parade in downtown Salamanca. Lighting up the park with Santa were a few ladies from Ohi:yo’ Storm Girls Lacrosse!

We would like to wish you and your loved ones a safe & happy holiday season!



Above: Tree lighting event at Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino.
Below: Ohi:yo' Storm Girls Lacrosse team participated in the annual Silver Bells Christmas parade in the City of Salamanca.



Former Media Director joins University At Buffalo as instructor for developing Indigenous Studies Program

By Tami Watt, Editor

The University of Buffalo, College of Arts and Sciences is the recipient \$3.174 million from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in support of the new Department of Indigenous Studies.

Based on years of workshops, discussions, and meetings with the university’s Indigenous faculty, students, staff, alumni and community, the Department of Indigenous Studies will offer Indigenous languages, education on environmental impacts/issues on Indigenous lands, the health and well-being of Indigenous communities, and relationships between government and policy on Indigenous nation’s laws.

The Department of Indigenous Studies has two Seneca members on staff as instructors.

Dr. Jason Corwin, former Executive Director of the Seneca Media and Communications Center (SMCC), has joined the Department of Indigenous Studies as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Indigenous Studies. Dr. Corwin helped launch the SMCC in 2015 after he received a doctorate in Environmental Studies from Cornell. Dr. Corwin was a key figure in social media expansion, producing videos based on Seneca issues, and served on the Water Task Force that successfully halted a waste water treatment facility that would have had dire effects on the water quality of Ohi:yo’.



Dr. Jason Corwin, Clinical Assistant Professor of Indigenous Studies, UB.

Dr. Corwin is excited to embark on his new career path, he is teaching two classes this semester so he can aide in developing the new department and program as it transitions from American Studies to Indigenous Studies. Eventually Dr. Corwin will teach three separate classes within the new major that encompasses many diverse tracks.

This fall, his Environmental Studies class will entail hands on learning including field trips to locate herbal medicines, nature preserves, exploring the waterways of Buffalo, and visits to the Tonawanda reservation and community. Environmental impacts, customs and traditions within Seneca Territories and communities will be a focus for his students as well. Dr. Corwin will lecture on the history of the Kinzua Dam- constructed in the 1960s, it flooded 10,000 acres of prime farm land and forcibly removed hundreds of Seneca families from their ancestral homes, Defending Ohi:yo’- a environmentalist panel of Seneca Nation members and citizens of Coudersport, PA that shut down an impending waste water treatment plant, and the significance and medicinal uses of maple and sweet grass to Hodinöshöni’ nations.

Dr. Corwin’s other fall session is titled Teaching Indian Image on Film, a class developed by the late Barry White, a former lecturer at UB and inspiration for many former students and staff including Dr. Corwin himself. The class has a reputation for being favored by students and Corwin intends to keep the momentum. Students are thus far very engaged and the classroom discussion often leads to deep topics concerning “white savior narrative” in mainstream films and society. The student base is diverse, young and eager to learn while always pushing for more insight. He intends

to engage students into global history with films either produced by an Indigenous creator or portrayed with a strong Indigenous lead or cast. Films concerning Indigenous political movements like the American Indian Movement, Red Power, and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women



Dr. Marilyn Schindler


will give perspective for all. Dr. Marilyn Schindler, who earned a doctorate in American Studies from UB and lectured the self-titled “Savage Woman” class in the 1970s, will lend her Seneca language knowledge and skill to both students attending UB classes and at home on the Cattaraugus Territory where she intends to continue her passion of lifelong learning and instructing. A self-taught speaker, Dr. Schindler was

soon teaching in an effort to save the Seneca language from extinction while balancing her education and work with the Seneca Nation. “I have an obligation to the Newtown Long House on the Seneca Nation to continue my work there- and that’s what I’m going to do,” shares Dr. Schindler.

Dr. Schindler has been an influential instructor, student and colleague at the university for decades.

“UB is taking the lead with the new Department of Indigenous Studies, but there should be similar departments in colleges and universities across the state and across the country,” says Schindler. “The interest was there in the 1970s when our classes were full, and I’m starting to hear some political leaders speak about Indigenous rights and say that no history of North America is complete that focuses only on European influence.”

