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A message from President Matthew B. Pagels



Merry Christmas, Nya:wëh sgë:nö' gagwe:göh,

It's time for family and holiday traditions bringing everyone closer together! Christmas can mean baking, shopping, wrapping or it can be a time for giving, sharing, and celebration. However you acknowledge the season, take the time to appreciate everything that has come to you.

It's with a heavy heart I share the passing of one our strongest leaders, Shelley Huff. Shelley dedicated her life to the Seneca

people serving in all three branches of government. She held the positions of Treasurer, Councillor, and judge in both the Peacemaker Court and the Court of Appeals. Shelley was a fair, and determined leader standing against anything she felt conviction for. We will be forever grateful for her service and leadership. Our thoughts are for her brothers, Earl and Darwin, and her many family members and friends.

On to covid-19 news - all three counties, Erie, Cattaraugus and Chautauqua, have recently seen a slight decrease in the number of positive cases. The overall positivity rate is still very high in Western New York, it is currently above 9%. Our schools continue to see an increase in cases which is leading to staff shortages and some schools have returned to remote learning. As we move into the heart of holiday season we can anticipate another rise in positive cases into the New Year.

You can help keep rates down by following covid-19 safety protocols. Please remember to wear your masks, practice social distancing, sanitize your hands

and most importantly stay home if feeling ill. Should you be in contact with a positive person make sure you follow the rules for quarantine and isolation.

As a reminder, you do not need to quarantine if you are fully vaccinated and do not have symptoms. It is recommended to test within 5-7 days after exposure. You should isolate if you are positive by staying away from others in the household. You should isolate for 10 days without symptoms. Should you start symptoms a few days after exposure, your isolation period starts when you discover symptoms.

Free rapid tests and PCR tests are available seven days a week at both Allegany and Cattaraugus firehalls from 3-7pm. Testing



Employees spreading holiday cheer at the Elder's Drive-thru event December 17th- Allegany Territory.

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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will be adjusted on Christmas Eve to 1-3 pm and New Year's Eve to 3 – 5pm. There will be no testing on Christmas Day or New Year's Day. By following all of these precautions we hope to keep our numbers down after the holidays.

Lastly, we recently received the decision by the court and they continue to refuse to recognize the arbitration panel outside of the compact agreed to by the Seneca Nation and New York State despite the evidence from both the Department of the Interior and the National Indian Gaming Commission that the level of payments required by the panels decision potentially violates federal law. We will review this decision, consult with the federal government and consider all of our options moving forward.

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

-Matthew B. Pagels



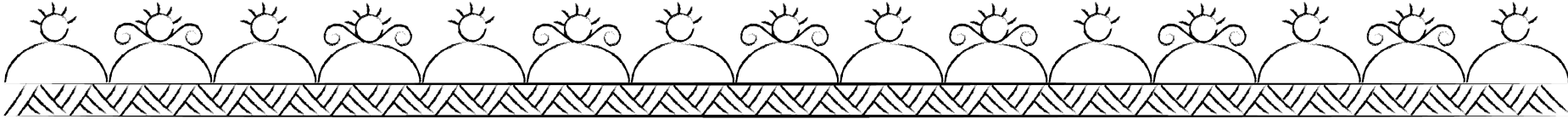
Councillors and employees helping handing out lunches at the Elder Drive-Thru on December 17th in Cattaraugus

AOA Advisory Council Holiday Update: Do you know a Native elder in a nursing home facility?

SN AOA Advisory Council is requesting families to submit names and address of Native Elders in nursing home facilities for the purpose of sending seasonal cards and messages of hope.

Please contact Marguerite Haring c/o Grandparents' Club, 12665 Route 438, Irving NY, 14081, or call (716) 549-4710.

Also, donations for cards and postal stamps will be greatly appreciated.



FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER



Greetings,

This is the time of year when everyone is on their best behavior, right? I know I am! I stay busy with my work as Treasurer and as Grandpa. My grandchildren and great-grandchildren span from babies to young adults. I certainly enjoy my time with my family during the holidays and hope everyone else does, too. If I haven't seen you in person, or only in passing - I'm sending you a winter greeting and look forward to catching up next year.

By now, everyone should have received their distribution of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, which were appropriated by Council at the December Council Meeting. The funds are intended to supplement costs associated with safety measures necessary to assist in safeguarding against COVID infection, to supplement funds spent to purchase masks, cleaning supplies and disinfectants or to replenish other resources. COVID-19 has not only been a difficult and insidious health and social dilemma; but it has been costly for our communities. I can't stress enough how fortunate we have been in comparison to some of our neighbors when it comes to the amount of social and health support the Nation provides to our community members. Most of those folks have simply had to fend for themselves to find supplies and resources during this pandemic. The municipalities surrounding our territories have governmental entities which operate similar to ours, but those governments don't have the resources we do. The Nation has provided our members with masks, hand sanitizer, disinfectant, COVID testing and free vaccinations; as well as financial supplemental support. In addition, the Nation has re-engineered most all of our annual in-person events to

incorporate COVID restrictions and still manages to produce drive-thru events and distributions, which impact our members from infants to elders.

The past two years have been difficult on all of us. We are still operating under emergency COVID-19 protocols which were put in place in the spring of 2020. I'm sure we'll all tell our grandchildren and great-grandchildren about this time in our history and of the losses our families all suffered. I encourage everyone to stay strong, stay united and keep moving forward on a daily basis. We will get on the other side together. Especially as winter weather kicks in, please remember to check in on our elders and see if they need anything dropped off or would like a socially distant visitor. If you haven't received your vaccinations (or your booster), please call your respective clinic and make an appointment.

**Respectfully,
Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.**



Marta Kettle, Clerk
CATTARAUGUS
TERRITORY



Bethany Johnson,
Deputy Clerk
ALLEGANY TERRITORY

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

***IN PERSON REGISTRATION
REQUIREMENT REMINDER:***

Don’t forget to complete your Annual In-Person Registration before December 30, 2021, if you are unsure of your current registration status please feel free to contact the Clerk’s Office and ask.

***NOTICE REGULAR SESSION OF
COUNCIL:***

**January 8, 2022
9:30am
Allegany Council Chambers**

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

FOURTEEN (14) ADDITIONS BY REASON OF BIRTH TO THE TRIBAL ROLL FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL DECEMBER 11, 2021

1.	SJ Ezra Bennett	-	Wolf
2.	Ettarae Bennett	-	Deer
3.	U’lanni Jada Cardoza Tobicoe	-	Bear
4.	Melina Rose Kay Carman	-	Beaver
5.	Anchor Turtle Colton	-	Wolf
6.	Aeris Mack Reid Homer	-	Hawk
7.	Brooklyn Rae Kennedy	-	Bear
8.	Rosa’Leigh Quinn Lamb	-	Wolf
9.	Lennox Guy Leroy	-	Turtle
10.	Arabella June Nestell	-	Turtle
11.	Raelynn Mae Marie Smith	-	Wolf
12.	Tehotinatase Brody Thomas	-	Wolf
13.	Gianna Skylen Van Nguyen	-	Beaver
14.	Blake Christopher Venti	-	Beaver


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

SIXTEEN (16) DELETIONS BY REASON OF DEATH TO THE TRIBAL ROLL FOR THE REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL HELD DECEMBER 11, 2021

1.	Donald Leo Bennett	Deer
2.	Allyson Nicole Day	Hawk
3.	Rosalie M Deoca	Deer
4.	Darlene Marie Gates	Wolf
5.	Jerome P George	Beaver
6.	Charles Keith Jamerson	Turtle
7.	Tammy Lynn John	Turtle
8.	Allen E Johnson	Beaver
9.	Carole Jonathan	Wolf
10.	Timothy Jones	Turtle
11.	Rhoda I Leaffe	Heron
12.	Gerry Lyn Post	Snipe
13.	Christopher M Ross	Heron
14.	Virginia M Strasser	Hawk
15.	Albert Tallchief	Wolf
16.	Susan Karen Tallchief	Wolf




Blake Christopher Venti




Beaver Clan
Son of Jasmie Rae Cooper

Aeris Mack Reid Homer




Hawk Clan
Son of Tahlia Williams

Gianna Skylen Van Nguyen




Beaver Clan
Daughter of Nakita White

Rosa'Leigh Quinn Lamb



Wolf Clan
Daughter of Ashlen Kettle

SJ Ezra Bennett



Wolf Clan
Son of Lacey Stevens

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

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GAMING

Bills and Sabres announce partnerships with Seneca Gaming

Pegula Sports & Entertainment is proud to announce a five-year partnership extension with Seneca Gaming Corporation as the Exclusive and Official Casino Partner of the Buffalo Bills and Buffalo Sabres. This extension is part of a decade long history together, further solidifying the relationship into the future.

"Seneca Gaming Corporation has been an important partner of the Bills and Sabres for more than ten years and we are incredibly excited to kick off five more years together," said Dan Misko, Pegula Sports & Entertainment's Sr. Vice President of Business Development. "Seneca Gaming Corporation is always working to have their guests and employees experience the best; many of which are Bills and Sabres fans. We will continue to connect with our fans in fun and unique ways through our partnership and couldn't be prouder to continue building this relationship with a hometown organization and the Seneca Nation."

Seneca Gaming Corporation has enhanced the fan experience with "Predict the Bills" and "Predict the Sabres," which provide



fans an opportunity to win great prizes. Fans attending Bills games at Highmark Stadium enjoy live music on the Billeverd at the Seneca Sound Stage. Fans who visit KeyBank Center have a chance to enjoy the newly renovated Seneca Sports Lounge on the 200-level for happy hour drink specials, interactive free games, Sabres alumni appearances, special giveaways and more.

"Like our professional sports teams, Seneca Gaming Corporation thrives on bringing unmatched energy and excitement to our guests from across Western New York, Southern Ontario and beyond every day," said Seneca Gaming Corporation President & CEO Kevin Nephew. "We're excited to continue our longstanding partnership with

the Buffalo Bills, Buffalo Sabres and Pegula Sports & Entertainment and take the fan and guest experience to new heights."

