



The Official Newsletter of the SENECA NATION



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A message from President Matthew B. Pagels



Nya:weh sgënö' gagwe:göh,

We've had a few very nice days this month reminding us that spring is just around the corner. I know everyone is looking forward to getting outside. With the COVID situation continuing to improve in and around our Communities we can be can get back to normalcy.

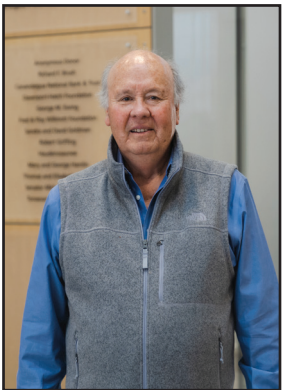
However, the Nation continues to offer COVID testing in both Allegany and Cattaraugus. CTS testing at the ACC from 11-6pm, Seneca Fire #2 from 1-6pm

for both rapid and PCR tests. Blue Stone testing is still available for enrolled Nation members at Seneca Fire Allegany and Seneca Fire #1 Cattaraugus. To schedule a test call 716-220-2442. Be aware location sites and times may change within the month. If so notification will be sent by our social media outlets and newsletters. Again, for more information contact Emergency Management Director, Mike Gates at 716-244-0820 or go to the website at sni.org. Vaccination appointments are still available at our Health centers. Please contact 716-532-5582 or 716-945-5894 to schedule your initial vaccine or booster shot. You may also visit the SenecaHealth.org/vaccine for an online form. Please continue to do your part to keep our community safe.

As mentioned in the PSA construction season will be upon us very soon and one of our major projects is the Clear creek bridge, "Bucktown" bridge, in Cattaraugus. It is projected to take two years to complete. A public meeting will be announced in a few weeks for any input or questions regarding the project. If you have any information or pertinent questions please contact Ben Anderson from the Nation DOT at Benjamin.Anderson@sni.org or at 716-945-1790. We are excited for this to start. The Seneca Gaming Corporation

is extending their reach for anyone interested in career opportunities. Outreach specialist, Nikki Seneca has hours every Wednesday at the William Seneca Building in Cattaraugus. Call to make an appointment at 716-807-2704 or at NSeneca@SenecaCasino.com for more information. There are plenty of opportunities at our Gaming facilities.

The Nation had an opportunity to recognize Pete Jemison, who recently retired as the Historic Site Manager of the Ganondagan State Historic Site in Victor, NY. Pete dedicated 36 years sharing Haudenosaunee culture and heritage with visitors of all ages. The 569- acre site offers a full-sized Seneca longhouse, the Seneca Art & Culture Center, and three interpretive trails, which help to educator visitors. Nya-Weh Pete for sharing your wealth of knowledge with others and preserving our culture. Ja:goh.



**Stay safe, stay strong.
Matthew B. Pagels**

Seneca Nation Coronavirus Response Hub
<https://covid19.snigis.org>

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Greetings,

It's looking and feeling like we might be on our way to some beautiful spring weather. I know I've enjoyed the warmer temps and the sunshine we've had recently. Get your gear ready, the wall-eye will be biting before we know it!

I attended the championship game of the season for our Salamanca Varsity Boys Basketball team on Friday night, March 4th, at JCC. After beating Randolph in the Section 6 Class C semifinals, they sure

came in playing for the win. At the halftime buzzer, Lucas Brown made a 3-point basket to extend the Warrior's lead to 37 - 20. He was assisted by Hayden and Harley Hoag, with multiple assists, rebounds and steals. The victory was a long time coming for our Salamanca Boys Varsity Basketball team. The last time they won a Section 6 Championship was in 1968. After facing season losses due to injury, illness and discipline; this team has a lot of heart and fierce determination to reach excellence. Congratulations on your Section 6 Class C Championship and best of luck in your next game against the not yet determined Section 5 opponent on Marsh 12th at 1:45pm at Buffalo State College!

Best wishes go out to G. Peter Jemison on his retirement from Ganondagan State Historic Site Manager. He was chosen as the very first Site Manager in 1985, when the site first opened. He is known as the visionary of Ganondagan locally, regionally, nationally and globally. Pete has worked in collaboration with a myriad of entities over the years to coordinate projects and events: New York State Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the Seneca Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, vast array of schools, local communities

and area colleges. This afforded Pete the opportunity to work with creatives in film, exhibit design, architecture, art and dance. He is known to be the driving force behind a full-size Seneca Bark Longhouse replica built on-site in 1998; as well as the Seneca Art & Culture Center in 2015. Pete also inspired and produced the multi-award winning Iroquois Creation Story film. In 2012, as a way to revitalize Indigenous agriculture, Pete continued work which was originally founded by Dr. John Mohawk - the Iroquois White Corn Project. This project was developed to bring white corn back to our communities to promote a healthy diet and deepen our cultural connections to our indigenous foods. While Pete enjoys his retirement and focuses on his art, Ganondagan will be led by Michael Galban and Ansley Jemison. Again, Congratulations Pete and thank you for your years of service to the Seneca Nation and enriching our communities.

If you started your spring cleaning and need a break, come out to Buffalo State College and support the Salamanca Boys Varsity Basketball team on the 12th!

Respectfully,
Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.

NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE



Marta Kettle, Clerk
CATTARAUGUS
TERRITORY



Bethany Johnson,
Deputy Clerk
ALLEGANY TERRITORY

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

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
Amos Vogle, Administrative Assistant
Hilton Johnnnny-John, 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

VIRTUAL COUNCIL SESSIONS

The Seneca Nation will be utilizing the virtual online platform “GoToMeeting” for the Council Sessions for enrolled members to have safe access to each Council meeting.

To participate, enrolled members will need access to a computer, tablet or smartphone as well as a valid email address to sign up. To request access, please send an email to: SNGotomeet@sni.org Your email must include the following information:

“I would like to register to participate for the Council Date. My information is as follows:
Name:
Enrollment#:
Telephone#

Upon enrollment verification, a reply e-mail will be sent to you that includes a registration link for the meeting. Please follow the instructions and fill in all requested information when requesting online. Once registered, another email will be sent with a link to the online Council Session, which will go live at the scheduled meeting date and time.

SN IDENTIFICATION CARDS

In order to update your photo on your Seneca Nation Identification Card, you must appear in person. All cards issued must have a current photo upon issuance.
\$7.00 per card
\$3.50 per card for Elders (60 yrs. Of age or older)

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

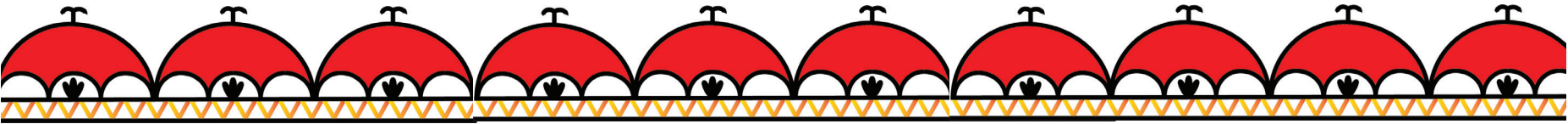
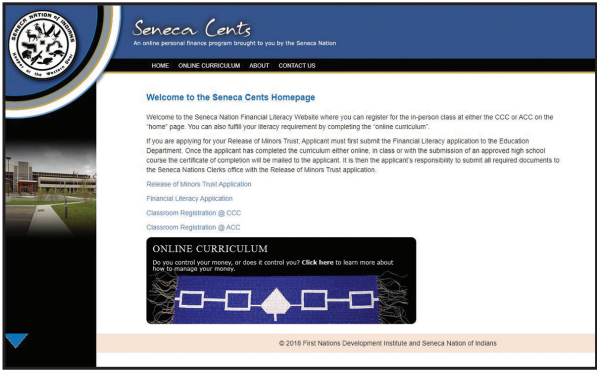
Education Department (716) 945-1790, traci.pacini@sni.org;
Cattaraugus Territory - Seneca Nation Education Department (716) 532-3341, barbara.weston@sni.org.

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.



Welcome our recent enrollments to the Seneca Nation!