Source: http://www.buffalo.edu/ubnow/stories/2020/08/marilyn-schindler/html?fbclid=IwAR3yeiSiuPusN-JyBdoQ-j1KA9TjQml6PNpTCsi18AZ-J6R2vI-hHQc_eD7HtC8



From the family of Albert Tallchief:

On behalf of the family of Albert Tallchief, we would like to convey our gratitude to everyone who expressed their condolences and assisted us in sending him on his journey to the Skyworld. **We:so’ Nya:wëh to the following individuals:**

- Retired Command Sgt. Major Ronald Cook
- Annie Repicci and Legion Post Members
- Members of the Legion Post 1587 Auxiliary, including Sally Snow, Trish Seneca, and Rachel Johns
 - Al George
 - The Huff Family
- Tallchief Territory and Nicole Hill
- John Waterman

~Nya:wëh~

Barbara Weston Sworn in as Newest Gowanda Central School Board member

December 1, 2021 | [observertoday.com](#)



Ja:goh and welcome back Barbara Weston (Cattaraugus Territory, Turtle clan).

GOWANDA — For the third time in four meetings, the Gowanda school board welcomes a new member. Early in October, they welcomed John Waterman, then saw Michele Jackson join as a student board member later in the month, and at their last meeting, Board Member Jim Hotnich

resigned due to health reasons. To replace Hotnich, the School Board welcomed a new member, but a familiar face.

Barb Weston was sworn in on Monday, during Gowanda’s rescheduled meeting. Weston previously won a Gowanda School Board seat in 2017, and was given a strong welcome back from the rest of the School Board.

"I won a seat on the School Board in May 2017 for my first 3 year term. I learned it is truly a thankless but rewarding position. I have worked with two Superintendents as well as a few other new administrators. I was on the board when the current capital project was passed. Then in September, I submitted a letter of interest to fill a vacancy but was not voted in. When the newest vacancy opened in mid November, the board reached out and asked me if I would be willing to take the position. I wholeheartedly agreed because I have seen first hand the good things that can happen from being a community and district volunteer. During my first 3 year term I saw the good and the bad and have faith that more good can come from this current board. I look forward to working with the current board members." -Barb Weston

Barb is a 1988 GCS graduate, she was elected in 2017 for her first term on the Board of Education. She is currently the Assistant Director for Life Long Learning as part of the Seneca Nation Education Department.

Did you know, Salamanca CCSD has an Urgent Care?

The SCCSD Urgent Care is open Monday - Friday during school hours 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. In addition to treating non-emergent medical needs such as ear infections, pink eye, allergies, skin abnormalities, and more, the SCCSD Urgent Care can uniquely test students and employees for COVID-19, Influenza, Strep Throat and Urinalysis. Salamanca City Central School District is partnering with Mobile Telemed to provide students immediate access to physical and mental healthcare services during school hours. Access to medical and mental health services in Cattaraugus County are limited. All major insurance companies are accepted and will be billed accordingly through Mobile Primary Care. Patients will be responsible for co-pays and additional costs such as prescriptions.

Questions? Contact JCreed@salamancany.org or 716-945-5140 ext. 6203.

News From The Four Corners United Methodist Church

Rte. 438 and Versailles Plank Road, Cattaraugus Territory | Pastor – Chris Klimecko
Submitted by Marilyn Anderson

Advent began on Sunday, November 28. Advent is the season in the Christian calendar which marks the time of preparing ourselves for the great gift of love that our Creator has given us. The four Sundays in Advent are celebrated with the lighting of the candles of the Advent wreath. The first candle that we lit represented Hope. Each Sunday we will light a candle which represents peace, joy and love. Advent concludes with Christmas which celebrates the birth of Christ.



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.**



Dr. Haring presents Seneca Nation flag to Seneca-Cayuga Chiefs

Dr. Haring shares his experiences with our Seneca-Cayuga family residing in Oklahoma this month. Nya:wëh to Chief Diebold, and the Nation's Cultural Department Director, as well as the Seneca Nation President's office (NY) for the presentation of the flag to the Seneca-Cayuga Chiefs and Council of Oklahoma. Continuing messages of a good mind, collaboration, and sharing.

#NativeAmericanHeritageMonth#NAHM

NASA's asteroid-slamming mission will test new ion drive system

- By Rahul Rao | space.com

NASA's mission DART will test our ability to redirect an asteroid by quite literally crashing into it — but the spacecraft will also test a new type of propulsion system for the agency.