In addition to focusing on Bills and Sabres fans, a key element of the partnership going forward will involve community initiatives for youth on Seneca Nation territory. The programs kicked off in October with One Buffalo Sports Day, and will focus on the importance of education, living a healthy lifestyle, and overall community. Together with the Buffalo Bandits, the Bills and Sabres are partnering to provide sports clinics featuring fun and inclusive football, hockey and lacrosse instructional stations, with visits from alumni and sports equipment for participating youth to take home



Seneca Resorts and Casinos partnered with the Buffalo Sabres to host Native American Heritage Night at Keybank Arena

On Saturday, December 11, Seneca Resorts and Casinos partnered with the Buffalo Sabres to host Native American Heritage Night at Key Bank Arena as the Sabres took on the Washington Capitals.

The evening celebrated Native culture and featured dance exhibitions, live music from J.J. White and Mojo Sauce, and a meet and greet with former head coach Ted Nolan, with appearances from alumni Cody McCormick and Jason Dawe.

The team commissioned Carson Waterman (Seneca, Snipe clan) to design a special work commemorative of the evening.

A series of video were created for the night. Check this one out featuring Dr. Rodney Haring discussing the Hiawatha Belt and the early beginnings of the Iroquois Confederacy.



Check the video out here: <https://www.facebook.com/senecamedia/videos/447140823467245>

Seneca Resorts & Casinos Properties Stand Out In Annual ‘Best Of Slots’ Awards From Strictly Slots Magazine

Three Seneca properties combine for seven First Place honors, 28 overall awards

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK-SALAMANCA, NEW YORK-BUFFALO, NEW YORK: When it comes to the best in gaming excitement, it’s tough to beat what you find at the three Seneca Resorts & Casinos properties, as evidenced by the results of the annual “Best of Slots” awards presented by Strictly Slots magazine.

Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino, Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino and Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino combined to win a remarkable 28 overall awards, including seven First Place honors, in the magazine’s annual awards issue. Every year, Strictly Slots asks its readers to choose their favorite casino properties from across the country in an effort to identify the destinations that provide the most exciting and enjoyable experience. Award categories range from Best Penny Slots and Best Slot Clubs to Friendliest Casino, Best Promotions and Best Overall Casino.

Among casinos in New York, Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino took home ten total awards, including top honors in four categories: Best Video Poker; Best \$5+ Slots; Best Players Club Lounge; and Best Casino Cocktail Service. Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino earned First Place awards for Best Video Slots and Best Slot Club Promotions, among its 12 total awards. Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino won six total awards, including First Place for Best Host.

Collectively, the slot offerings at the three Seneca properties were honored in categories including Best Penny Slots, Best Nickel Slots, Best Quarter Slots, Best 50-cent Slots, Best Dollar Slots, Best Progressive Slots, Best Reel Slots, and Best High-End Slot Area. The casinos were honored in the Friendliest Casino, and Best Overall Casino categories, among others.

The “Best of Slots” awards are just the latest honor presented to the Seneca Resorts &

Casinos properties. Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino and Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino were each recently presented with the Four Diamond Award from AAA for the 15th and 12th consecutive year, respectively. Earlier this year, the resorts combined to win eight First Place honors in the “Best of Dining & Nightlife Awards” from Casino Player magazine.

“It’s always especially meaningful when you are recognized by your guests and the people you serve every day,” said Kevin Nephew, President & CEO of Seneca Gaming Corporation. “I couldn’t be prouder of our team at each of our properties. These awards speak to their commitment to provide our guests an overall experience that is second to none, from the gaming floor to our dining and hotel accommodations, every hour of every day.”

Country Superstar Jake Owen Coming To Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino On February 12th!

Tickets on sale November 26th!

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK: (November 22, 2021) - Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino has announced a new show that Country Music fans will love. Jake Owen will perform inside the Seneca Niagara Events Center on Saturday, February 12th at 8pm. Tickets go on-sale on this Friday, November 26th at Noon.

Jake Owen is a multiple chart-topping singer/songwriter with nine #1 songs to his name. Owen’s songs have resonated with listeners and audiences everywhere. His recent hits include “Made For You,” “I Was Jack (You Were Diane),” and “Homemade,” along with “Barefoot Blue Jean Night,” “Beachin,” “Anywhere With You,” “Alone With You,” “The One That Got Away,” and “American Country Love Song.” Owen’s sixth studio album, GREETINGS FROM... JAKE, produced three Top 10 singles, including three #1 singles. He has been nominated for multiple Academy of Country Music Awards and American Country Awards, winning the ACM’s Top New Male Vocalist honor, and the American Country Award for Breakthrough Artist of the Year.

Tickets on sale November 26th at Noon! Tickets start at \$45.

OTHER UPCOMING SHOWS: In addition to Jake Owen, Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino has a stellar lineup of upcoming shows at both the Seneca Niagara Events Center and the Bear’s Den Showroom, including:

<i>Cami Clune & Vitamin D3</i>	<i>December 2 & 3</i>	<i>Tickets start @ \$25</i>
<i>Shaun Cassidy</i>	<i>December 11 & 12</i>	<i>Tickets start @ \$75</i>
<i>Frankie Scinta Holiday Show</i>	<i>December 16 & 17</i>	<i>Tickets start @ \$55</i>
<i>Donny Edwards as Elvis</i>	<i>January 7 & 8</i>	<i>Tickets start @ \$25</i>
<i>Marie Osmond</i>	<i>January 21</i>	<i>Tickets start @ \$45</i>
<i>Jim Breuer</i>	<i>January 28 & 29</i>	<i>Tickets start @ \$45</i>
<i>Jay White as Neil Diamond</i>	<i>February 10</i>	<i>Tickets start @ \$45</i>
<i>Young, Black and Funny Comedy Jam</i>	<i>February 25 & 26</i>	<i>Tickets start @ \$35</i>

MASK POLICY: At this time, masks will be required for everyone attending indoor entertainment shows at Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino and Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino.

HUD announces \$1.73 million in aid to Seneca Nation

Salamanca Press. Dec 10, 2021

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development this week announced that almost \$2 million in aid will help the Seneca Nation of Indians as part of a \$52 million program.

The aid, through the Indian Community Block Grant-American Rescue Plan, provides grants to 49 Tribal communities to prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Seneca Nation Housing Authority received \$1.73 million in assistance to build eight single-family homes, which will help alleviate the housing shortage.

The announcement, made by HUD

Deputy Secretary Todman during a speaking engagement at the National American Indian Housing Council’s Legal Symposium, underscores the Biden-Harris Administration’s commitment to delivering equitable COVID-19 relief to Tribal communities.

“I’m pleased to announce these robust resources for Tribal communities to meet urgent housing, community, and economic development needs,” said HUD Deputy Secretary Adrienne Todman. “The funding HUD is awarding today will support our mission to ensure that every person has the security of a healthy, safe, and resilient home and community. HUD looks forward to ongoing partnerships with Tribal communities to expand equity

and opportunity and strengthen nation-to-nation relationships.”

In addition, the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe received \$1.04 million to buy a three-acre parcel and three manufactured homes.

“These two American Rescue Plan grants to the Seneca Nation Housing Authority and the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe will fund the construction and acquisition of new housing for Tribal families in New York,” said Stephen Murphy, HUD Deputy Regional Administrator for New York and New Jersey. “The new residences will alleviate housing shortages experienced by both tribes during the COVID-19 pandemic; these permanent homes will go a long way toward keeping residents safe and healthy.”

Congressman Higgins Announces A \$482,172 American Rescue Plan Grant For The Seneca Nation

Dec 3, 2021 Press Release. Funding Supports Education & Literacy Programs

Congressman Brian Higgins (NY-26) announced a \$482,172 American Rescue Plan grant for the Seneca Nation of Indians. Awarded through the Department of Education and funded by the American Indian Resilience in Education program, the grant supports education and cultural literacy programs.

“This grant provides the leaders of the Seneca Nation of Indians and their partners with new resources to help Seneca students achieve greater success in school,” said Congressman Higgins. “This funding will also assist efforts underway by the Seneca Nation of Indians to preserve the Seneca Language and keep it alive and vibrant in their communities; it is an integral part of their heritage and the cultural heritage of Western New York and North America.”

This grant, which is expected to be funded for three years, will support the Seneca

Nation’s Literacy-Language-Culture project, which will assist and encourage Seneca children ages three through 18 (preschool to high school) with entering, remaining in, and reentering school. The program will implement literacy, Seneca language, and Seneca cultural activities at all schools attended by Seneca Nation students and at the Seneca Nation’s Education Department Offices.

The program will serve 959 students in the Seneca Nation. Overall, it seeks to increase testing scores among students entering school, ensure that they successfully progress to the next grade level, and ultimately complete their high school diploma.

“We are committed to ensuring that all of our Seneca students, regardless of age, have the resources and opportunities they need to succeed, no matter where

their educational path takes them,” said Seneca Nation President Matthew Pagels. “Along with creating greater educational opportunities for our students, this grant funding will support one of our most important cultural initiatives, the preservation of our traditional Seneca language. Our language was nearly lost to us, but, through the work of our Education Department, more people throughout our community are learning and speaking our traditional language today. We want to see that continue for generations to come.”

American Rescue Plan – American Indian Resilience in Education (ARP-AIRE) program grants are one-time awards that support Tribal Education Agencies (TEAs). The funding is provided in order to meet the urgent needs of tribal youth amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The Seneca Nation received one of 15 grants awarded to tribal nations across the country.

Seneca Nation To Receive \$422k For Victim Services Program

By Olean Times Herald staff Dec 14, 2021

BUFFALO — The Department of Justice announced it has awarded more than \$17.5 million in grants to support the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Program. Funding will support efforts across the country to address violent crime, including the gun violence that is often at its core.