FIFTEEN (15) ADDITIONS TO THE SENECA NATION ROLL – FEBRUARY 12, 2022 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

1.	Camrin Britton Adkins	-	Deer
2.	Hudson Hayes Barreno	-	Snipe
3.	Huxley Hunter Barreno	-	Snipe
4.	Damarion Lee Boyd	-	Hawk
5.	Kennedi Reec Dowdy	-	Turtle
6.	Dax Bear Hampton	-	Snipe
7.	Delilah Corinne-Anne L-Blacksnake	-	Turtle
8.	Jasmine Mae Miller	-	Turtle
9.	Oscar Lawrence Scanlan	-	Wolf
10.	Kenni Dennis Square	-	Wolf
11.	Timothy Staton	-	Deer
12.	Isla Rose Vaughn	-	Deer
13.	Arielle Nova Williams	-	Bear
14.	John Alijah Williams	-	Bear
15.	Asantii Malay Wolfe-Nesmith	-	Wolf

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

FOURTEEN (14) DELETIONS TO THE SENECA NATION ROLL – FEBRUARY 12, 2022 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

1.	Robert Frank Depaul	-	Beaver
2.	Geraldine Ruth Gates	-	Wolf
3.	Dennis L Gordon	-	Hawk
4.	Mari E Hickey	-	Wolf
5.	Daniel John	-	Bear
6.	Ronda Lynn John-Murphy	-	Beaver
7.	Hazel Karpin	-	Heron
8.	Esther K Kennedy	-	Heron
9.	Louis John Manning	-	Turtle
10.	Jerry L Plummer	-	Wolf
11.	Victor Arnold Redeye	-	Beaver
12.	Brenda Lee Rinko	-	Heron
13.	Elaine Santiago	-	Snipe
14.	Douglas Seneca	-	Wolf

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

SENECA NATION TRAILS COMMISSION
2- Cattaraugus Territory Community Members

(This is a non-paid voluntary committee and will meet outside of standard business hours)

Purpose:
The purpose of the Trails Commission is to establish a formal mechanism for coordination and implementation of trail planning and development throughout the Seneca Nation. Trails of all types will be addressed including hiking, biking, ATV, snowmobile and waterway trails.

Coordinated by the Seneca Nation Community Planning and Development Department and Department of Transportation

Qualifications:
Must be a current resident of Cattaraugus Territory

If interested, please submit your letter of intent to:

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

**** Open until filled ****



THE INSIDE SCOOP
WITH DR. LORI QUIGLEY



MAR 2022

On a Personal Note...

Nya:wëh Sgë:nö'! We're marching into spring with the biggest giveaway in Seneca Resorts & Casinos' history. Each week for thirteen weeks, one lucky winner will drive away in a brand new car!

Guests can earn entries from March 1 - May 27 for our **\$500,000 Car-A-Week Giveaway**. Beginning March 4, every Friday starting at 8 PM, a name will be called every 15 minutes until the car is claimed! Those who's names are called but don't claim the car in time will receive \$250 Free Slot Play.

The promotion starts at Buffalo Creek where guests can win a Ford EcoSport, Escape, Mustang Mach-E and F-150.

In April, Seneca Allegany gives away a Jeep & Ram vehicles. The promotion wraps up at Seneca Niagara with all Chevy vehicles, including the final giveaway of a Chevrolet Corvette Stingray!

I'll be back in April with more exciting updates. Until then, stay well!



Chairwoman, Board of Directors
Seneca Gaming Corporation



INSIDE DEAL

March means two things: St. Patrick's Day and the start of Spring Cleaning, and we're pulling out all the stops for both.

Guests will enjoy promotions like Lucky Day, Luck of the Irish and Clover Cash, plus have a chance at winning \$15,000 in gift cards for home renovations & upgrades!

INSIDE 8

Beginning in March, we're celebrating our incredible team with Team Member Appreciation Fridays.

Each property will feature fun ways to say "Thanks for a job well done!" like special TDR menu items, snacks, games & prizes... and of course, a few unexpected surprises!

JOIN OUR PROFESSIONAL FUN MAKERS!

Discover what makes working in the casino industry so fun, unique and rewarding at our next Career Showcase. On Wednesday, March 23 from 11 AM - 7 PM, Lounge 101 at Seneca Niagara will be

transformed into a job-seeker's dream, with raffles, games & light refreshments. Browse all our opportunities at TheBest8Hours.com and come see what all the fun's about!

HAVE YOU MET NIKKI?

Nikki Seneca, our SGC Outreach Specialist, is here to help you learn why working for Seneca Gaming Corporation is a rewarding experience. Nikki will be at the William Seneca Building (12837 Route 438, Irving, NY) on Wednesdays from 8 AM to 4 PM. Walk-ins are welcome, or you may make an appointment by contacting Nikki direct at NSeneca@SenecaCasinos.com or (716) 807-2704.



Marvin “Joe” Curry Veterans Powwow Set for July 16 and 17

Event returns to Allegany Territory after two years of cancellations

ALLEGANY TERRITORY, SALAMANCA, N.Y. – Following a two-year absence driven by the coronavirus pandemic, a long-standing celebration of Native American culture is set to return to the Seneca Nation’s Allegany Territory this summer. Organizers announced that the Marvin “Joe” Curry Veterans Powwow will again be held at Veterans Park in Salamanca on July 16 and 17.

“The powwow is a signature event, not only for the Seneca people, but for friends and neighbors locally and across the country who have been a part of our celebration for many years,” the Powwow committee said. “July can’t get here fast enough.” The Seneca Nation presented the annual celebration of Native American culture for 30 years before the onset of the global pandemic forced the cancelation of the event in 2020 and 2021. Featuring a series of exhilarating dance and drum competitions, the powwow attracts

competitors and visitors from across the United States and Canada. It is one of the largest powwow celebrations in the northeast. According to the Powwow committee, the event and seeing many familiar faces will be especially meaningful this year, given the difficulties brought on by the pandemic. Native American communities have been among the most impacted by the coronavirus. Federal statistics show that the COVID-related death rate among Native communities is nearly twice that of other populations.

“We have lost so many friends and loved ones over the past two years, within our Seneca community and across Indian Country,” the committee added. “Coming together for the powwow gives us all a chance to reconnect, reflect, honor those we lost, and, most of all, celebrate being together.”

The powwow honors Native American veterans and is named in honor of Marvin “Joe” Curry, a member of the Seneca Nation of Indians’ Snipe Clan, who led a long and distinguished career of military service in the United States Navy, serving two tours of duty in the Korean War and also serving in the Vietnam War.

Schedule, registration and contest information for the 2022 Marvin “Joe” Curry Veterans Powwow will be announced soon.



Seneca Nation...

- Hanödaga:nyas** : President Matthew Pagels (*word used for president*)
- O:wísda’ Hasdi:sta’** : Treasurer Rickey Armstrong Sr. (*he manages money*)
- Ye:yadö:’** : Clerk Marta Kettle (*She writes*)
- Swa:shëö’** : Seneca Nation Councilors (*you are all councillors*)

Heh nya:wëh gagwe:göh, o’sgwá:wisdö’ neh Covid-19 óíwa’. We:so degwanö:nyö:h. Gë:h heh nya:wëh.
(Thank you all, you gave me money -regarding the Covid-19 matter and payment. I thank you all a lot.)

Wa’oindö:di’
(She shakes the hemlock boughs)
Hazel Dean, Ph.D.

180 Kent Boulevard
Salamanca, N.Y. 14779
February 9, 2022

Seneca Nation
President Matthew Pagels
Treasurer Rickey Armstrong Sr.
Clerk Marta Kettle
Seneca Nation Councilors ✓

Heh nya:w-wëh gag-gwe:g-göh
o'sgwaw-mis-dö? neh Covid-19 óíwa?
Hess-so? deg-quah-nö:h-nyö:h.
Bë:h-keh nya:w-wëh,

She? oym-dö:hi di?
(She shakes the hemlock boughs)
Hazel Dean Ph.D.