NASA's Evolutionary Xenon Thruster-Commercial (NEXT-C) is an ion drive. Rather than igniting hydrogen-based propellant as most rockets do, NEXT-C will use the electricity generated by the spacecraft's own solar panels to create an electrical field that accelerates charged xenon ions up to very high speeds in order to propel the craft. Ion drives can, in theory, reach much higher speeds than conventional rockets. NASA's Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio, and the company Aerojet Rocketdyne teamed up to build the NEXT-C system, and a mission called the Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) will be its testbed.

DART will launch from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket on Wednesday (Nov. 24) at 1:58 a.m. EST (0658 GMT, or Nov. 23 at 10:58 p.m. local time). Next autumn, the spacecraft will crash into the smaller asteroid of a pair called Didymos, called Dimorphos, so that scientists can measure how dramatically such an impact might change an asteroid's orbit should a space rock ever threaten Earth. Launch coverage will begin at 12:30 a.m. EST (0530 GMT)

Even more significant is that the Lead Propulsion Engineer is the Seneca Nation's own Jeremy John (Turtle Clan), of the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab. Jeremy is the son of the late Lionel R. and Lorraine Judith John. When asked about the mission, Jeremy's brother Kerry John, Deputy Chief of Staff S.N.I. said "Jeremy is showing the entire planet what can be accomplished when you focus your sights on goals that seem so far out of reach; walking a path that few ever even think of, let alone actually consider; and ever so quietly doing something that might just be one of the greatest achievements the world has ever known."

here at Space.com and on NASA TV.

But before the mission's dramatic end, DART will use NEXT-C, testing the system in space for the first time. An ion drive was previously used on NASA's Deep Space 1 and Dawn spacecraft, which launched in 1998 and 2007, but NEXT-C will be three times as powerful, according to NASA.

"It is a little bittersweet to know that we are only going to be able to operate for a short amount of time before we impact the asteroid," Jeremy John, lead propulsion engineer for DART, and an engineer for Johns Hopkins University Advanced Physics Laboratory (JHUAPL), said in a

video.

NEXT-C won't be the main force pushing DART along its journey; that duty will fall to the 12 conventional thrusters aboard the spacecraft that will be responsible for much of the spacecraft's movements, including in the final leg of its journey as it plunges into Dimorphos.

But NEXT-C will light up several times along DART's journey. The intent of the maneuvers, according to NEXT-C's creators, is to take the ion drive for a test spin. Its engineers will turn the system on to show that the ion drive can run with just the power generated by the spacecraft's solar panels — and to show that it works in the harsh conditions of space.

"And we're going to just basically demonstrate that we can operate it, in space, because part of the wonders of new technology is just that step from when you built it up to getting it to space and getting it to operate for the first time," Elena Adams, an engineer at JHUAPL and DART's deputy project manager, said during a news conference held Nov. 4. "So that's what we're demonstrating for NASA."

Source: <https://www.space.com/dart-mission-test-next-c-ion-drive-propulsion>



VIDEO LINK: <https://dart.jhuapl.edu/News-and-Resources/article.php?id=20210202>

In Memory of Darlene Gates

The family of the late Darlene Gates wish to express their deep appreciation to those who offered kindness, support, and messages of sympathy and comfort during this tremendously difficult time. We offer our gratitude to the SNI Marshal’s Office, Scottie Lay and the CIRVFD, and our many family members and friends who share in our loss but still helped by providing us love and support.

We would especially like to thank our extended Gates family: Aunt Joyce Gates, Beanie and Dan Jamieson, Todd and Mary Gates, Kevin Gates, and Sharon and Scott Patterson for their knowledge, assistance, and time given to ensure our mother was properly honored after her death.

Thank you to all who shared in her life and kept her spirits up throughout her many setbacks. May all who knew her honor her memory by sharing a smile, being silly with loved ones, and keeping a positive outlook no matter what the circumstances.

With sincere gratitude,
Penny, Steven, and Sophie Kerr
Lana and Asher Richard Kota



Don't forget to notify the SNI Official Newsletter office with your change of address!

Call us at:
Allegany - 716-945-1790, ext. 3030 or x3029
OR **Cattaraugus** - 716-532-4900, ext. 5495.