Among the recipients is the Seneca Nation, which has been awarded \$422,695 to provide culturally appropriate victim services.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), part of the department’s Office of Justice Programs (OJP), will administer the 88 grant awards, which are being made to designated fiscal agents to support local PSN projects that work in partnership with U.S. Attorneys’ Offices.

The City of Jamestown has also been awarded \$18,150 to purchase portable radios for the Jamestown Police Department.

“This latest Project Safe Neighborhoods grant is critical to addressing the violent crime threatening cities and towns all across our country,” said Deputy Attorney General Lisa O. Monaco. “Ensuring the safety of all Americans is the highest priority for the Department of Justice, but when it comes to violent crime, there is not a one-size-fits-all solution. We have to work closely with local public safety agencies as well as community organizations to craft individual strategies unique to each community’s needs. Programs like Project Safe Neighborhoods and the funding it provides allow us to do just that.”

Grant funds will support the Crime Analysis Centers in Erie, Niagara and Monroe Counties. The funding will be used to support crime analysts who will focus on efforts to identify and reduce violent disputes.

The International Institute of Buffalo, awarded \$2,015,000 to combat human trafficking through collaboration between law enforcement and service providers, to provide housing assistance grants to victims of human trafficking, and to provide services for youth victims of labor trafficking.

Compeer West, Inc., awarded \$1,200,000 to support expansion of its multi-state mentoring program.

The City of Niagara Falls, awarded \$40,648 and the City of Buffalo has been awarded \$257,047 to support criminal justice initiatives.

The Erie County Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers Project, Inc., awarded \$800,000 to provide legal services to victims of human trafficking.

The Office of Justice Programs provides federal leadership, grants, training, technical assistance and other resources to improve the nation’s capacity to prevent and reduce crime, advance racial equity in the administration of justice, assist victims and enhance the rule of law. More information about OJP and its components can be found at www.ojp.gov.

It's that Time of the Year Again... Donate your Christmas Tree

Submitted by Allie George, Conservation Fish & Wildlife Dept.



On behalf of the Seneca Nation Conservation Fish & Wildlife Department, we hope everyone is having a safe and happy holiday season.

Once again, we are seeking help from community members as we gear up for the annual Christmas tree collection. Each year our department collects used Christmas trees

from community members and leftover inventory from local businesses, in an effort to help us restore fish habitat throughout the Allegany Territory.

The Department will attach the trees to existing fish structures and create new structures as supplies allow. The structures will sit on the bottom and will provide shelter and food for bait fish, food for predatory fish and spawning beds for other species.

How to donate your tree: Drop it off at the Conservation Office located in Jimersontown or call us and we can do on territory curbside pickup!

For more information or to volunteer - please call or email us at: (716) 945-8155 or conservation@sni.org.



Winter Weather Advisory: Bring Pets Inside during Low Temps!

Submitted by Allie George, Conservation Fish & Wildlife Dept.



The Seneca Nation Conservation Fish & Wildlife Department would like to remind pet owners to make sure you do your part, and ensure your pet has proper shelter, bedding, food and fresh water.

• **Watch the wind chill!** Pets are sensitive to severe cold and are at risk for frostbite and hypothermia when left outdoors during extreme cold snaps. Exposed skin on noses, ears and paw pads can quickly freeze and cause permanent damage.

• **If your dog is outdoors** much of the day, they must have access to dry, draft-free shelter that is large enough for the dog to sit and lie down comfortably, but small enough to hold in their body heat. The floor should be raised a few inches off the ground and covered with cedar shavings or straw. The house should be turned to face away from the wind, and the doorway should be covered with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic.

Please take the correct steps in providing for your pets this winter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at: Allegany Department (716) 945-2779 or Cattaraugus Department (716) 532-2546.

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

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



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ATTENTION: Allegany
Higher Education
Students (Current &
Future)

Submitted by Gosheneh
Kennedy, 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!

Salamanca School District
seeking instructors for
community courses

The Salamanca CSD Adult Education program is seeking part-
time Instructors to facilitate late afternoon/evening/weekend
community enrichment courses in Fitness, Painting, Woodwork,
Craft, Baking, Cooking, Photography, Video Editing, 3D Printing,
Martial Arts, CNC Machining, Welding, Early Childhood Literacy/
Math, Seneca Language & Culture or other crafts & trades.

These courses can be taught in person or remotely.

Businesses or community members with talents that they would
like to share are encouraged to contact Aaron Straus, **astraus@**
salamancany.org. Pay is 22/hr.



News from Training & Employment Resource Center

Submitted by Patti Brisley, Cattaraugus TERC Director

Did you know?

- 477 Program is for adults and for youth - having the same programming on each territory, there are two Employment Counselors and two Youth Coordinators, one in Cattaraugus and one in Allegany.
- The Youth Coordinators work with ages 14-24 years old and the Employment Counselors work with 25 years old and up.
- The programming is created to service 14-17 year olds in-school and out-of-school youth, while the program for 18-24 year olds is tailored to young adults. Young adults 18-24 year olds but graduated and/or not enrolled in college are considered out-of-school young adults.
- TERC has a summer employment program for youth and an after-school program called Y.E.S. (Youth Employment Services).
- Work Experience placement is designed

- to place participants in a worksite that matches their career interests. It is a 500-hour program (approx. 12 weeks).
- Funding for Classroom Training to enroll and attend a certificate program, whether you are beginning in your career journey or you are looking to change careers.
 - Participants can enroll in GED classes and prepare for testing.
 - The Construction Training Program is a paid training program where students get certifications in OSHA-10, flagging and develop construction skills.
 - TERC also offers Career Readiness Workshops (CRWs) - from job-seeking skills like building a resume, interviewing and getting references to workplace skills like learning good attitude, attendance and appearance.
 - TERC has programming for individuals with a documented disability that is an impediment to employment. Tribal

- Vocational Rehabilitation has an array of services to assist eligible participants with attaining their goals.
- Computers, laptops and free Wi-Fi are available for use to job search, apply for jobs online, prepare resumes and printing is available.
- If you would like to become a participant of TERC, you can find the application on www.sni.org under Departments/Training & Employment Resource Center or you can stop by either office located at:**

Allegany-
3674 Administration Dr.
Salamanca, NY 14779
(716) 945-8120

Cattaraugus-
23 Thomas Indian School Dr.
Irving, NY 14081
(716) 532-1033

The GED is back!

Submitted by Toonie Pierce, Cattaraugus TERC Director

As of January 1, 2022, NYS will no longer offer the high school equivalency test: TASC. NYS Education Department has contracted with GED testing service which will serve as the new NYS High School Equivalency (HSE) Exam. The GED® Test is a well-recongnized test of the academic knowledge and skills needed for college and career readiness as defined by NYSED standards for adult education. The GED is currently used in over 40 states and was utilized in New York from the 1940's until 2013 when they switched to the TASC (Test Assessing Secondary Completion) test.

Need a High School Diploma?

The Seneca Nation Training & Employment Resource Center can help!

TERC offers a FREE High School Equivalency program all year long. Learn and review high school level academics

and prepare to pass the GED exam. Upon successful completion of this program, students receive a NYS High School Equivalency diploma. TERC Adult Education program strives to offer options that meet the individual needs and learning styles of each student. These options will help you reach your goal of attaining a high school equivalency diploma that will lead to future opportunities for career and academic success. Prior passing scores on the TASC Test™, from 2013-2021 will be transferable to the GED subtest requirements.

Obtaining your HSED (high school equivalency diploma) will help you:

- Get a job
- Obtain a better job
- Prepare for career training
- Enroll in college
- Improve your life!

Class Times:
Monday - Friday 8am-4:30pm
**Evening and Saturday hours available upon request
**Call or stop in our office and fill out the application!

For more information, please contact:

Sarah Pangborn - Catt. Territory
23 Thomas Indian School Dr.
Irving, NY 14081
(716) 532-1033

Tari Squires - Allegany Territory
3674 Administration Dr.
Salamanca, NY 14779
(716) 945-8120

Don't miss the next deadline:
January 4, 2022

To be dated: January 14, 2022

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

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



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 - 9:30am -Allegany

Seneca Nation Health System wishes Happy Retirement to Barb Nephew

Photo by Seneca Media

After 34 dedicated years as a nutritionist for the health system, she has decided to retire and enjoy life. "We wish you the best Barb!"



Pictured left to right: Kerry Kennedy, Diabetes RN Case Manager; Barbara Nephew, Public Health Nutritionist MS, RD, CDE & Denise Mohawk, Diabetes Project Coordinator

H.E.R.O. COMMITTEE PRESENTS

New Year's Eve Party in a Box! drive-thru 2022

DEC. 29TH | 10:00AM UNTIL GONE

For information, please call the ACC at: (716) 945-8119.