Hah-nösh dah-gásh-nyas.
o:wís-da? hahs-di:s-ta?
ye:y-yad-dö?
Sawas-hë:-ö? ✓

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

HUMAN RESOURCE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (HROC)

Purpose: The Human Resource Oversight Commission is an independent Commission within the government of the Seneca Nation of Indians established for the purposes of:

- a) Adjudicating employees’ conflicts that may arise under the Nation’s Human Resource Policies and Procedures or Conflict Resolution Program.
- b) Reviewing, evaluating and recommending revisions of the Human Resources Policies and Procedures to the Council.
- c) To conduct interviews of department director/manager level positions.

If interested, please submit a letter of intent no later than **March 31, 2022 to:**

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

Or
email – mkettle@sni.org

Posted 02/25/22

CTS
COVID-19
Community
Testing



BRING WITH YOU

- Smart phone or hard-copy of confirmation email from Grapefruit
- Photo ID
- Insurance cards (if you have insurance)

IF YOU CAN, PRE-REGISTER

CTS uses the Grapefruit Health online portal for registration. You can pre-register prior to your test by using the QR code below. Your email confirmation is proof of registration you will provide at the testing site.

TEST RESULTS

- Rapid (antigen test) results will be available first. PCR test samples are sent out and results will be received via email days after sample collection.
- If the individual being tested is symptomatic and tests negative thru a rapid test, they should self-quarantine until they receive PCR results.
- Rapid tests are not as accurate for asymptomatic individuals or screening for exposure. Testing again, at a later date, may be indicated depending on the last date of exposure - discuss whether further testing is indicated with your primary healthcare team.
- Contact your primary healthcare team with additional questions.

IF YOU HAVE A POSITIVE RAPID OR POSITIVE PCR RESULT

- If the rapid or PCR test result is positive, individuals should isolate and contact their healthcare provider as additional testing may be necessary.
- Contact your primary healthcare team with additional questions.



LOCATIONS

If you have a smart phone, use your camera app to scan the QR code to register with Grapefruit

Cattaraugus Territory:
Seneca Fire Station 2 / Route 5
Daily 1-6 PM



Allegany Territory:
ACC / 3677 Admin Drive
Daily 11 AM-6 PM

Allegany Territory Spring 2022 clean-up

April 25-29th, 2022

Enrolled Seneca members only may dispose of their items at:
-Jimersontown - behind Allegany Community Center
-Steamburg - Community Center

Hours 7am – DUSK, Monday - Friday

Spring clean-up is for large-item disposal such as:
• tires, old appliances, mattresses, computers

This event is NOT MEANT for regular household garbage. Bagged garbage WILL NOT be accepted. This event is NOT MEANT for commercial or business waste.

Reminder; this event is for ENROLLED SENECA MEMBERS ONLY, monitored and enforced by the SNI Marshalls and conservation. Any questions, please call Allegany DPW budget monitor, Shanelle Mohawk, at 716-945-5441.

COVID-19
Testing Services

Bluestone Testing is now available by appointment only for enrolled Senecas.

Locations:

Seneca Fire Station #1,
12879 Route 438,
Irving NY 14081.

Seneca Fire Station-Allegany,
8184 East Loop Road,
Salamanca NY 14779

To Make an Appointment:

Call 716-220-4224, then go to www.bluestonesafe.com to preregister using client code: Senecagov and user code: 3030.
Appointment times are available from 9am to 3pm.

*This is a saliva sample test that requires no food or drink at least one hour prior to you providing this test sample.
*This does not impact CTS testing services.

COVID - 19 Rapid Testing is available for Elders and the Disabled at their home by appointment.

Please contact 716-220-2442 to make an appointment.

JOB POSTING

Title:	SNI Court of Appeals Legal Advisor
Location:	May be required to be in attendance at either the Seneca Nation Allegany & Cattaraugus Territories, New York
Job Description:	This individual is responsible for providing accurate and timely legal advice to the SNI Court of Appeals Judges on a variety of legal topics that come before the courts.

This individual shall provide the Judges with substantive legal advice on resolving the cases before the courts. They shall perform legal research, provide written as well as verbal legal opinions, draft legal memoranda, proposed orders and opinions, and discuss legal analysis and judicial procedures.

Must be licensed to practice law.

Maintain professional and timely communications.

Any other duties as may be assigned by the SNI Court of Appeals Judges

Closing Date: April 1, 2022
Attachments: RFP for Legal Services www.sni.org

Contact:
Karlene Familo, Judicial Conference Chair
Seneca Nation of Indians
12837 Route 438
Irving, New York 14081

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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:

MARCH 16, 2022


APRIL 20, 2022

MAY 18, 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****

The SSI Rep. Natasha Souter of the Dunkirk Office will be available on the following dates:

MARCH 23, 2022


APRIL 27, 2022

MAY 25, 2022


From


9:00AM - 2:00 PM (closed 12-1pm)

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





Beading Circle w/ Liv

When: Thursday, February 24th, & March 10th 2022

Where: Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center



Time: 6-8 pm (classroom)

Contact: Olivia @716.945.1760 ext.3455

Anyone is welcome to join! Please bring your own materials

Thread, beads, scissors, "stiff stuff"

If your needing help with a project we can help!



Beading materials are now available at the gift shop in the Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center!

Cattaraugus Community Center News

Reminder: Covid-19 public gatherings and travel restrictions have been lifted!

Effective February 16th, no appointments are needed to use the facility.

- Masks are still required at all times in all areas.
- We will continue the sale of \$5 day passes to patrons.
- Rentals are back in place effective February 21st as well.

NEW HOURS:
Monday-Thursday: 8am-10pm | Friday-Sunday: 8am-6pm

We are excited to be fully open again and look forward to seeing everyone!

Additional News and upcoming events:

We had a great turn out for our first night of The Western Door Hockey League. The new league started on Monday, February 28th and takes place each Monday moving forward until the end of March. To wrap up the 5 week house league, a family party is scheduled for March 28th.

March is National Nutrition Month! We encourage you to eat more whole foods, try new healthy recipes and eat organically. Share and tag us on Facebook, we'd love to see it! Show us how you're eating healthy this month. For all posts submitted to our page, we will enter you in a drawing to win a \$100.00 TOPS Grocery gift card. EAT WELL, BE WELL! For more information, please contact the front desk or Josilyn at 716-532-8450.

Everyone's favorite Zumba instructor is back! Stop down and join us every Tuesday for Zumba with Corbett! (February 22nd – April 12th) \$5 per class, from 6-7pm.

Lastly, we are holding our St. Patty's Day Cornhole Tournament on Saturday, March 19th from 12-5pm. Note: You must register on SCOREHOLIO APP beforehand. For more information, check out our flyer below or contact Zach Stevens at 716-532-8450.

Visit us on Facebook to view up-to-date info & current activities OR check out our website: cattarauguscommunitycenter.com.

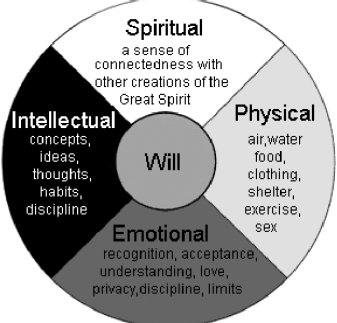
LET'S TALK ABOUT BALANCE

...with Aëdza:’niyo Seneca

Wednesday, March 16th @ 6pm
ECLC Commons

Please dress for comfort. Masks required.
RSVP TO: Seneca Nation Education Department
532-3341

Figure 1: Medicine Wheel



Spiritual
a sense of connectedness with other creations of the Great Spirit

Physical
air, water, food, clothing, shelter, exercise, sex

Emotional
recognition, acceptance, understanding, love, privacy, discipline, limits

Intellectual
concepts, ideas, thoughts, habits, discipline

Will

Diagram recreated by Teason Orchard from The Aboriginal Healing

Adult Paint Night

March 15th 2022 | 6-8pm

- Space is limited to 25 people (12yrs and up)
- All supplies provided

Call 532-3341 to sign up.