Email us:
sninews@sni.org

Western New York Independent Living names Lafayette Williams “Employee of the Year”

November 16, 2021 | www.wnyil.org

A disability human services and civil rights advocacy organization that employs over 2100 individuals in 14 Counties in New York State, Western New York Independent Living, Inc. (WNYIL), has named New York Connects Independent Living Outreach Specialist Lafayette Williams as the recipient of the Joanne Wozniak Employee of the Year Award for 2021.

At a gathering of staff, volunteers, and friends of the WNYIL Family of Agencies, earlier this year, New York Connects Region 1 Coordinator Amanda Pinter announced the Award with this tribute to Mr. William’s selfless efforts:



“Over the last year, this staff member was determined to make public education a priority to ensure consumers knew we were still open and here to help. When face-to-face tabling events were not an option [due to the pandemic], they hung flyers and put brochures in places people were still going -- like groceries stores and clinics. This staff member not only made sure people knew about us but was also dedicated to ensuring their consumers had what they needed. Weekly check-in’s if necessary and delivering loan closet items to help with whatever issues arose. Word-of-mouth traveled across the community and soon people were stopping this staff member in the grocery store, asking for help. They stayed positive and true to our mission this past year. With



that said, I am proud to introduce the 2021 Employee of the Year, Lafayette Williams.”

A member of the Beaver Clan in the Seneca Nation of Indians. Mr. Williams resides on the Cattaraugus territory, and is the first Native American to receive WNYIL’s Employee of the Year Award.

The Award was named for Joanna Wozniak, who was one of the Agency’s senior Counselors when she retired, shortly before passing away, a few years ago.

The Western New York Independent Living, Inc. Family of Agencies offer an expanding array of services to aid individuals with disabilities to take control of their own lives.

Ja:goh Lafayette!