Allegany Education Dept. Honor Roll List

Submitted by Nancy Williams

High Honor Roll at Salamanca High School (95% and above)

- Mackenzie Crouse 8
- Jorja Miller 8
- Anne Marie Rozler 8
- Izabella Milks 9
- Abigail Murphy 9
- Karina Mireless-Crouse 10
- Bella Wolfe 10
- Gahseni'de' Hubbell 11
- Sydney John 11
- Quinton Jones 11
- Alyssa Perkins 11
- Harley Hoag 12
- Hayden Hoag 12
- Aliyah Lee 12
- Jillian Rea 12
- Tre Turner 12

Honor Roll (90-94.9%)

- Alessandra Jimerson 8
- Charli Ross 8
- Parker Stahlman 8
- Lehman Brown 9
- Ava Crane 9
- Aubrey Domres 9
- Cody Jimerson 9
- Maylina Massagli 9
- Camden Farmer 10
- Tayoni Galante 10

- Caterina Huff 10
- Marlee Maybee 10
- Marijah Skye 10
- Emma Brown 12
- Keyona Coban 12
- Eva Dowdy 12
- Xavier Jimerson 12
- Morgan Maybee 12
- Robert McLarney 12

Merit Roll (85-89.9%)

- Avery Brown 9
- Ashton Clark-Sanford 9
- Skyla Dowdy 9
- Alyce Jimerson 9
- Darry Jimerson 9
- Emily Brown 10
- Lucus Brown 10
- Setha Brown 10
- Karolina Mireles-Crouse 10
- Sunny O'Conner 10
- Jenny Rockwell 10
- Acey Stevens 10
- Kaine Whitcomb 10
- Brandon John 11
- Taylor Luke 11
- Hailey Maybee 11
- Shawn Bacelli 12
- Patrick Johns 12
- Laila Zolner 12

- ## High Honor Roll at STCS and Archbishop Walsh Academy (95% and above)
- Jayla Redeye 4

Honor Roll (90-94%)

- Ariella John 3
- Meah Harjo 3
- Matthew Isch 5
- Charli Rae Hill 6
- Hayden John 6
- Lovella Kalyan 7
- Dominik Thompson 10
- Clarissa Smith 12

Merit Roll (85-89%)

- Mahnes Harjo 5
- Emma Domres 6
- Gavin Kalyan 6
- Ashton Ortego 6
- Chad Hill, Jr. 7
- Maxamillion Kalyan 7
- Juliana Smith 7
- Emerson Ortego 8



Cattaraugus Education Dept. Honor Roll List

Submitted by Kellie Maybee

Gowanda Central School

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Memphis Stevens 5
Isabella Gill 6
Cashis Montour 7
Alhanna Gabel 10
Aubrie Heron 10
Chloe Luther 10
Shelby Weston 11
Kaylee Baird 12
Mary Denea 12
Adam Golden 12
Cameron Nagel 12

HONOR ROLL

Evelyn John 4
Scarlett John 4
Maxwell Mohawk 4
Ella Jimerson 5
Myles Locke 5
Carter Scott 5
Livvi Twoguns 5
Gavin Crooks 6
Laydin Hill 6
Raelin Smith 6
Taydence Stevens 6
Rylee Yasurek 6
Nina Coulon 8
Corinna John 8
Alyssa Golden 9
Karice John 9
Marley Archer 10
Gracie Carpenter 10
Layla Gamble 10
Cianna Hidalgo 11
Kallan John 11
Lew Mohawk 11
Ruben Rivera IV 11
Emma Schindler 11
Gao:wisa:s Stevens 11
Daymein Beaver 12
Keagan Fox 12
Asia Lindgren 12
Logan Lukonaitis 12
Mavi Montour 12
Autumn Nephew 12
Matthew Waterman 12

MERIT ROLL

Anyistin MacLeod 4
Lewi Mohawk 4
Zayley Nephew 4
Cora Scanlan 4
Jaeleigh Warrior 4
Shaaylyn Williams 4
Colten Bennett 5
Clayburn Gates 5
Anna Loving 5
Hayleigh Miller 5
Mariah Mills 5

Gadeo:nosta' Wisniewski 5
Andrew Young, Jr. 5
Leona Henhawk 6
Charlette John 6
Cora Luther 6
Donald Stevens, Jr. 6
Mychal Williams 6
Cadence Luther 7
Delia Mohawk 7
Maleina Moses 7
Lillianana Pierce 7
Ayla Sullivan 7
Tayleigh Williams 7
Jaxstin Johns 8
Shia Lindgren 8
Cole Gabel 9
Seneka Jackson 9
Tyler Bouquin 10
Mya Halftown 10
Calie Hudson 10
Troy Jimerson-Williams 10
Jayson Twoguns 10
Landon Young 10
Makai Jimerson-Ocasio 11
Rosalee LeBeau 11
Malorie McComber 11
Crissa Scanlan 11
Ke'ya Stevens 11
Chloe White 11
Denali Jimerson 12
Daunte Reims 12
Aaliyah Stevens 12

Lake Shore Central School

HONOR ROLL

Zaia Charbonneau 6
Maddex Clarke 6
Myles Conant 6
Zoey Fox 6
Emmitt Francis 6
Sara Himelein 6
Kaysen John 6
Brylee Jones 6
Coltyn LeRoy 6
Vivian Maybee 6
Wyatt Maybee 6
Arilyn Nephew 6
Ezra Dotgahdoh Nephew 6
Luis Soto, Jr. 6
Brent Thompson 6
Lennox VanAernam 6
Xavier White 6
Carter Young 6
Lily Zaprzal 6
Zoey Ziegler 6
Peyton Fox 7
Ayla Jimerson 7
Aubrey LeRoy 7
Saniya Seneca 7
Mason Snyder 7
Tyla Thompson 7

Gianna Waterman 7
Asa White 7
Kyrie Buffalo 8
Layla Jimerson 8
Alyssa Josker 8
Kate Kennedy 8
Lilly Kushner 8
Kade Nephew 8
Payton Stevens 8
Asa Thompson 8
Ciara Thompson 8
Leila Thompson 8
Evelyn Thuman 8
Stanley Francis 9
Kiowa Haynes 9
Alexis Hummel 9
Aquinnah Maybee 9
Marcellus Plain 9
Nina Thompson 9
Aiden Button 10
Dakota Familio 10
Morgan Huff 10
Jacella Nephew 10
Emilee Ramirez 10
Blayze Becker 11
Giana Corsaro 11
Riley Flemming 11
Dallas Garlow 11
Alexandria Kennedy 11
Nyla Rivera 11
Tianna Thuman 11
Joiise John 12
Madeline Maybee 12
Shatan Mohawk 12
Mya Rosado 12
Ava Waterman 12
Keely WhitePigeon 12

MERIT ROLL

Amber Hale 6
Ajay Jimerson-Kenjockety 6
Jaden Rivera 6
Riyah Rodriguez 6
Dessa Silverheels 6
Marty Wallace, Jr. 6
Addison Jimerson 7
Maleah Jimerson 7
Mason John 7
Makala Reveal 7
Marley Serio 7
Brody Himelein 8
Mason Jimerson-Kenjockety 8
Shawn LaSalle 8
Gabbana LeRoy 8
Loyce Thompson-Jones 8
Daniel Ramirez, Jr. 9
Stevieana Seneca 9
Maston Waterman 9
Ada Irizarry 10
Mannox Jamieson 10
Caye John 10
Troy Kennedy 10
Eric Kushner 10



Mileah Pinelli 10
Ava Tallchief 10
Ruth Keyes 11
Theodore Button 12
Violet Haring 12
Meadow Porter 12
Hailey Rainer 12
Lane Thompson 12

Silver Creek Central School

HONOR ROLL

Jessie George 6
Daniel Thies 6
Ben O'Dell 7
Molly Shaw 7
Jalyn Smith 7
Ella Austin 8
Shylor Maybee 8
Timothy Williams 10
Kayla Johns 11
Jackson Williams 11
Maya Monroy 11
Genevieve Balestrieri 12
Jayce Balestrieri 12
Sincere Becker 12
Gracie Hoelzle 12
Roger Williams 12

MERIT ROLL

Joshua Benton 6
Lucian Gunther 6
Jayce Parker 6
Alexander Rubeck 6
Gracelin Stevens 6
Illianna Willis 6
Shia Buffalo 7
Johnathon 7
Skyla Gates 8
Hailie Rybij 8
Ray Cortes 10
Mason Maybee 10
Laneya Olsen 10
Vayda Stevens 10
Autumn Wolff 10
Tory Cook 11
Jakeb Millar 11

Buffalo Sabres host first-ever Native American Heritage Night, honoring Seneca Nation

December 11, 2021 | www.fingerlakes1.com

The National Hockey League’s Buffalo Sabres dedicated an evening to the Seneca Nation in a special first-ever Native American Heritage Night home game sponsored by the Seneca Resorts and Casinos.

This marks the beginning of a new friendship between the Sabres and Seneca Nation of the Haudenosaunee, more commonly known as the Iroquois Confederacy.

It was the first game night of its kind since the franchise’s founding more than half a century ago in 1970.

The Sabres squad faced off against the Metropolitan Division’s top-leading team, the Washington Capitals, following a derailing 4-2 loss handed by the on-the-road Pittsburgh Penguins in the nation’s capital on Friday, Dec. 10.

A Seneca Nation’s Snipe Clan member, Carson Waterman, is a well-known Indigenous artist based in Salamanca, New York. He’s the artist behind the design of the new Native-inspired logo, resembling a single-feather headdress or gustoweh.

The Sabres hockey team wanted to honor Native American history. Waterman ended up getting yet another opportunity to “strengthen our identity,” a passion he has spent his entire life pursuing.

“I’m honored to be working with the Buffalo Sabres,” Waterman told FingerLakes1.com. “It symbolizes the togetherness of our people and the Sabres and the city of Buffalo.”

He says it’s “scary at times” to see the fracturing of an

increasingly divisive socio-political undercurrent across America. Collaborating with the Sabres is a step in the right direction, setting an example

for Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples alike. “It’s important to show that our people are still working together,” Waterman added.

This season’s team autographed a limited-edition print of Waterman’s Sabres logo, that was auctioned with proceeds benefiting the Native Arts Collective.

Fans also had the opportunity to purchase long-sleeve T-shirts of the Indigenous artist’s design; \$5 from each sale went directly to the Native American Community Services of Erie & Niagara Counties, Inc.

Waterman is not unfamiliar with crafting sporting logos either.

In 1991, Waterman redesigned the St. Bonaventure University’s “Brown Indian” logo, 30 years before being asked by Dave Kimelberg, a longtime friend

and founder of K Art, a Buffalo-based and Native-owned commercial art gallery, to design the Sabres special game night design.

He was motivated to create a design that’s “more appropriate to who we are” by drafting corrections to the university’s previous mascot by more accurately representing the Eastern Woodland peoples’ single-feather headdress called a gustoweh.

Looking back, Waterman accredits his vast collection of cultural knowledge to his tenure at the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum, an educational space that has routinely inspired and enriched his artwork for decades.

At one time, Waterman worked in their exhibits for 13-years, allowing him to learn about his heritage, which wasn’t taught in school or anywhere else.

“Identity today is so important for understanding who you are, your history and background,” Waterman elaborated.