ECLC Commons
2016 Hënödeyësta' Drive
Irving, NY 14081
Use main entrance for ECLC under the awning

- Masks are required for entry

Sponsored by SNI Education Department

Reminder: Head Start Programs

NOW ACCEPTING 2022-2023 APPLICATIONS! (Enrolling for Fall)

Deadline to apply is June 30, 2022!

Allegany

- For more information, contact Elizabeth Smith by email at liz.smith@sni.org.

Cattaraugus

- For more information, contact Tamara Piskorowski at 716-532-0505, ext. 5323 OR Cindy Sanford at ext. 5304.

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DISABILITY AWARENESS MONTH

MARCH 1 – 31, 2022

President Ronald Reagan declared Proclamation 5613 making March National Disabilities Awareness Month on February 26, 1987.

Disabilities include disabilities such as cerebral palsy, autism, muscular dystrophy, Down syndrome, PTSD, deaf or hearing impaired, physical challenges, fetal alcohol spectrum disorder among many others and affect a person’s growth and/or cognition. But people shouldn’t have to be worried or alarmed if someone has a developmental/intellectual/physical disability. They can usually live normal lives as long as they have the proper supports.

The Disabilities Awareness Month spotlights how people with disabilities can lead normal lives with community support. The public can learn how they can help people with developmental/intellectual/physical disabilities achieve their dreams. Individuals with disabilities, can do anything people do without a disability. It may just take them a little longer, task may be altered to be achievable, or assistive technology may be necessary to complete the task. Accessibility is all about removing barriers so those with disabilities can shine.

Take the quiz-

How does someone with Down Syndrome shop for clothes?

- a. Typically, with a basket or cart.
- b. With help from a friend who knows her style.
- c. On the website of a store she likes.

Why did the autistic girl go to the library?

- a. To check out a book.
- b. To volunteer
- c. To use the super fast wi-fi

Two deaf guys walk into a bar. What comes next?

- a. They’re greeted by a friendly server.
- b. They complement the welcoming atmosphere.
- c. They enjoy their drinks and leave a tip.

What do you call a person with a learning disability?

- a. Whatever her name is of course.
- b. Whatever she prefers to be called.
- c. A pioneer of disability rights.

As you may have noticed, there are no wrong answers on this quiz. And the reason...its because people with disabilities do things for all the same reasons that everybody does. Once you get to know someone, and see them as a person, understanding where they are coming from is as easy as taking a test with only right answers. *

***Resource: unite2include.org**

Import/Export Commission Monthly Meeting

March 24th, 2022
1:00pm
SAAB 2nd floor conference room.

Check out the Seneca Language App!

Reminder: App for learning useful words and phrases in the Seneca language (Onöndowa'ga:' gawë:nö')! – This is a FREE DOWNLOAD!

Speakers and teachers, please contact James (Jimmy) Crane or Ja:no's Bowen if you notice any errors. We will compile items needed for a future update.

For iPhones and iPads, look for Speak Seneca in the App Store.
<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/speak-seneca/id1573140911>

Android devices link here:
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details...>

Kindle devices link here:
https://smile.amazon.com/dp/B09B4S5ZMP/ref=sr_1_1...

This App is brought to you by the Allegany Language Department of the Seneca Nation of Indians. The app contains the following:

Audio files recorded by fluent Native speakers.
3 types of quizzes
3 levels of games
Searchable database, dialogs, songs, images and videos to help teach the language.
We hope you will enjoy learning the Seneca language.

ATTENTION Gordon Garrow Area Landowners:

The Seneca Nation Capital Improvement Authority (CIA) is planning to install a new water main to provide public water service to the residents of the Gordon Garrow area.

The anticipated route runs south on Van Vleck Road from Burning Springs Road, west along the Cattaraugus Territory's south border and north to Gordon Garrow Road.

If you are a landowner along any of the proposed route, we ask that you please contact the Treasurer's office at (716) 945-1790. Your name, address, and appropriate contact information will be recorded to ensure proper notification for future landowner’s meetings.



Highbanks
CAMPGROUND

LUCKY LOOT CABIN GIVEAWAY!

Enter to win a 2 night luxury cabin stay and giftcard

1. Follow Highbanks on our Facebook and Instagram pages
2. Like and share this post on Facebook
3. Tag a friend in the comments

Entries begin 2/25/22, promotion ends on 3/6/22. Winner will be announced 3/7/22
One entry per person
Winner has 24 hours to contact Highbanks office at 716-354-2177

The University of Tennessee Center for Agriculture and Food Security and Preparedness (CAFSP) has received a grant from the Center for Rural Development to offer two different training programs to help Tribal communities detect, respond to, and mitigate all-hazards threats and/or disease outbreaks. Through the grant, both of these courses will be offered to Tribal communities and their stakeholders free of charge. Focusing on Tribal communities and other key personnel from partnered communities in the event of an all-hazards event or disease outbreak because they are geared at fostering a whole community approach.

If anyone has any questions or pertinent information regarding the project, please reach out to Ben Anderson, at Benjamin.Anderson@sni.org or 716-945-1790.

Happy Retirement Rich Stevens, IT Director!

On March 4th, members of Council and a number of Seneca Nation employees came together at the William Seneca Building to bid Rich Stevens, IT Director, a very happy retirement. Nya:wëh, Richie, for your commitment to your work and the community. Ja:göh!



Happy Retirement, Nancy Toth, TERC Director (Allegany)!

We would like to wish Nancy Toth a happy retirement! Her last day of employment with the Seneca Nation Training and employment Resource Center (TERC) was March 4, 2022.

Nancy, has been with TERC since December 2015, initially as the Vocational Training Program Manager for the Seneca Training Center, when the program first began. She facilitated and coordinated many projects for the STC, her favorite was the renovation of the old Court House located on old Route 17 and the Cattaraugus TERC office renovation which involved many hands from several cohorts.

In 2018 she became the first TERC Allegany Director and continued to oversee the Seneca Training Center the 477 Program and additional services. She served the Seneca Nation previously as the Human Resource Director; Higher Education Program Coordinator and other positions during her career. She has served as a member of the Remember the Removal (RTR) Committee;



Front: Councillor Tina Abrams, Nancy Toth, Councillor Elliot Jimerson, Back: Councillor Joshua Becker, Deputy COS Kerry John, Treasurer Rickey Armstrong, COS John Waterman

Trustee for the Seneca Nation Library Board, as board Chair; and other committees along the way. Nancy is currently serving on the Seneca Nation Area Office of the Aging Advisory Board as Vice Chair and continues to serve as a member of the RTR committee.

She has been an amazing leader to the team, and we wish her all the best on this next chapter in her life as she celebrates her retirement. Just because she is retiring we hope she doesn't forget to pencil us in for a coffee break! We will miss you!



Allegany Education Update:

REMINDER: Tutoring is available!

Tutoring is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 - 7:30pm at the Steamburg Community Center beginning 1/20/22 by appointment only. **Please call 716-354-4665 for more information**

New Higher Education Coordinator

We would like to welcome the new Higher Ed Coordinator Leslie R. John to our department. Her office is located at the SALC. She can be reached on her cell at (716)801-0485 or at (716)945-1790 ext. 3103. Her emails are L.John@sni.org and AlleganyHEP@sni.org. Welcome Leslie!

A vibrant poster for 'Spring Vendor Day' set against a background of a bright sun, green leaves, and a field of daisies. The text is arranged in a friendly, inviting manner. At the top, a line of text encourages support for the Catt Rez Beaders. The main title 'Spring Vendor Day' is written in a large, elegant script. Below this, the date '16 APRIL' is highlighted in a yellow box, followed by the time '10AM -5PM'. The location '@ THE SULLY' is prominently displayed, accompanied by a butterfly illustration. Further details include the address '12857 ROUTE 438, IRVING, NY', a note about weather permitting, and a disclaimer that vendor tents and chairs are not provided. At the bottom, the cost of \$20 and the contact information for Sam Jacobs are provided.