December 2021 Activities

Seneca Allegany Elder Center | Submitted by Nancy Printup

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Elder Center Hours: MON-FRI 8:30AM-7:00PM SAT-SUN 10AM-3PM	<i>For More Information</i> <i>Please Contact</i> <i>Nancy or Dorsie</i> <i>AT</i> <i>716-945-8990</i>	<i>SUBJECT</i> <i>TO</i> <i>CHANGE</i>	<i>1</i> <i>9-10 Coffee Hour</i> <i>11-1 CARD MAKING CLASS</i> <i>2-4 Scrabble</i>	<i>2</i> <i>9-10 Coffee Hour</i> <i>12- 1 LUNCH</i> <i>1-3 BINGO</i> <i>4-7 Leisure Time</i>	<i>3</i> <i>CLOSED</i> <i>SNI</i> <i>BIRTHDAY</i> <i>HOLIDAY</i>	<i>4</i> <i>10—11Coffee Hour</i> <i>12:00-1:30</i> <i>Bead Class</i> <i>Silhouette</i> <i>Christmas Ornament</i> <i>2-3 Leisure Time</i>
<i>5</i> <i>10-11 Coffee Hour</i> <i>12-1:30 Pumpkin Poinsettia</i> <i>2-3 Leisure Time</i>	<i>6</i> <i>9-10 Coffee Hour</i> <i>11-12 Coloring</i> <i>1-3 Scrabble</i> <i>4-7 Leisure Time</i>	<i>7</i> <i>9-10 Coffee Hour</i> <i>11:30-12:30 Seneca</i> <i>12:30-2 Christmas Angel/Felt Poinsettia</i> <i>5-7 Leisure Time</i>	<i>8</i> <i>9-10 Coffee Hour</i> <i>11-1 CARD MAKING CLASS</i> <i>2-4 Board Game</i> <i>5-7 Movie</i>	<i>9</i> <i>9-10 Coffee Hour</i> <i>12-1 LUNCH</i> <i>1-3 BINGO</i> <i>4-5 Leisure Time</i>	<i>10</i> <i>9-10 Coffee Hour</i> <i>12-1:30 Bead Class</i> <i>Peppermint Candy Bowl</i> <i>2-4 Coloring</i>	<i>11</i> <i>10-11 Coffee Hour</i> <i>1-3 Scrabble</i>
<i>12</i> <i>10-11 Coffee Hour</i> <i>11-1 Coloring</i> <i>1-3 Leisure Time</i>	<i>13</i> <i>9-10 Coffee Hour</i> <i>11-12 Coloring</i> <i>1-5 Gingerbread Houses</i> <i>5-7 Leisure Time</i>	<i>14</i> <i>9-10 Tea Time</i> <i>11:30-12:30 Seneca</i> <i>2-4 Scrabble</i> <i>4-7 Leisure Time</i>	<i>15</i> <i>9-10 Tea Time</i> <i>11-1 CARD MAKING CLASS</i> <i>2-4 Coloring</i> <i>4-7 Movie</i>	<i>16</i> <i>9-10 Tea Time</i> <i>12-1 LUNCH</i> <i>1-3 BINGO</i> <i>4-7 Leisure Time</i>	<i>17</i> <i>9-10 Coffee Hour</i> <i>12-1:30 Bead Class</i> <i>2-3 Coloring</i> <i>4-7 Leisure Time</i>	<i>18</i> <i>10-11 Coffee Hour</i> <i>12-1:30 Peppermint Candy Bowls</i> <i>2-3 Leisure Time</i>
<i>19</i> <i>10-11 Coffee Hour</i> <i>1-2 Peppermint Candy Bowls</i> <i>1-3 BILLS VS PANTHERS</i>	<i>20</i> <i>9-10 Tea Time</i> <i>11-12 Coloring</i> <i>1-5 Scrabble</i> <i>4-7 Leisure Time</i>	<i>21</i> <i>9-10 Coffee Hour</i> <i>11:30-12:30 Seneca</i> <i>2-7 FINISH CHRISTMAS PROJECTS</i>	<i>22</i> <i>9-10 Tea Time</i> <i>11-1 CARD MAKING CLASS</i> <i>2--4 Coloring</i> <i>5-7 Leisure Time</i>	<i>23</i> <i>9-10 Tea Time</i> <i>12-1 LUNCH</i> <i>1-3 BINGO</i> <i>4-7 Leisure Time</i>	<i>24</i> <i>CLOSED</i> <i>CHRISTMAS EVE</i>	<i>25</i> <i>CLOSED</i> <i>HAPPY HOLIDAYS & BE SAFE</i>
<i>26</i> <i>10-11 Coffee Hou</i> <i>1-3 BILLS VS PATRIOTS</i>	<i>27</i> <i>9-10 Tea Time</i> <i>11-12 Coloring</i> <i>1-3 Scrabble</i> <i>4-5 Leisure</i>	<i>28</i> <i>9-10 Coffee Hour</i> <i>11:30-12:30 Seneca</i> <i>1-2 Coloring</i> <i>3-5 Leisure Time</i>	<i>29</i> <i>9-10 Tea Time</i> <i>11-1 CARD MAKING CLASS</i> <i>2-4</i>	<i>30</i> <i>9-10 Tea Time</i> <i>12-1 LUNCH</i> <i>1-3 BINGO</i> <i>4-7 Leisure Time</i>	<i>31</i> <i>CLOSED</i> <i>NEW YEARS EVE</i>	<i>HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU & YOUR FAMILIES & BE SAFE</i>

Sour Cream Christmas Cookies Recipe

from Karen Bucktooth | Seneca, Wolf Clan



recipe. I don't have the cookbook anymore but still have the recipe.

Keeping the recipe alive was tough. We wrote it down several times. It's like another recipe... a chocolate cake I made when I was 13 and my father loved it. It had buttermilk and strong black coffee and it looked like water when you got it all mixed up. Then you baked it and it was the thickest, darkest cake you have ever had. I had lost the recipe at one point and I finally found it again.

I gave this cookie recipe to all my kids. I made them each a recipe book with our favorite family recipes and they have notes at the bottom like who used to make it and where it came from. So all of these recipes came from family. In different ways. They've created a lot of memories. And they make everyone happy. So I enjoy cooking them and sharing them."

"I've been making this cookie recipe for 40 years. The recipe came from my mother Martha Bucktooth's cookbook. I enjoy making these cookies and people call me every year for this Christmas cookie

Cookie recipe below:

Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix dry ingredients:

- 6-7 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt

Cream together:

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup shortening
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla

Add dry ingredients to creamed mixture, alternating with 2 cups of sour cream.