Being given the creative license to create an exclusive Sabres logo has granted him a chance to represent himself and his Native community by crafting his own interpretation of a beloved sports franchise for a mainstream audience.

Waterman has already expressed his support of future Native American Heritage Nights inside the KeyBank Center in Buffalo, especially if the outing is successful.

The Sabres team donated more than 200 tickets to youth from the Seneca Nation of Indians’ (SNI) Cattaraugus Community Center and Native American **(Continued on page 14)**



The Washington Capitals suffered a 4-2 loss against the Pittsburgh Penguins at Capital One Arena before traveling on the road for the Native American Heritage Night game in Buffalo, New York. (Photo Credit: Gabriel Pietrorazio)



Carson Waterman pictured above designed the Native-inspired logo for the first-ever NHL's Native American Heritage Night game held at Keybank Center for the recent Sabres home game.

Sabres unveil custom logo for Native American Heritage Night

Renowned artist Carson Waterman's logo featured throughout Dec. 11 game

December 09, 2021 | www.nhl.com/sabres



Carson Waterman was honored when the Buffalo Sabres contacted him to do a commissioned design that embodies his Native American roots.

The logo was featured throughout the Sabres' first Native American Heritage Night presented by Seneca Resorts and Casinos against the Washington Capitals.

Waterman, a renowned Native American artist based in Salamanca, N.Y., knew he wanted to create a design featuring Native images specific to the area. The final logo is Waterman's personal interpretation and just one of the many ways Sabres fans can hopefully learn more about Native American culture.

To commemorate Native Americans, specifically the Seneca Nation, Waterman utilized the colors of white and purple for the Sabres emblem and incorporated a realistic example of a headdress. Turkey, eagle and hawk feathers

surround the logo.

"I focus on color a lot," Waterman said. "People will comment to me that they know my work because of the color choices I have. When I paint, I save my paint, and then I use it and in other paintings, and then you end up with a lot of colors over time."

All the nations in the Iroquois Confederacy - the Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, Mohawk, and Tuscarora - all have their own specific headdress. The single eagle feather at the top of the headdress represents the Seneca Nation.

"When our leadership chiefs spoke at our meetings, you could tell what nation they were from by their style headdress," Waterman said.

Another critical aspect of the design are the long braids featured on each side of the logo.

"The braids coming down in

white and purple are natural from the quahog clamshell. These shells came from the Atlantic Ocean and were brought to this land from trade with the Wampanoag Nation for different furs," Waterman said. "When you break the shell into pieces, you select the purple and make a bead from it, and you choose the white and make a bead from it."

Waterman has made it his mission as an artist to provide individuals with the correct illustrations of these headdresses through his pieces over the past 40 years. In the logo created for Native American Heritage Night, he sought to accurately portray the compact-style headdress used in much of his work. (Check out Carson's website: <https://carsonwaterman.webs.com/>)

"Everything I've been doing has been reinforcing the correct elements of my culture," he said. "Western Plain tribes like the Navajo and Zuni get their influences from designs on rattlesnakes, lizards, and flowers that grow on cactuses."

Fans had the chance to bid on a limited edition print of Waterman's design, which was autographed by the 2021-22 Buffalo Sabres team. (Refer to photo on the previous page)

Proceeds benefited the Native Arts Collective (NACo). Fans also got a chance to purchase a limited edition long-sleeve T-shirt featuring Waterman's Sabres design. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of each shirt benefited the Native American Community Services of Erie & Niagara Counties, Inc.

Waterman and the Sabres connected through Waterman's longtime friend and art connoisseur Dave Kimelberg. Kimelberg, a fellow member of the Seneca Nation, who operates K Art, one of the few Native American-owned commercial art galleries. The gallery, located on Main Street in Buffalo, has



This complimentary image was intended for you to save and use as a wallpaper background on electronic devices.

Buffalo Sabres host first-ever Native American Heritage Night -- CONTINUED

Community Service to attend the highly-anticipated home game.

The SNI Cattaraugus Community Center, home to an ice rink open to the public on the reservation, has also partnered

with the franchise to host the first-ever Indigenous "Learn to Play" hockey program run by an NHL team in the United States.

Source: <https://www.fingerlakes1.com/2021/12/11/buffalo-sabres-host-first-ever-native-american-heritage-night-honoring-seneca-nation/>

featured Waterman's past work, which includes deceptions of Seneca traditions, enforcing the proper versions of their culture.

After providing five rough sketches of the Native American Heritage Night logo to **(Continued on page 15)**

Sabres unveil custom logo for Native American Heritage Night -- CONTINUED

Kimelberg to submit to the team on his behalf, the two sides agreed on the current design.

"His style is so conducive to what the project is attempting to accomplish," Kimelberg said. "Carson is an acclaimed Native and Seneca artist, so I knew

what the potential of the project could be."

The long-time friends are fortunate to be a part of the Sabres' inaugural event. When fans see the logo for the first time, Waterman and Kimelberg hope it creates a bond between

the Sabres and the Native American community.

"I think it's great. I feel very proud that they would go out of their way to do this," Waterman said. "Maybe this will start a trend of other teams in Buffalo embracing the Native American

culture for it to continue to evolve. This experience has made me a pretty big Sabres fan, I can tell you that."

Source: <https://www.nhl.com/sabres/news/sabres-unveil-custom-logo-for-native-american-heritage-night-carson-waterman-seneca/c-328787516>

2022 Battle of the Borders Junior Mens Box Lacrosse Tournament

Hosted by Seneca Marksmen

Submitted by Asa Washburn

BATTLE OF THE BORDERS

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

01 DAY 14 JAN

02 DAY 15 JAN

03 DAY 16 JAN

7:00 pm ONONDAGA FIRE - AKWESASNE INDIANS
WELCOMING CEREMONIES W/SMOKE DANCE

NOON AKWESASNE INDIANS - POLAND

8:00 SENECA MARKSMEN - FROG POND MAULERS

1:00 MAINE NORTHMEN - FROG POND MAULERS

9:00 MAINE NORTHMEN - KAHNAWAKE HUNTERS

2:00 AKWESASNE INDIANS - BUFFALO

3:00 SENECA MARKSMEN - MAINE NORTHMEN

4:00 ONONDAGA FIRE - POLAND

5:00 KAHNAWAKE HUNTERS - FROG POND MAULERS

6:00 BUFFALO - POLAND

7:00 SENECA MARKSMEN - KAHNAWAKE HUNTERS

8:00 ONONDAGA FIRE - BUFFALO

10:00 am 1 SEED (BOUGE) - 2 SEED (SAUCE)

11:00 1 SEED (SAUCE) - 2 SEED (BOUGE)

NOON 3RD PLACE CONSOLATION GAME

1:00 CHAMPIONSHIP

GIL LAY MEMORIAL ARENA,
SENECA NATION
CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY

11093 ERIE RD.
IRVING, NY 14081

Ja:goh Tre Turner!

Ja:goh Tre Turner of the Allegany Territory, wolf clan. Tre is a Senior at Salamanca City Central School District, and the son of Natalie & Anthony Stahlman and Raymond & Sarah Turner. Tre will be attending Davis & Elkins in West Virginia beginning with the Fall 2022 semester.



Davis & Elkins Men's Lacrosse:

We continue the 2022 class with a recruit from Salamanca, New York. The excitement for this guy is beyond words, can't wait to see him on the field!

SIGNED:

We welcome, Tre Turner from New York to D&E and we look forward to having him on the offensive side of the game for us.

TRE TURNER SIGNED



HEIGHT 5-10 POSITION ATT STATE NY

SALAMANCA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL
SALAMANCA, NEW YORK



Don't forget to check us out and FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!

Follow it for regular updates from the President's Office on governmental and community matters. This administration is committed to increasing communication with our members, as well as the general public. <https://twitter.com/TheSenecaNation>



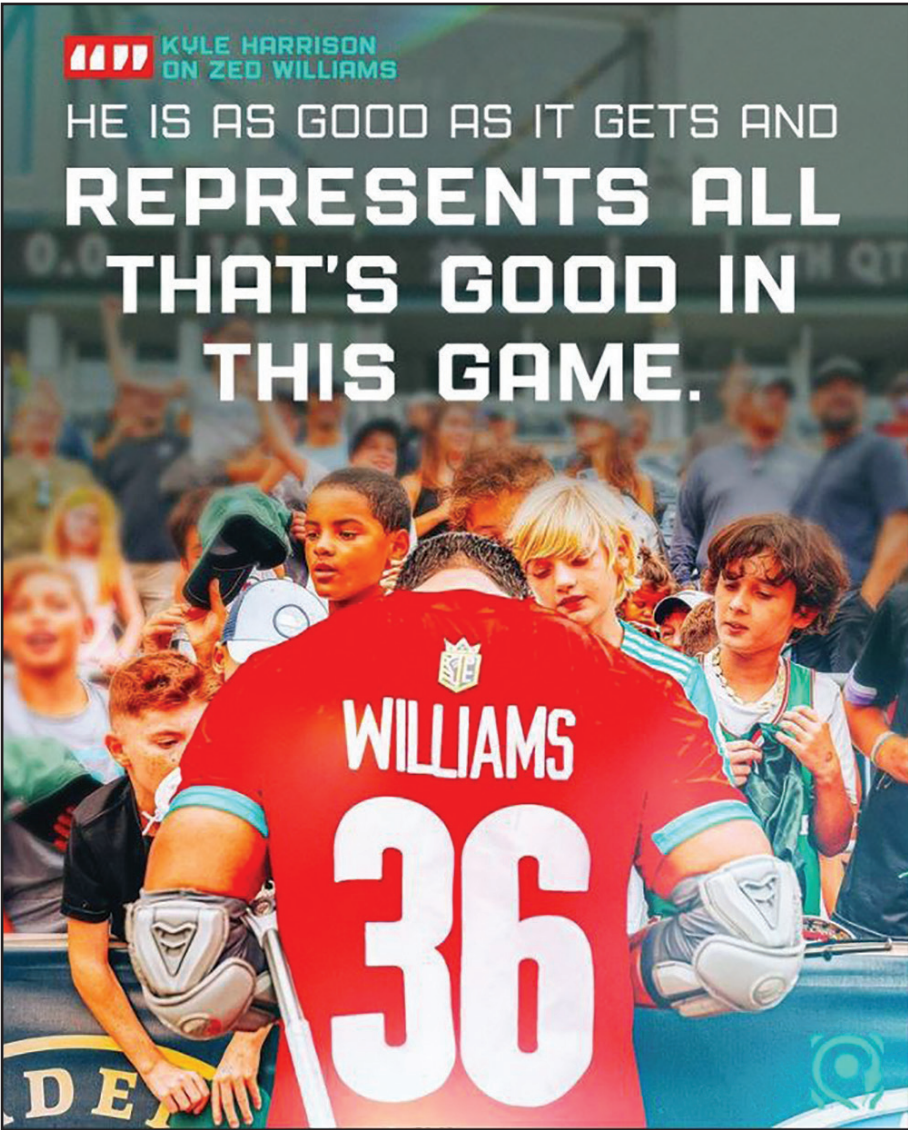
Ja:goh Zed Williams
He was named Premiere Lacrosse League's Top 50, landing the #7 spot!
December 15, 2021 | [usalaxmagazine & premierlacrosseleague.com](#)