Come down and support the Catt Rez Beaders as they host

Spring Vendor Day

16
APRIL

**10AM
-5PM**

@ THE SULLY

12857 ROUTE 438, IRVING, NY

Outside event (weather permitting).
Vendor tent, tables & chairs not provided

**\$20 vendor fee, to reserve a spot, call:
Sam Jacobs at 716-532-8162**

Made with PosterMyWall.com


ENVIRONMENTAL

Cattaraugus Territory Large Item Drop-off

April 2nd-8th, 2022
8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Environmental Office Parking Lot
84 Iroquois Drive
Irving, NY 14081

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS include:
Couches, Chairs, Washers & Dryers,
CLEANED OUT Refrigerators,
Air Conditioners, Construction
& Demolition Materials,
Electronics, OFF RIM Tires,
and Household Hazardous Waste
*Household hazardous waste
not accepted after 2pm on April 7th *

NOT ACCEPTABLE ITEMS include:
Boats, mobile homes, large amounts of tires,
commercial waste, and household trash.
**EPD reserves the right to reject any
items deemed unacceptable**

*Elders & Disabled may call the office to schedule a pick-up.
Pick-ups start April 4th and continues through April 8th.
*Limit one truckload per person.**

New this year: Drop off gently used items to our PREVIOUSLY LOVED SECTION!
Items that you no longer use/want that are still in good condition & too nice to throw
away. Even with minor repairs, set them aside for someone else to put those to use.

Seneca Nation COVID protocols will be followed

Any questions please call: 716.532.2546

SENECA NATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD)

COMMUNITY MEETINGS


<u>Cattaraugus Territory</u>	<u>Allegany Territory</u>
March 23, 2022	March 24, 2022
5:30pm– 6:30pm	5:30pm– 6:30pm
Cattaraugus Community Center	Allegany Community Center
Multi-Purpose Room	Multi-Purpose Room

A meeting to discuss upcoming EPD events with the main focus on EPD's Brownfields Program. Input is needed for possible reuse and redevelopment of brownfield sites on Territory (Former Conrail, Former Tannery, & Former Seneca Junction) and to identify other possible brownfield sites on Territory. We will also be available to help answer questions relating to other EPD Programs, which include Air Quality, Climate Change, Invasive Species, Pesticides, Solid Waste, Underground Storage Tank (UST), and Water (environmental).

Community input is very valuable!

Light refreshments will be provided

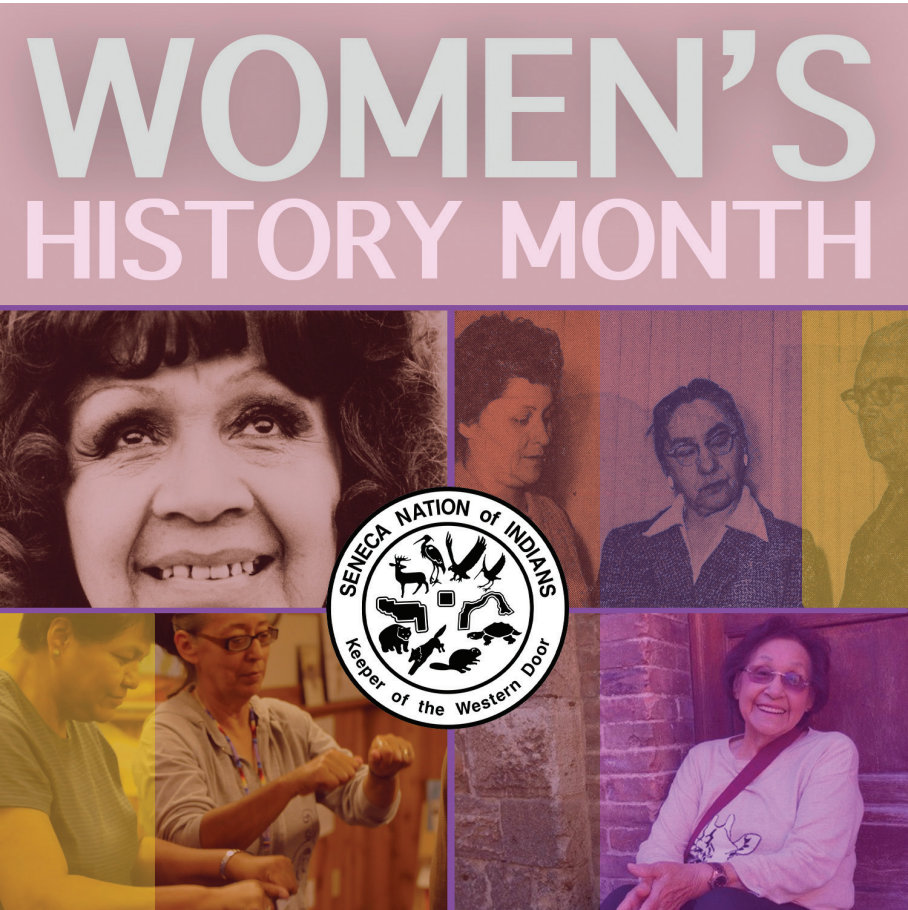
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Allegany Territory 814 Broad Street Salamanca, NY 14779 (716) 945-1790 ext. 3191	Cattaraugus Territory 84 Iroquois Drive Irving, NY 14081 (716) 532-2546



SENECA NATION
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Women’s History Month

As a matrilineal people, Senecas have always held reverence for the role of women in our society. To celebrate #WomensHistoryMonth, we're going to bring you the stories of Seneca women who have made an impact in our community and the region, and more special content all month long. Follow hashtag #SNCelebratesWHM and never miss a post from Seneca Media's Facebook page!



We will be honoring Seneca Women throughout the month of March to celebrate WHM.

Rovena Abrams

Make sure to follow the Seneca Media & Communications Center Facebook page for this month long series. The first woman we are honoring and recognizing this month is: Rovena Watt Abrams, Seneca, Turtle Clan, who grew up in Coldspring on the Allegany Territory and is a speaker of the Seneca language.



Rovena worked at the Seneca Nation during two major periods of Seneca history: the Kinzua Dam era and the expiration of Salamanca’s 99-year leases. Rovena’s family along with 700 other Senecas residing in the take area were forced to relocate to the communities of Jimersontown and Steamburg as a result of the construction of the Kinzua Dam. It was during this time that Rovena became interested in Seneca women gaining the right to vote. She helped to encourage other Seneca women to join this effort and undertook the campaign for Seneca women to have the right to hold office.

Beginning in 1984, Rovena served two terms as the Northeast Area Vice President of the National Congress of American Indians. Rovena was appointed by Council to the Salamanca Lease Negotiation Committee to help reach a settlement of the 99-year leases with the City of Salamanca that were set to expire in February 1991. In 1994, Rovena became Editor of the Seneca Nation Newsletter. From 2002-2008, Rovena served as a Tribal Councilor, and later served as Peacemaker Court Judge from 2008-2010. Throughout her career, she was appointed to several boards and committees.

Her artwork and corn husk dolls were featured in the “Iroquois and Native American Art of Today,” traveling exhibit in 1973 as well as displayed at the Smithsonian Museum and the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum. She was the first recipient of the “Seneca Eagle Award for Public Service” in 2007. Rovena received the Mother’s Medal of Honor for the distinguished military service of her sons Bruce, Brian and Stephen. On June 19, 2013, Rovena received the Lifetime Achievement award presented by Seneca Nation Treasurer Rodney Pierce for “her life’s endeavors and for demonstrating a significant and lasting contribution to the community.” #SNCelebratesWHM

Women’s History Month Rhonda George, 1st WOMAN Marshal, hired on

Rhonda George was the 1st WOMAN Marshal hired on as regular staff after completing the police academy. She graduated in 1984 and started working for the Nation shortly after.

Ralphy Doxtator was her 1st boss (serving in her Marshal role) who was the Cattaraugus Chief Marshal at that time.

She went to school with Kevin Seneca and Denny Lytel – they were all in the Academy together at the same time.

After graduating from the academy, her and Kevin Seneca were hired as Marshal’s in Cattaraugus and Dennis Lytel was hired in Allegany.



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

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Seneca Leadership meets with NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation at Ganondagan



After more than 35 years, G. Peter Jemison has retired as Ganondagan State Historic Site Manager. Ja:gö'h Pete on your long and successful career!