Chill dough and roll out. Cut with cookie cutters and bake for 10-12 minutes. Decorate with your favorite frosting.



Congregate Dining Reminder

Please remember to call by 3:00pm the day prior to make a meal reservation:

Allegany Territory, 716-945-8414 | Cattaraugus Territory, 716-532-5777

Warm and nutritious meals are served from noon-1pm at the SNI AOA Elder Centers:

Wini-Kettle Elder Center - meals served daily. | **Seneca Allegany Elders Center** - meals served Thursdays only.

NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF LYNN P. JACKSON

Executrix: Cynthia Ballagh,
P.O. Box 363, Irving, NY 14081
~ Cattaraugus Territory - 1st Notice ~

ESTATE OF RICKEY G. BENNETT

Administrator: Denise Bennett,
1341 Bush Rd., Gowanda, NY 14070
~ Cattaraugus Territory - 1st Notice ~

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

Notice is hereby given to all creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedents, that 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.

ACC PRESENTS

MOVIE NIGHT

WEDNESDAY DEC 15TH 6PM - HOME ALONE
WEDNESDAY DEC 29TH 6PM- CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT FOR FAMILIES
POPCORN & A DRINK WILL BE PROVIDED!
WELCOME TO BRING OWN SNACKS, BLANKET, CHAIR
LOCATION : GYM WITH PROJECTOR SCREEN
QUESTIONS (716) 945-8119

Have a Happy, Safe and Sober Holiday Season

Submitted by Lydia Bushman, Prevention Supervisor

With the holidays quickly approaching, how does one maneuver through this time and remain sane and calm while maintaining sobriety? Keeping on track is especially important this time of year, because of the many triggers that test your mental, physical and emotional health. Let's identify some of the ways we can avoid the stress and overindulgence this holiday.

- **Self-care** is especially important to get through the holidays. It always feels better when you eat right and exercise. Exercise could be a sweat breaking workout or just walking around the block. It helps with extra holiday calories and helps curb the stress during this time.
- **Volunteer** at your nearest charitable organization. People are in need all year round, but the holidays are a particularly hard time for those in need. Consider volunteering with a nonprofit or charity in your area that connects with your values. Whether it's helping the homeless, working at a kitchen that serves hot meals, or your local animal shelter—it's your choice.
- **Have an alcohol free party.** One of the best ways to maintain sobriety, is to be honest about it. So when having a get together why not host an al-

cohol-free party. Make it a fun event with "mocktails" and holiday games; i.e. ugly sweater contests. If you go to someone else's party take a "recovery buddy" with you. It makes it easier to be at holiday gatherings. Also make up your own "mocktails" and take them to the party.

- **Start a new tradition.** This could be something that you do yourself or with family and friends. Why not make this year the start of a new tradition that embraces and celebrates not just the holidays but your sobriety too?

These are just a few suggestions to enjoy the holidays this year. If you feel overwhelmed or that you might be having difficulty maintaining sobriety (of any kind) please reach out to your supports and/or call the Seneca Nation Behavioral Health Units at 716-532-5583 (Cattaraugus)/ 716-945-9001 (Allegany) or Seneca Strong's hotline (24/7) at 716-945-8413. Please know that you are never alone. Happy Holidays!!

*Source: <https://www.luminouscounseling.org/blog/in-recovery-10-ways-to-celebrate-the-holidays-without-alcohol/>

SNHS Employee Spotlight



James White, also known as Sug, is an outreach case manager located at the Community Health and Wellness Center. He has been in this position for over four years.

We asked what he likes best about his job and what his job duties are. He says, "I like helping people, giving back is what I love to do. Healthy minds are the best minds!! I provide our people with case management and help people seeking treatment, while also providing them with support and gratitude in recovery."

What is the most beneficial/inspirational part of his position? Sug says, "Being in the position I am in, being able to help keeps it fresh in my head that there is work to do every day. Watching people grow and learn in their recovery is a beneficial factor."

He grew up in Irving NY and is currently attending JCC for human services.

We asked what he likes to do in his spare time. He says, "I like to hang with family, friends and also go four-wheeling."

Favorite quote or words/advice that he lives by? He says, "Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory."

Sug also says, "I am a very emotional person, I also love animals and love to be in the woods." And he adds "Go Bills!"