Ja:goh Zed Williams, A, Whipsnakes LC. (Cattaraugus Territory, Bucktown area, Seneca, Wolf clan) for being named the Premiere Lacrosse League's Top 50 - #7. Zed was drafted by the Whipsnakes as the 5th pick of the Premier League Lacrosse 2020 Entry Draft.

In his first season with Whipsnakes LC, Williams led the league in scoring and dropped five fourth-quarter goals to lead his team to a comeback in the PLL title game. Not bad for a guy in his first year with the PLL. On the podium after accepting his MVP trophy, Williams dedicated his effort to his late father, who died while Zed was playing at Virginia.

On Aug. 9, the drama major who preferred a behind-the-scenes role took center stage during the Premier Lacrosse League Championship Series' final act. With the Whipsnakes trailing the Chaos 6-3 entering the fourth quarter, Williams delivered the most memorable performance of the two-week fully quarantined and fanless tournament. The righty attackman with a powerful shot and inside roll dodge, who led the league in goals, scored five of his PLL single-game record six goals in the final frame. He poured in four in less than two minutes. He scored so fast that Twitter almost couldn't keep up. He started trending. The Whipsnakes won 12-6 and capped off an undefeated series with their second consecutive title.

Check out the complete Top 50 list here: <https://premierlacrosseleague.com/articles/players-top-50-7-zed-williams>



Niagara teen bowled over by invitation to play in Indigenous Bowl - Ja:goh Torrey!
December 09, 2021 | [niagarafallsreview.ca](#)

Torrey Sowden is many things to different people: son to his father, big brother to his younger sister, a Haudenosaunee Mohawk to members of the Six Nations of the Grand River community, classmate and teammate to students at Greater Fort Erie Secondary School.

Last week, a new name was added to what the 17-year-old answers to. As the only football player from this side of the border to compete in the Indigenous Bowl, Sowden naturally — and geographically — enough earned the nickname “Canada.”

“It was funny, I probably was called by my real name like three times. Other than that, I was just known as ‘Canada,’” he recalled with a chuckle.

Sowden was among 60 players who spent a week in Minneapolis representing their people and First Nation, “but I feel I had the ability to represent my whole country.”

No combines or tryouts were involved in the selection process for the game, which was played at U.S. Bank Stadium, home of the Minnesota Vikings of the National Football League. All players needed to do was send in footage from their games.

Sowden submitted clips from his high school games. Most were from this year though some dated back to his Grade 10 season, the last year the Gryphons played before COVID-19 cancelled all high school sports in Ontario in 2020-21.

His teammates for the fourth Indigenous Bowl were from across the United States, including several from North Dakota as well as a few from as far south as Mississippi.

“There were also a few guys

from California,” Sowden said.



“It was cool to see everyone because we came from different parts of the country.

“It was fun to see how we all interacted with each other.”

Sowden developed his skills as a two-way player — tight end, offence; defensive end, defence — rising through the Niagara Regional Minor Football Association ranks with his hometown team, the Fort Erie Longhorns. His position was up in the air heading into the Indigenous Bowl.

“I had no idea really what it was going to be so when I went up there I put it down as tight end/linebacker,” he said. “But when I got up there, they wanted to see what I had on the D line because, obviously, I’m a bigger guy and you’d rather have me at a D line than the smaller guys.”

The 6-foot-4, 230-pound Sowden mainly played defensive end in practices and in the game itself.

He considers defensive end his natural position when his team doesn't have the ball, and tight end when it's on offence.

“If they need a big tight end, to go out there and get it, then I can do that, but, if not, I'd rather play defence.”

Why? “I love to hit,” he
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Erie Canal Museum: Today’s #CanalConnection looks at Ely S. Parker.

December 07, 2021 | eriecanalmuseum.org

December 7, 2021 - Today’s #CanalConnection looks at Ely S. Parker. Parker was born in 1828 on the Tonawanda Reservation in Western New York to prominent members of the Seneca Nation, in which he was named Hasanoanda. Educated in a missionary school, Parker became fluent in both Seneca and English, a skill which eventually led to his association with early American anthropologist Lewis Henry Morgan. Thanks to Morgan’s recommendation, he was able to gain admission to the prestigious Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, a school founded in large part due to the Erie Canal, to study engineering. Following his time at RPI, Parker’s first job was as an engineer on the Genesee Valley Canal in 1849 and he continued working on New York State canals for approximately 6 years, serving as an engineer in the Rochester area right as the Erie’s enlargement was occurring. Eventually, Parker’s skill as a civil engineer led to a very successful career away from the Erie Canal, including overseeing the construction of a customs house in Galena, Illinois, where he befriended then store clerk, Ulysses S. Grant. A few years later that connection would serve him well, as now General Grant would



call on Parker’s engineering prowess in 1863 for the critical Vicksburg Campaign, and he would remain on Grant’s staff until the end of the war. In fact, it’s the end of the Civil War that Parker is perhaps best known for, as it was he who drafted the articles of surrender signed by Robert E. Lee at Appomattox Courthouse. Following the war, Parker continued to be associated with Grant, serving as Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs during the Grant administration. Parker passed away in 1895 and is now interred in Buffalo’s Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Parker was one of thousands of Senecas whose lives were dramatically changed by the opening of the Erie Canal in 1825. On December 11th we and the Skä•noñh - Great Law of Peace Center invited people to learn more about how the Canal impacted the Seneca when Dr. Joe Stahlman, Director of the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum, virtually presented “*The Erie Canal and the Western Door*,” looking at this important topic.

Visit <https://eriecanalmuseum.org/> for more information.

Niagara teen bowled over by invitation to play in Indigenous Bowl -- CONTINUED

answered with a smile. “It’s my favourite part of the game.”

Sowden began playing football at age eight. The sport was not his first choice, however.

“My family is real big on lacrosse and I wanted to play lacrosse, but there weren’t enough kids in my age group to play lacrosse growing up,” he said. “I found football and it was, ‘All right, I’ll give it a try.’”

“Then one year in, I never went back.”

Sowden played on the Greater Fort Erie Gryphons, his high school team, since Grade 9. He hasn’t ruled out returning for 12B.

“It’s been a thought in my mind to have another year of football and also just another year to get more credits.”

He had always wanted to play rep football with the Niagara Spears or Niagara Generals, but mobility had always been an issue.

“I never had a car growing up. That stuff is all out of town.”

Being selected to compete in the

Indigenous Bowl team was a “tremendous honour,” especially as the only Canadian to make the cut of the 350 players who submitted clips.

Despite being double-teamed “pretty much the whole game,” Sowden had a good game as a pass rusher.

“I had about three or four tackles. It was fun,” said Sowden, whose team scored three first-half touchdowns on

Torrey descends from Mohawk / Seneca tribes and is of the Turtle clan. Part of Torrey's roots hail from the Seneca, Cattaraugus Territory in the Bucktown area, where his Grandmother, Renee Cook Sowden grew up and his Great-Grandmother, Alice Curry Cook still resides.

the way to an 18-14 victory.

The difference in rules — American, four downs, 11 per side; Canadian, three downs, 12 per side — didn’t throw Sowden off his game

“I would say the only thing that really made a difference was your whole scheme changes when you have one less guy,” Sowden said. “The rules didn’t make it harder. “If anything, four downs was

weird to me, the drives seemed longer.”

There were two practices daily for three days heading into the game.

“I wouldn’t say we were the most prepared, but it was enough time to at least establish a base.”

Sowden found stepping onto an NFL field — let alone, playing on one — “mind-blowing.”

“It was like nothing I had ever experienced before,” he said. “All my life I imagined one day standing right in the middle and soaking it all in.

“And that’s exactly what I did.” After touring the stadium Sowden didn’t feel the need to pinch himself when he took the field on Sunday.

“I was in game mode all week. I had no butterflies, I was ready to go, I was mentally prepared.”

Sowden was accompanied on the trip to Minneapolis by his father Arlie. Their costs were offset by a GoFundMe initiative that raised \$2,895 of a \$3,000 goal.

“The love and support from my community was just incredible,” said Torrey Sowden. “I’m deeply thankful to everyone who donated.”

His career goals outside of taking football as far as he can are to work in the mental field focusing on neurology.

“I would like to study what concussions can do to the brain.”

Sowden has suffered four concussions, “that I know of.”

Three were football-related; the other, when he took a spill off a skateboard. His last diagnosed concussion was when he was in Grade 9.

“It’s been quite a while,” he said.

Source: <https://www.niagarafallsreview.ca/sports/niagara-region/2021/12/09/niagara-teen-bowled-over-by-invitation-to-play-in-indigenous-bowl.html>

Harrington Lecturer reflects on Indian Adoption Project

– Led by Beth Boyd, member of the Seneca Nation and director and professor in the USD clinical psychology program, presenting “Mitákuye Oyás ‘in (We Are All Related): Reflections to Learning to Become a Relative.”