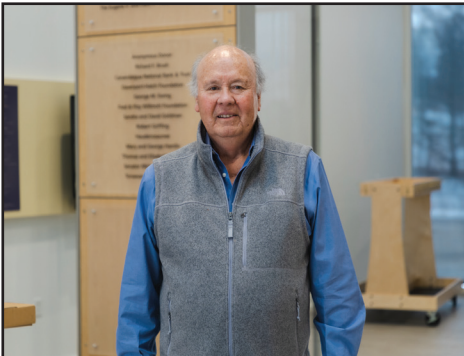
Leadership from the Seneca Nation, the Tonawanda Seneca Nation, and the New York Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation met to discuss the significance of Ganondagan and paving a way for the future.

Councillor Tina Abrams read a message on behalf of President Pagels on the cultural value of Ganondagan and presented him with a gift for his years of dedication and preservation of our culture.

Councillors Elliot Jimerson, Arlene Bova, and Lisa Maybee also gave remarks and touched on the family atmosphere at Ganondagan.

NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commissioner Erik Kulleseid spoke about carrying on a respective relationship with both nations in effort to tell our narrative and have our own voice as Seneca people and culture bearers.

Michael Galban, new Site Manager, spoke briefly about exciting new projects in the works. Galban, along with Cultural Liason Ansley Jemison, intend to carry on and build off Jemison's 35+ years of work.



The running of Wahda' oshesda' (maple sap) *Maple season is here!*

Each month, Seneca Media & Communications Center updates their Facebook profile cover photo for our follower's enjoyment. This month's photo was taken in 2019 on the Brant Reservation Road on the Cattaraugus Territory. Our March photo was chosen because maple season is here! The running of Wahda' oshesda' (maple sap) from the maple tree is considered an early sign of the Spring awakening of Mother Earth. Did you know it takes 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup? Syrup from Seneca Nation Gakwi:yo:h Farms is available in pint and quart sizes and can be purchased at the Seneca One Stops in Irving and Allegany, the Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino, the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center, and at the farm located at 13594 Taylor Hollow Road, Collins, N.Y.



Maple Season at Gakwi:yo:h Farms

Deyëtinö:nyöh Ha'dewënö
dë:nöde' Johehgöh

We honor our relative life sustainers.

Today, we carry on our way of life. The running of the sap in the maple tree is the first sign of the awakening of Mother Earth. We give thanks to the maple tree each year as it wakes up to begin a new cycle of life.



Workers at a sugarbush on the Allegany Territory..



A tapped maple tree on the Cattaraugus Territory.



Workers clean the wood-fired evaporator.

Maple Season is here and the Gakwi:yo:h Farms crew is hard at work collecting and processing sap from local maple trees for its maple syrup.

Syrup is available in pint and quart sizes and can be purchased at the Seneca One Stops in Irving and Allegany, the Seneca Allegany Casino, the Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center, and at the Farm (13594 Taylor Hollow Road, Collins, NY.)



For more information please call the Farm directly at (716)532-3194 or follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GakwiyoH Farms.

Photos and information provided by Gakwi:yo:h Farms.

Ja:goh Shelby Weston - She represented Gowanda Girls Lacrosse 2021 Sectional Championship team at the Bandits Halftime salute on Friday, Feb. 18th!



With the return of Buffalo Bandits lacrosse and fans at KeyBank Center this season, the team wanted to make home games during the 2021-22 season special for the best fans in lacrosse by offering "theme nights" for each of their home games.

For theme night "Youth Lacrosse Night", the Buffalo Bandits honored league champions from Section VI, both girls & boys, during halftime at the February 18th game vs. Albany Firewolves.

Shelby Weston, a Junior from Gowanda High School represented the 2021 Varsity Girls Lacrosse Team as Class D Sectional Champions. Shelby is a member of the

Turtle Clan residing on the Cattaraugus Territory with her mother Barbara Weston.

Under the direction of Head Coach Lottie Gill and her assistants Aryien Stevens, Marissa Haring and Justin Gill, the Gowanda Varsity girls beat Salamanca 20-5 to win the semifinals on 6/23/21. With a 17-8 win over league rivals, the Eden Raiders, they clinched the Sectional Championship on 6/25/21 for the first time since the inception of the girl's program at Gowanda in 2018.

Jagoh Shelby and the rest of the GHS Varsity team, this years season gets underway on March 29th.

Theme Night schedule for the remainder of the Bandits season:

- Saturday, March 12: Philadelphia vs. Buffalo – 7:30 p.m. – **Wing Night**
- Saturday, March 26: Halifax vs. Buffalo – 7:30 p.m. – **Native American Heritage Night presented by Seneca Resorts and Casinos**
- Saturday, April 30: Toronto vs. Buffalo – 7:30 p.m. – **Fan Appreciation Night**



Above: Buffalo Bandits honored league champs from Section VI during their February 18th game, during Youth Lacrosse theme Night. Shelby Weston pictured wearing #8 blue shirt/jersey. Below: 2021 Varsity girls lacrosse class D sectional champs.



Seneca Warchiefs Jr B Lacrosse Announces Upcoming:

TRYOUT DATE! When: Saturday, March 19th, 2022 Where: Gil Lay Arena Time: 9AM-12PM

- All potential and returning players must bring **ALL PRACTICE EQUIPMENT** to the Tryout.
- Players must be between the ages of 15 years and 21 years of age to play. (Born in and after 2001).
- Any questions can be directed to Seneca War Chiefs General Manager, Adrian Stevens at 716-425-9702.
- **NOTE: ANY PLAYER WHO HAS RIGHTS WITH A DIFFERENT TEAM IN 2021 MUST GET PERMISSION IN WRITING FROM THE PREVIOUS TEAM. You will not be allowed on the floor without permission.**

Record holder Ja:goh Ray Cortes!

Feb. 28, 2022 | observer.com

Silver Creek's Ray Cortes, seen shooting a jumper during a basketball game at Frewsburg earlier in the season, he broke the Black Knights' single-season scoring record in their win over the Bears in the Section VI Class C quarterfinal game. Cortes now has 553 points, surpassing the previous record of 548 held by Trevon Thompson.



Kabbage Korners Snowsnake Tournament

Was held February 19th-20th at the Pinewoods track | Submitted by Adrian Stevens

Kids Results - Saturday

- 5-6 years old - **LJ Leroy**
- 7-8 years old - **LJ Leroy**
- 9-10 years old - **Ivan Abrams**
- 11-12 years old - **Uriah Leroy**
- 13-14 years old - **Hiram Watt**
- 15-16 years old - **Macay Jimerson**



L to R: LJ Leroy, Ivan Abrams, Uriah Leroy, Hiram Watt, Macay Jimerson

Mens Results - Saturday

- Mens Mudcat Game Winner - Team 11 Acres - **Robbie Jimerson**, Thrower
- Mens 3rd Rater Game Winner - Team Indian Hill - **Dewey Longboat**, Thrower

Mens Results - Sunday

- Mens First Class Winner - Miller Team - **Zach Miller**, Thrower
- Mens Second Class Winner - Team Isaac - **Clay Scanlan**, Thrower



Snowsnake was often referred to as a medicine game that lifted the spirits of the men during long winters, but the games of today are mostly just for sport and to build comradery. We would like to send a Big Nya:wëh to JC Seneca and Native Pride at Tallchief Territory for sponsoring the tournament and ensuring our great winter sport lives on.



Team Kabbage Korners Members:
Robbie John, Ryan John, Uriah John, Scott Lay, Tom Stevens, Alvin Young, Jr Stevens, Hogaiyo John and Adrian Stevens.



Team 11 Acres, Cattaraugus Territory



Team Isaac - Cattaraugus Territory

Warriors make history in Section 6 Class C final win over Holland

March 4, 2022 | By Sam Wilson, Olean Times Herald

JAMESTOWN — After an emotional victory over its rival and the No. 1 seed in Section 6 Class C, the Salamanca boys basketball team still had work left on Friday to finish off its season-long goal.