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

Simply HR ~ October

New Hires

Alaina John
Receptionist, CHWC
October 4, 2021

Felix Acosta
Driver, LRJHC
October 5, 2021

Joshua Hutter
Staff Dentist, CIRHC
October 18, 2021

Megan Fritz
Clinical Nurse LPN, LRJHC
October 25, 2021

Welcome to the health system team!



NOTICE:

Seneca Nation Health System
will be closed:

Friday, December 24th
Christmas Day

&

Friday, December 31st
New Year's Day

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

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**GET YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY
VACCINATED!**

A yearly flu vaccine is the first
and most important step in
protecting against flu viruses.

#FIGHT FLU

SENECA NATION HEALTH SYSTEM

COVID-19

NO-COST TESTING SERVICES

+++ APPOINTMENT & INSURANCE NOT REQUIRED +++



RAPID

5-10 MIN

PCR

24-36 HRS

EVERY DAY 3:00PM - 7:00PM

CLOSED: CHRISTMAS EVE, CHRISTMAS DAY & NEW YEAR'S DAY

SENECA FIRE ALLEGANY

8184 EAST LOOP ROAD

SALAMANCA, NY 14779

SENECA FIRE CATTARAUGUS

12879 ROUTE 438

IRVING, NY 14081

VIRUS & TESTING


The novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is a new virus of global health significance caused by infection of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a global pandemic.

COVID-19 testing is imperative in helping healthcare providers identify infected and exposed patients more quickly.

At Community Testing Services, our priority remains in the health and safety of the businesses and communities we serve, and we are doing our part to deliver answers during these uncertain times.

We have been working expeditiously to provide testing services and support to businesses and employers to help facilitate a safer environment and meet state and federal mandates.

Partnered with CLIA-Certified clinical labs that yield high quality, accurate results with a molecular test for helping with COVID-19 diagnosis and a serology test to help indicate possible COVID-19 exposure.



OSHA

Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) strongly encourages that employers consider adopting policies that require workers to get vaccinated or to undergo regular COVID-19 testing – in addition to mask wearing and physical distancing – if they remain unvaccinated.

TEST TYPES

PCR TEST

Also called a molecular test, this test detects genetic material of the virus using a lab technique called polymerase chain reaction (PCR).

A fluid sample is collected by inserting a shorter nasal swab (mistakenly swab) into your nostril to get a sample.

ANTIGEN TEST

This test detects certain proteins in the virus. Using a long nasal swab to get a fluid sample, some antigen tests can produce results in minutes.

Depending on the situation, the doctor may recommend a PCR test to confirm a negative antigen test result.

WEEKLY ROUTINE | TRAVEL REQUIREMENT

TEST RESULTS

24 - 48 HOURS

Expedited service available

99.7 % ACCURACY

HIGH SENSITIVITY

Lower false-negative rate

Results emailed & accessible through an online portal

SYMPTOMATIC | EXPOSURE

TEST RESULTS

15 MINUTES

Expedited service available

97 % ACCURACY

LOW SENSITIVITY

Higher false-negative rate

Results available onsite during the visit

ON-SITE TESTING

Each Community Testing Services engagement is unique in that we cater to meet our client's objectives within their existing infrastructure and timelines.

Our commitment is to provide testing services to complement your daily business activities - not disrupt them.

Our key focus is to expeditiously test participants such that registration, testing and results are streamlined to ensure wait times are low, and positives results are isolated quickly.

ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING

Onsite routine testing to identify infections early and mitigate secondary transmission. RT-PCR results are made available within 24 - 48 hours.

SYMPTOMATIC TESTING

Supplying workplace with a reserve set of rapid Antigen & RT-PCR test kits to immediately diagnose an active infection (5hr STAT)

QUARANTINE TESTING

On-demand testing for individuals that may have been exposed to the virus. RT-PCR results are made available within 18-24 hours.

ENGAGEMENT TEAM

Each team member equipped with PPE (masks, gowns, shoe covers, face shields and gloves)

Testers disinfect themselves regularly before & after each test

Testing sites within the facility will be disinfected regularly throughout the day

SITE COORDINATORS

TESTERS SWABBERS

CLIENT SERVICES


PROJECT MANAGERS

IT SUPPORT

TRANSPORT COURIERS

COMMUNITY TESTING SERVICES

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One Heart Two Spirit

Join Mitchell Kelly and Queer Indigenous members of the Seneca Nation for a group created to celebrate our LGBTQ+ Seneca Community.