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USD’s 69th Harrington Lecture was led by Beth Boyd, director and professor in the USD clinical psychology program, presenting “Mitákuye Oyás ‘in (We Are All Related): Reflections to Learning to Become a Relative.”

The Harrington Lecture is an annual event featuring a USD professor established on campus within the College of Arts and Sciences. Featured speakers are recommended by a faculty committee. The lecture is based on the speaker’s scholarly work.

Boyd is a member of the Turtle Clan of the Seneca Nation and the USD Disaster Mental Health Institute (DHMI).

“I aspire to honor and respect the indigenous peoples who were forcibly removed from here and are still connected to this territory. By owning my part in their continued displacement, I am incorporating indigenous knowledge into my work and establishing meaningful reciprocal relationships with indigenous peoples and communities,” Boyd said

Boyd participated in the Board for the Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest, the Presidential Task

Force on PTSD and Trauma in Children and Adolescents, the Commission on Ethnic Minority Recruitment, Retention & Training and the Minority Fellowship Program Training Advisory Committee. She was also president of the APA Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity and Race and the Society for the Clinical Psychology of Ethnic Minorities.

“Over the years, I’ve watched many of my colleagues reflect on liberal arts education, on what they’ve learned, the work they have done over the years, the contributions and their hopes about the future of their fields. And so I have also done a lot of reflection over this last year,” Boyd said.

Boyd said that looking through a lens of liberation psychology at the past fosters healing and awareness of inequality.

“Liberation psychology encourages empowerment, healing and transformation that fosters an awareness of discrimination and inequality, and fortifies individuals strengths. It affirms cultural identities and promotes change to attenuate human suffering and improve people’s lives in multiple contexts, including cultural-historical, gender, sexual orientation, socio-political, geopolitical and other intersecting factors,” Boyd said.

Boyd’s lecture covered the removal of Native children from their homes. Boyd said over 80,000 native children were separated from their families, and said some children were put into foster care, while others were put into residential schools.

“Between 1867 and 1990, thousands of Native American children were taken from their homes and families by the U.S. and Canadian governments. Most of them were taken to Indian residential schools,” Boyd said. “Both, regardless of where they were, had the same goal in mind: to assimilate Native American children into U.S. or Canadian society and to obliterate their familiarity with their native heritage.”

In 1958, the Bureau of Indian Affairs created the Indian Adoption Act in an attempt to assimilate Native children and end tribes, Boyd said. The act took Native children away from their families as they were adopted by white families. In 1966, the Adoption Resource Exchange, including private agencies and churches, took over. By the end of the 1970s, one-third of all Native children, estimated at 80,000 to 100,000 children, were separated from their families.

“No one by the late 1950s imagined a solution to the care of Indian children that involved strengthening Indian families and keeping Indian children in their homes. Most government officials deemed Native families inherently and irreparably unfit... Native American spirituality was outlawed at this period of time. It was not legal again until 1978. A child of someone who might have gone to jail for practicing traditional spirituality would be a reason for removal,” Boyd said

Native children were alienated from their culture and often did not have people to look up to within their culture, Boyd said.

“Many adopted families denied the children’s Indian heritage, a change that will change their children’s names and caused them to grow up in communities

where they were few of or there were a few of any others who looked like them held similar beliefs, spoke the same language or shared the same culture,” Boyd said.

A study done in 2017 by the Centers for American Indian Alaskan Native Health at the Colorado School of Public Health found that native children adopted away from their families are more likely than their white counterparts to struggle with drug abuse, alcohol addiction, suicide, self harm and other mental health issues, Boyd said.

When the Indian Child Welfare Act was put into place, it set standards for child custody proceedings involving native children to be eligible for membership of federally recognized tribes, Boyd said.

“This came about because tribes started to understand how a large proportion of the children were affected by losing the tribes,” Boyd said. “There was a lot of pressure and congressional testimony documenting the devastating impact that this was having on native children, families and tribes.”

Gary Cheeseman, associate USD professor of curriculum and instruction and American Indian education, presented Boyd with a star blanket and ended the lecture with an honor song.

“This is an unbelievable woman... I am incredibly proud to be native and to be a colleague of hers,” Cheeseman said.

Boyd was born in 1958 and adopted at nine months of age.

“My mother and I lived with my grandmother and my great

Harrington Lecturer reflects on Indian Adoption Project -- CONTINUED

grandmother in Cattaraugus, one of the two Seneca Nation of Indians reservations in Western New York,” Boyd said. “I was removed from this home and went to several foster homes and the county orphanage. Around the age of three, I was adopted by my adoptive family, a couple who had not been able to have biological children.”

Boyd grew up with her adopted family on an island between Buffalo and Niagara Falls, a mile upstream from the falls, which was Seneca territory no longer in the possession of the nation.

There was a great deal of racism toward Native people in the area, Boyd said.

“All of these experiences made me hate that I was different, because all I really wanted was to fit in to belong and to be one of them, but I did not have the words to explain that to my family. I didn’t have the words to explain to them how this discrimination hurt me, and they did not have the experience to realize how I felt or helped me cope with it,” Boyd said.

In Boyd’s teen years, she was reconnected with her culture for a moment. She felt seen, Boyd said. She again felt seen when her son was born.

“In that moment, I understood what it felt like to be a relative,” Boyd said.

Again, in 1992 when Boyd first came to USD, she felt seen as a Native person.

“For many Native adoptees to process the socialization with white culture tends to produce a negative self image, limiting self concept, low self esteem and a lack of self love, so with

all of that, how could you know how to become a good relative?” Boyd said.

The Lakota concept of wellness illustrated in the medicine wheel involves a balance between the natural world and the physical, spiritual and emotional world, along with the spiritual concept of the self, Boyd said. Separation from this causes communal illness.

“Healing in native ways is a communal process of rediscovering balance within self and the harmony between self, the Creator and the natural world in the context of family and community,” Boyd said. “In order to ask for help, I had to realize my connection to others, and accept the help of family and community. I had to recognize I am no more and no less than anyone else.” Boyd said through the lens of liberation psychology, knowledge is anchored in lived experience and historical experience, and power dynamics of oppression can be challenged and the strength of marginalized and oppressed people can be recognized. This encourages personal agency and engagement in social justice, she said.

“A decolonial psychology would mean moving away from the assumption that the individual is the central unit of analysis in ways that overlook people’s social, economic and political context,” Boyd said. “It’s important to recognize these contexts from the oppression we experience and the healing we take part in... Who I am is relative to those around me.”

Source: <http://volanteonline.com/2021/11/harrington-lecturer-reflects-on-indian-adoption-project/>

IGS END of YEAR NEWS

By Iroquois Genealogy Society

The Iroquois Genealogy Society held their Christmas meeting at the Allegany Casino in December 2021. It was well attended by about 18 people. A good visit was had by all. A Remembrance table was set up by Teresa Van Aernam and Jenny Logan (see picture). A moment of silence was observed. An election of officers for 2022 was held and following are the new IGS officers:

President – Teresa VanAernam,
Vice-President – Arthur Hill,
Secretary – Marilyn Anderson,
Treasurer – Leatha Jimerson



Congratulations to all!

A big *Nya:wēh* to Marilyn Anderson for all her hard work for the past two years as President. We have had many changes the last two years because of the pandemic and not being able to meet in person. We adjusted by doing zoom meetings and doing research online.

We are also thankful to the following people: Teresa VanAernam for having the vision of establishing IGS, Jack Ericson for selflessly sharing his knowledge of genealogy and Iroquois people with us, Leatha Jimerson for being our public relations person, Wallace Ward for designing our website and together with Jack digitizing documents and making it available for everyone on the website. His technological expertise is worth millions and is done as a volunteer. Randy John for providing his knowledge of research and history. Art Hill for his research expertise which goes way beyond. Julie Jimerson and Debbi Hoag for their hospitality assistance for our in-person meetings. Last but not least, to our faithful attendees who without your interest and input we would be lost.

We look forward to 2022 which will bring us another opportunity to continue our research and enjoy the company of fellow genealogy devotees.

Our next IGS meeting will be March 10, 2022. We will be planning for next year over the winter months.

IGS wishes everyone a wonderful new year! The winter months are a good time to do research. Please check out our website: www.iroquoisgenealogysociety.org There are many resources available there. We will keep you updated on any information that pertains to family researching.

Stay safe and well! ~ Iroquois Genealogy Society

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SNI Offices & Buildings will be
CLOSED: Friday, December 31st, 2021
For New Year's Day (Observed)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF JENNIFER L. HOWE
Administrator: Audrey Ray,
900 R.C. Hoag Dr., Salamanca, NY 14779
~ Allegany Territory - 1st Notice ~

ESTATE OF TIMOTHY P. JONES
Executor: Jeremy Jones,
211 Clinton St., Salamanca, NY 14779
~ Allegany Territory - 1st Notice ~

ESTATE OF LYNN P. JACKSON
Executrix: Cynthia Ballagh,
P.O. Box 363, Irving, NY 14081
~ Cattaraugus Territory - 2nd Notice ~

ESTATE OF RICKEY G. BENNETT
Administrator: Denise Bennett,
1341 Bush Rd., Gowanda, NY 14070
~ Cattaraugus Territory - 2nd 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.

Updated AOA Elder Center Hours

Seneca Allegany Elders Center:
Mon-Fri, 8:30am-7pm | Sat & Sun, 10am-3pm

Wini Kettle Senior Center:
Mon-Thurs, 8am-6pm | Fri, 8am-4pm | Sat, 10am-3pm

*These hours are temporary and will be increased once we return to normal staffing levels.

When visiting our Elder Centers, please remember that COVID safety protocols are still in place, including masks wearing for all, temperature checks, and social distancing. If you do not feel well, please stay home.