The Warriors faced down Holland with history on the line, seeking their first Section 6 championship since 1968. But

the weight of history didn't seem to bother coach Adam Bennett's Warriors, who got out in front 8-0 in the game's opening minutes and never trailed Friday night at Jamestown Community College.

Riding a hot performance by sophomore star Lucus Brown, Salamanca took the championship game, 70-51, over

second-seeded Holland. "There's no better group of kids that deserve it," Bennett said. "These guys, since April, have been working their tails off. They're unselfish, they love each other, every day they just try to get better. They've gone through so much and for them to come out on the other side and do what they did, there's just no more deserving group.

points on 12-of-27 shooting (7-of-15 from 3-point range) with 11 rebounds and two steals. Andy Herrick (seven rebounds, five assists) and Cole Hedlund (10 rebounds, two steals) had 14 points each. Point guard Hayden Hoag dished out nine assists with eight rebounds and four steals while his twin brother Harley Hoag added seven rebounds and five assists.



"They've never been worried about what teams in the past have done or what teams in the future will do, it's all been about the next day and getting better every day. That's that championship mentality. I just couldn't be more proud of them."

Brown scored 32

"I think they said it's been 55 years and that really puts it in perspective, how much we deserve it and how long it's been," Hayden Hoag said. "I can't put it into words really." Of the championship win, Brown noted, "We've put in all the work since last year. We came into the game knowing what we had to do, so we got the job done.

“It means a lot. It means everything to me. I love basketball. I just want to keep going. That’s all.”

A step-back corner 3-pointer before the halftime buzzer gave Brown 18 first-half points and extended the Warriors’ lead to 37-20.

“I was really just feeling it,” Brown said. “(It was) just really confidence, that’s all. I’m just practicing my shots day by day, getting shots up in the gym. So I just buried it.”

Even Brown’s teammates couldn’t help but marvel at his performance.

“As a program, Bennett says all the time, we’re just a program, not one player,” Hayden Hoag noted. “But it’s certainly amazing when he has those nights. It’s unbelievable sometimes, like seriously, he just shoots it, it’s going to go in.”

Bennett praised Brown Monday night, after a semifinal win over Randolph, for how well he had assimilated back into the lineup and not forcing shots after missing time due to an internal disciplinary matter. On Friday night, Bennett trusted Brown to take the big shots his team needed to deliver a sectional title.

“Lucus is a big-time player,”



*Salamanca’s Lucas Brown (23) knocks down a 3-point shot over Holland’s Jake Galley (13) in the first half of Friday’s Section 6 Class C championship game in Jamestown.
Credit – Derek Gumtow/Olean Times Herald*

Bennett said. “He was made for moments like this and that’s because he loves the game. He’s a gym rat. He’d be in the gym 24/7 if we’d let him. So I told him at the beginning of the game, these are the games that he gets to be excited and confident (about) because he’s put in the work and because he’s put in the time. He has no anxiety about how he’s going to do. He believes in himself, I trust him as a player and so it’s nice to see him play like that.”

The Warriors withstood a late-season slump, with losses in five out of seven game amid multiple abseneces due to injury, illness or discipline, but got their

whole lineup back before the postseason and picked up their early-season form. As a fourth seed, they rattled off three postseason wins to deliver a sectional title more than a half-century in the making. Salamanca had not won its section since Chuck Crist’s senior year on the basketball court.

A sixth-year coach, Bennett praised his team, from its five seniors to a talented crop of underclassment, for its togetherness this season.

“They’re unbelievable kids, just first and foremost, and they all care,” Bennett said. “They

care about each other and care about the game. I can coach for 30 more years and I’ll never have a group like this again. It’s everybody, not just the seniors but the whole roster. Their enthusiasm and passion for the game, they genuinely make it fun to be around them every day and that was our whole thing, we just didn’t want this to end. We’re on a great ride and we don’t want it to end. I’m glad it’s not.”

The Warriors (16-7) will play a to-be-determined Section 5 opponent in the Far West Regional **at Buffalo State College on Saturday, March 12, at 1:45 p.m.**

While Hayden Hoag echoed his brother Harley’s sentiment about moving on after midnight of Friday’s win — “We’ll just turn the page at 12 o’clock, this is another win,” Hayden said — Bennett laughed and said he’d give his players a bit more time to enjoy this victory.

“I’m giving them this weekend,” Bennett said. “We don’t know who’s coming out of C yet in Rochester, so we’ll take the weekend and then Monday we’ll get after it.”

Source: https://www.oleantimesherald.com/sports/warriors-make-history-in-section-6-class-c-final-win-over-holland/article_ea59efb7-868f-5ef7-8c70-6eb1aad1cbc8.html

Amos Whitcomb Named America East Rookie of the Week and @SEFCU Game Changer!

March 2nd & 7th, 2022 | ualbanysports.com

UAlbany Lacrose @ UAlbanyMLax posted on March 2nd: after tallying two goals and three assists to lead the Great Danes with five points, Amos Whitcomb is your @SEFCU Game Changer! #BeGreat

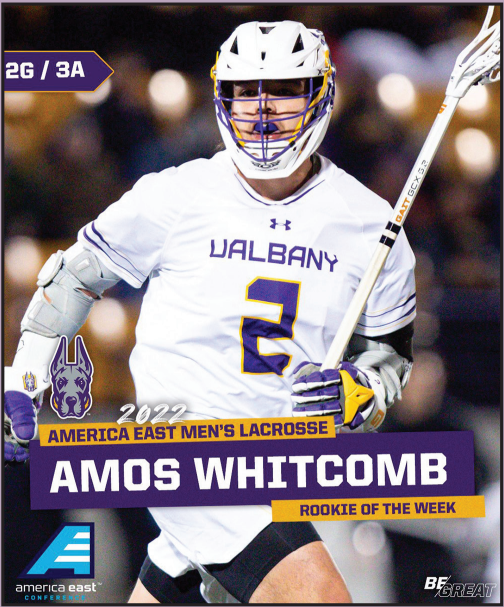


March 7th, UAlbany Men's Lacrosse - BOSTON – For the second-straight week, the University at Albany men's lacrosse program was honored with the America East Rookie of the Week award, the conference announced.

Amos Whitcomb, a freshman attack from Salamanca, N.Y., joins teammate Jacob Moran, who was last week's winner, as the first

two Great Danes to pull down a conference weekly award this season. Whitcomb recorded the best performance of his young career in the Great Danes' last game, an 11-7 victory over Crosstown Rival Siena. He scored two goals and added three assists to lead all scorers with five total points on the evening.

Whitcomb was named alongside Offensive Player of the Week Thomas McConvey and Defensive Player of the Week Ryan Cornell, both from Vermont.



Kaine Whitcomb wins Character Athlete Award

March 2, 2022 | SCCSD Facebook Page

Salamanca City Central School District announced:

Our Unified Bowling team competed yesterday at the sectional final with 35 other teams from Western New York. Salamanca placed 3rd in their division!!

Kaine Whitcomb was the winner of the character athlete award!

Great ending to our 5th season in Unified Bowling.

Ja:goh Kaine!



Buffalo Bandits Native American Scholarship

Apply by March 21st!

bandits.com

The Buffalo Bandits announced the return of the Native American Scholarship, which will be awarded on Native American Heritage Day presented by Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino on Saturday, March 26, when the Bandits face the Halifax Thunderbirds.

To be eligible for the scholarship, applicants must be of Native American descent and residents of Western New York or Southern Ontario. To be considered, applicants must complete the application form found below, which requests a copy of their most recent transcripts, a letter of recommendation from a faculty sponsor or employer and a one-page essay describing why they should be awarded the scholarship and what it would mean to them. The scholarship is only open to students currently enrolled at or accepted to an accredited college or university.

A selection committee composed of members of the Buffalo Bandits organization will choose the scholarship winner. The winner will then be notified by Wednesday, March 23 and expected to be available to accept the scholarship on Saturday, March 26 at the Bandits' game against the Halifax Thunderbirds at 1 p.m.

All applications must be submitted with all accompanying documentation no later than Monday, March 21.

Scholarship Amount: \$1,000

Visit <https://bandits.com/scholarship/> to apply!