This month's meeting is on:

Tuesday, December 14th | 4:00 p.m.

At the Seneca Clubhouse Cattaraugus:

12861 New York 438 | Irving

Questions? Email Lydia Bushman:

LBushman@Senecahealth.org

Who are we?

One Heart Two Spirit is a safe and inclusive space for the Indigenous LGBTQ+ members of our community, allowing us to come together and remember that we have a meaningful voice in our tribe.


By spreading good medicine through sharing the stories of our journeys, we will create strong bonds, friendships and a community that recognizes our two spirited brothers and sisters.

NATIVE connections

SENCE NATION HEALTH SYSTEM

CREATIVITY

Christmas Craft Night



DETAILS:

Holiday fun doesn't have to involve alcohol. In honor of National Impaired Driving Awareness Month, we want to show you how you can have some holiday fun without alcohol.

Join us for Christmas crafts and refreshments. Participants can also learn about and experience the dangers of impaired driving through the use of our simulation cart.

Wednesday, December 15th from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

at both the Seneca Clubhouse Cattaraugus and the Seneca Clubhouse Allegany

NATIVE connections

SENCE NATION HEALTH SYSTEM

This event is for youths ages 24 and under and their families RSVP:

Jennifer Stebbins

716.532.5583 ext. 5433

jstebbins@senecahealth.org

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

NATIVE connections

Honor your journey.

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

Cattaraugus CHWC

36 Thomas Indian School Drive

716-532-5583

Allegany LRJHC

987 R.C. Hoag Drive

716-945-9001

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SENECA NATIVE CONNECTIONS CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Holiday Paint Night 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	2	3 HAPPY BIRTHDAY SENECA NATION!	4
5	6	7 Teen Night Cattaraugus Clubhouse 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.	8	9 Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	10 Last Day to Drop-off an Elder Holiday Card	11
12	13	14 One Heart Two Spirit 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	15 Christmas Craft Night 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	16 Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	17	18
19	20	21 Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE NO PROGRAMMING	25 CHRISTMAS NO PROGRAMMING
26	27	28 Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	29	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE NO PROGRAMMING	

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

Virtual events are hosted on LifeSize. You will receive login info when you register!

Event Color Codes

Purple: 24 and under and their families

Green: Open to the community

Teal: Ages 12-17

Orange: Ages 18 and up

Pink: No programming/holiday

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NATIVE connections

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THE 10-DAY QUARANTINE: HOW TO PREPARE

When someone is quarantined, that doesn't mean they are infected. Quarantines are meant to restrict the movement of people who may have been exposed but haven't tested positive. The CDC recommends 10 days to see whether symptoms develop (fever, dry cough, and difficulty breathing). It is recommended that you stay in your bedroom, use a separate bathroom if possible, wear a face mask around others, and don't share dishes, towels or bedding.

QUARANTINE VS. ISOLATION

• Isolation: separates sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.

• Quarantine: separates and restricts the movement of people who may have been exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick


IN CASE OF QUARANTINE, BE SURE TO HAVE:

• Food With Long Storage Life
Canned goods (beans), frozen food (vegetables), pasta, rice, dried fruits/vegetables, peanut butter, nuts and oatmeal.

• Water and Liquids
The CDC suggests you have plenty of fluids on hand, such as bottled water, Pedialyte or Gatorade.

• Medicine
Have a 10-day supply of any prescription medications for those in your home. Also have an extra stock of over-the-counter pain relievers, antacids, cough and cold medicines, and vitamins.

• Other Supplies
Make sure you have toothpaste, toilet paper, feminine supplies, diapers, and laundry detergent as well as cleaning and disinfecting supplies.



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




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HOLIDAY GIFT WRAPPING

Monday Dec. 20th & Wednesday Dec. 22nd 6- 8 PM

Open REC will be available for parents to bring kids whill they wrap gifts in MPR

Limited hoilday wrapping and tape will be provided. Feel free to bring own materials .





SEWING CLUB @ THE ACC

January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING
JANUARY 6-8PM IN MPR

Limited sewing machines available to utilize or bring your own & matierals and have space to create your own work.

For more info: (716)9458119



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