Upcoming Seneca Elder Entertainment:

Marie Osmond
Friday, January 21st @ 8pm
Seneca Niagara Casino



Limited number of tickets available for enrolled Seneca Elders. Must sign-up in-person at Catt. or Alleg. AOA. For more information, please call: Irma Cortes at (716)523-5777 ext. 5513

See **page 2** for a special notice from the SN AOA Advisory Council!

January 2022 Activities | Seneca Allegany Elder Center

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 10-11 Coffee Hour 11-1 Coloring 2-3 Leisure Time	3 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-12 Coloring 1-5 Scrabble 5-7 Craft Time	4 9-10 Coffee Hour 11:30-12:30 Seneca Language 2-4 Marbling Art	5 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-1 Card Making Class 2-4 Board Games 5-7 Movie	6 9-10 Coffee Hour 12-1 LUNCH 1-3 BINGO 4-5 Coloring	7 9-10 Coffee Hour 2-4Marbling Art	1 SITE CLOSED New Years Day 8 10-11 Coffee Hour 1-3 Scrabble
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January 2022

AOA Nutritional Menu		AOA Daily Trips Allegany Territory		AOA Daily Trips Cattaraugus Territory		USDA Schedule			
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
3 Turkey Salad on Croissant w/lettuce leaf Corn Chowder Crackers Fruit Medley		4 Beef Goulash Roasted Cauliflower Garden Salad Peach Cobbler		5 Tuna Melt Peas Mandarin Oranges Lemon Glazed Cupcake		6 Pork Roast Wax Beans Sweet Potatoes Fruit		7 Breaded Fish Sandwich on Bun w/tartar sauce Potato Wedges Coleslaw, Fruit	
Cuba Gaming & Cuba Cheese Shop		Lakewood Cinema 8 - 1/2 price popcorn & drinks		Reid's Food Barn Olean, NY		Dunham's Sporting Goods Bradford, PA		Red Lobster , Jamestown Depart at 4:30pm	
NO TRIP		Savers - 1pm Hamburg, NY		Wal-Mart - 1pm		Big Lots - 1pm Collins, NY		Fugi Grill - 1pm Out to lunch	
Cattaraugus - call to place your order for timely delivery		Delivery to Oaktree & Newtown		Delivery to Indian Hill & Pinewoods		Delivery to Ozarks, Gowanda & Dayton		Delivery to Irving	
10 Beef & Vegetable Soup Garden Salad Whole Wheat Roll Mandarin Oranges		11 BBQ Pulled pork French Fries Peas Oatmeal Cookie		12 Meatloaf w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Angel Cake w/berries		13 Traditional Meal White Bean Sandwich w/Side Pork Sweet Potatoes Fruit Crisp		14 Broiled Fish Mixed Vegetables Dinner Roll Cookie	
Pet Smart Jamestown, NY		Target & Hobby Lobby Blasdell, NY		The Paper Factory Olean, NY		Aldi's & Wal-Mart Bradford, PA		Scenic Ride Amish Country	
* Gabes - 1pm		Quaker Crossing Plaza 1pm		Wegman's - 1pm		Rider's Choice - 1pm		Sullivan's Lunch - 1pm	
Allegany - call to place your order for timely delivery		Delivery to Sr. Complex & Salamanca		Delivery to Jimtown		Delivery to Steamburg & Kill Buck		Delivery to Olean	
17 Spaghetti & Meatballs Garden Salad Italian Bread Slice Cinnamon Peaches		18 Ham & Scalloped potatoes Steamed Broccoli Pear Crisp		19 Macaroni & Cheese With stewed tomatoes Blueberries Vanilla Pudding		20 Oven Baked Pork Chop w/Applesauce Steamed Carrots Dinner Roll		21 Salisbury Steak w/Gravy Over Noodles Spinach Apple Crumble	
Lowe's Springville, NY		Wegman's - 5% off Senior Discount - Jamestown		Beads Beads Beads Irving, NY		Good as New Conewongo, NY		TJ Maxx & Davidsons Jamestown, NY	
Local Shopping - 1pm		Denny's Lunch - 1pm		Local Shopping - 1pm		JoAnn Fabrics - 1pm		Buffalo Creek Casino - 1pm	
Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm		Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm		Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm		Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm		Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm	
24 Stuffed Shells Green Beans Dinner Roll Chocolate Pudding		25 Brunch French Toast with Cinnamon Cream Cheese Topping Yogurt, Peaches		26 White Chicken Chili Crackers Cabbage Apple Salad Ambrosia		27 Birthday Party Roasted Turkey Roasted Potatoes, Carrots & Peas Chocolate Cake		28 Beef Stroganoff w/Noodles Roasted Brussels Sprouts Orange Slices	
Michael's & Johnny's Lunch Box - Jamestown		Tops - Olean, NY		Seneca Niagara Casino Depart at 10am		Runnings Jamestown, NY		Julie's Italian Restaurant Depart at 3:30pm	
Rider's Choice - 1pm		Pasquales - 1pm		Ollies - 1pm Dunkirk		Local Banking - 1pm Gowanda		Scenic Ride - 1pm	
Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm		Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm		Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm		Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm		Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm	
31 Roasted Hot Dog Baked Beans Potato Salad Garden Salad Fruit Jell-O		AOA Menu: For Allegany please call 716-945-8414 For Cattaraugus call 716-532-5777 to make a reservation or cancel a meal by 9:30am the day prior to the meal		USDA PROGRAM: Call 716-532-1028, Ext 5446 Located at: 210 Thomas Indian School Ext. Irving, NY 14081		Cattaraugus Trips: All passengers must be signed up by 9am the day of the trip. * Sunday Trip <u>January 9, 2022</u> BILLS GAME Leave at 10:30am		Allegany Trips: All trips depart the Jim-town site at 2pm daily unless otherwise noted. All passengers must be signed up by 9am the day of the trip.	
Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm									

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

Dorene Sunderlin is a certified professional coder and is located at the Lionel R. John Health Center. She has been in this position for over 14 years.



We asked what she likes best about her job and what her job duties are. She says, “My job is always interesting. I check the provider notes to assure the diagnosis and procedure codes are correct with what was actually done.”

What is the most beneficial/inspirational part of her position? Dorene says, “I am always learning. There are new codes every year. I enjoy learning.”

She grew up in Brant, NY and attended Olean Business Institute, graduating in 2007 with an associate’s degree in health information.

We asked what she likes to do in her spare time. She says, “I like to read, visit family and friends, and travel when possible.”

Dorene also tells us that she is a foster parent and says “I like to help children until they can return home.”

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

Don’t forget to visit our website
senecahealth.org

REMINDER:

Seneca Nation Health System
will be closed:

Friday, December 31st
New Year’s Day

Please make sure to schedule your appointments and order prescriptions ahead of time.
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Volunteer Models Needed!



If interested in modeling for our program, contact:


Heather Ward
hward@senecahealth.org
716.532.8223 ext. 5573

SNHS' GHWIC Program is looking for community volunteers to model during a photoshoot in February 2022, in order to have local representation for program marketing and displays. Desired volunteers list below!

- Expectant Mothers
- Nursing Mothers
- Mothers Nursing in Regalia
- Babies being fed traditional baby foods
- 5 Generations of Mothers




Do I need a COVID-19 booster shot?



Booster shots are now available for those who received the Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines.

If you received Moderna or Pfizer, a booster is recommended IF:


- ✓ You are 65 years or older
- ✓ You are 18 years or older AND
 - Have underlying medical conditions or are currently pregnant or breastfeeding
 - Work in a high-risk setting such as a health care facility or school
 - Live in a high-risk setting such as a correctional facility or long term care setting



If you received Johnson & Johnson, a booster is recommended if you got your first shot more than 2 months ago.

A booster shot is recommended:

- 6 months after your last dose if you received the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine
- 2 months after your initial dose if you received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine




The FDA has approved "mixing and matching," or getting a different vaccine for a booster than your first vaccine series. Some data suggests this might provide better protection.

Booster shots are additional doses of a vaccine that strengthen your existing protection. Since vaccines sometimes provide less protection over time, booster shots make sure you continue to be protected.

Most of us have already received booster doses for other vaccines, such as tetanus and whooping cough, in order to keep our protection strong.




Get your booster dose when you can!



If you still have questions, contact a healthcare provider or tribal clinic!






REMINDER



Attention patients arriving to the health centers: If you have been **exposed** to someone with COVID-19 or are **displaying symptoms** and would like to be tested, please return to your vehicle and **CALL** the health center to make arrangements.

CIRHC 716-532-5582
LRJHC 716-945-5894



SENECA NATION HEALTH SYSTEM

ON-SITE NO-COST COVID-19 TESTING



RAPID

5-10 MIN

PCR

24-48 HRS

+++ APPOINTMENT & INSURANCE NOT REQUIRED +++

SENECA FIRE CATTARAUGUS
12879 ROUTE 438
IRVING, NY 14081
855-566-1003

3:00PM - 7:00PM
MONDAY - SUNDAY
CHRISTMAS EVE 1:00PM - 3:00PM
CHRISTMAS DAY CLOSED
NEW YEAR'S EVE 3:00PM - 5:00PM
NEW YEAR'S DAY CLOSED

SENECA FIRE ALLEGANY
8184 EAST LOOP ROAD
SALAMANCA, NY 14779
855-566-1003

COVID-19 Vaccination

OPEN ELIGIBILITY

For an appointment at the Lionel R. John Health Center (Allegany Territory, Salamanca) please call Teri Cowles at 716-945-5894

For an appointment at the Community Health and Wellness Center (Cattaraugus Territory, Irving) please call Kim Bradley at 716-532-5582




SENECA NATION HEALTH SYSTEM



Did you know that chiropractic services are offered at the CIRHC?

Open to enrolled patients of the Seneca Nation Health System on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You must get a referral from your provider in order to see Dr. Timothy Smith, chiropractor. For more information, call CIRHC 716-532-5582.



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- 4) Èhsa:ya't hë:öweh áoga:ëdö'.
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The updated site was launched earlier this week after a yearlong effort.
Stay tuned to this page for updates. **<https://www.sni.org>**