ATTENTION! Athletes & Parents! - If you want to play sports in college you can register to attend this FREE Virtual “Guiding the College-Bound Athlete” Recruiting Workshop on Tuesday, March 22nd at 8 p.m. est.

The Workshop is for Athletes in grades 7-12 that have aspirations of playing College Sports, and their Parents and Coaches. Watch it together as a family from the comfort and safety of your HOME Laptop/PC/Notebook, etc.

This Nationally Acclaimed program will be conducted by National Recruiting Expert, Rick Wire & “Special Guests” Sue Ramsey, Indiana University Basketball Star, 2012 NCAA D-II Women’s Basketball Coach of the Year, and Coy Wire, Stanford Graduate, 9-yr. NFL Veteran and CNN/HLN Sports Correspondent.

The Workshop covers the following topics:

- How to setup Recruiting Visits
- How to make sure your Athlete

will be ACADEMICALLY Eligible to play in college as a freshman and get more opportunities

- How to get an Athletic Scholarship or Grant
- How to get Noticed & RECRUITED
- Why you should start as early as 8th Grade!
- Why there are more opportunities at D-III, NAIA & Junior Colleges

Participants will also receive an SAT/ACT prep program (\$350 value)! **You MUST “Pre-Register” for this Workshop. Space is Limited. Save your Spot NOW!**

To register for this workshop, visit: www.dynamitesports.com



visit us on-line
@sninews.org

Creatives Rebuild New York Launches Programs to Support 2,700 Artists Across New York State - Individual

artists invited to apply to receive guaranteed income for 18 months Artists and nonprofit organizations invited to apply jointly for funding to support artists’ employment for two years New York’s arts and culture sector generates \$120 billion and half a million jobs for the state. The state lost 50 percent of its performing arts jobs during COVID-19, the sharpest losses of any industry | Submitted by Hayden Haynes

CREATIVES REBUILD NEW YORK

(NEW YORK, NY — February 14, 2022) Creatives Rebuild New York (CRNY) launched two funding opportunities aimed at providing transformational support for individual artists across New York State. The \$125 million initiative provides either guaranteed income or employment opportunities to artists. Conceived and principally funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation with additional support from the Ford Foundation and the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF), CRNY was formed to reactivate New York State’s creative economy after the devastating impact of COVID-19, and to secure the future of its artists.

CRNY’s Guaranteed Income for Artists program will provide no-strings cash payments to New York artists who demonstrate financial need. 2,400 artists will receive \$1,000 per month for 18 months. Recipients will be selected from a pool of eligible artists to ensure equitable distribution. Application details and eligibility requirements for the Guaranteed Income for Artists program are now available at www.creativesrebuildny.org/apply/guaranteed-income. All guaranteed income applications must be submitted by March 25, 2022 at 11:59 PM Eastern.

CRNY’s Artist Employment Program will fund employment for 300 artists working in collaboration with community-based organizations or municipalities across the

State. Participating artists will receive a salary of \$65,000 per year (commensurate with median household income in New York State) plus benefits and dedicated time to focus on their artistic practice. The partnering organizations are eligible to receive funding to support artists’ employment. Application details and eligibility requirements for the Artist Employment Program are now available at www.creativesrebuildny.org/apply/artist-employment. All joint artist employment program applications must be submitted by March 25, 2022 at 11:59 PM Eastern.

“Today brings us one step closer to realizing a vision that was born just months into the pandemic when, through my work on the governor’s commission, it became clear that we needed to address the deep-rooted disconnect causing artists to not be seen as workers and to be compensated as such,” said Elizabeth Alexander, president of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. “As we continue to envision and work towards our post-pandemic reality, it’s critical that we not overlook the artist workers whose labor is an essential part of our economy and whose continued work sustains us in our most joyful and our darkest hours.”

CRNY recognizes that race, class, ability, and other forms of privilege often dictate access to financial security. As such, CRNY is prioritizing outreach to communities across the State that have historically been under-resourced by philanthropy. Guided by leaders in the linguistic and disability justice communities, CRNY

will also provide necessary accommodations so that non-English speakers, English language learners, people with disabilities, and those without Internet access are supported throughout the application process.

“Artists’ employment and livelihoods are notoriously precarious, and COVID-19 has only exacerbated this unpredictability and uncertainty,” noted Sarah Calderon, Executive Director of CRNY. “CRNY is thrilled to launch our Guaranteed Income for Artists and Artist Employment programs as a step toward building financial security, agency, and freedom for 2,700 New York artists, as well as supporting the broader ecosystem of organizations that employ them.”

Notably, artists played an integral role in the design of both the Guaranteed Income for Artists and Artist Employment programs. Building on the foundation of its nine member Leadership Council, in Fall 2021 CRNY convened a Think Tank—a diverse coalition of New York State artists, scholars, strategists, and activists with wide-ranging identities and lived experiences. Through bi-monthly meetings, this group determined the overall direction of both programs.

“The importance of having artists play a central role in designing CRNY’s guaranteed income and employment programs cannot be overstated,” said Emil Kang, CRNY Leadership Council Chair and Mellon Foundation Program Director for Arts and Culture. “This model is one that points to a necessary paradigm shift

in how artists are supported and reminds us that artistic practice often extends beyond the studio and the stage and is often the result of hours of uncompensated labor.

“Guaranteed income for artists is transformational. By providing monthly, sustained, unconditional cash transfers to artists (and ideally all gig workers), GI strengthens the well-being of a community,” said Yanira Castro, a Brooklyn-based interdisciplinary artist and member of CRNY’s Think Tank. “For most artists, work is seasonal, unpredictable, and comes and goes in waves; it can be feast or famine. Grants are few and foster competition and a scarcity mindset rather than nurturing the health (economic, social, spiritual) of the whole art community. CRNY’s investment in artists through guaranteed income is an acknowledgment of the precarity so many artists work under and the need to work towards the economic security all workers deserve.”

Queries regarding applications may be directed to helpdesk@creativesrebuildny.org.

About Creatives Rebuild New York - Creatives Rebuild New York (CRNY) is a three-year, \$125 million initiative that provides guaranteed income and employment opportunities to artists across New York State. CRNY believes that artists are workers who deserve equitable, sustainable support structures, and that improving the lives of artists is paramount to the vitality of New York State’s collective social and economic wellbeing. Fiscally sponsored by Tides Center, CRNY represents a \$125 million funding commitment, anchored by \$115 million from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and \$5 million each from the Ford Foundation and Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF). Learn more at creativesrebuildny.org.

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Creatives Rebuild New York - CONTINUED

About The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation - The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation is the nation's largest supporter of the arts and humanities. Since 1969, the Foundation has been guided by its core belief that the humanities and arts are essential to human understanding. The Foundation believes that the arts and humanities are where we express our complex humanity, and that everyone deserves the beauty, transcendence, and freedom that can be found there. Through our grants, we seek to build just communities enriched by meaning and empowered by critical thinking, where ideas and imagination can thrive. Learn more at mellon.org/.

About the Ford Foundation The Ford Foundation is an independent, nonprofit grant-making organization with assets currently valued at \$16 billion. For more than 85 years it has worked with courageous people on the frontlines of social change worldwide, guided by its mission to strengthen democratic values, reduce poverty and injustice, promote international cooperation,

and advance human achievement. With headquarters in New York, the foundation has offices in Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. Learn more at fordfoundation.org.

About the Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) - The Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF) is one of the world's leading private, international philanthropic organizations, making grants to nonprofit organizations in the areas of arts and culture, education, health and sports, and social welfare. SNF funds organizations and projects worldwide that aim to achieve a broad, lasting, and positive impact for society at large, and exhibit strong leadership and sound management. The Foundation also supports projects that facilitate the formation of public-private partnerships as an effective means for serving public welfare. Since 1996, the Foundation has committed more than \$3.3 billion through over 5,100 grants to nonprofit organizations in more than 135 countries around the world. Learn more at SNF.org.



SIX NATIONS
AGRICULTURE SOCIETY -
ALLEGANY

SEEKING NEW MEMBERS!

Notice to all Allegany Seneca Six Nation Agriculture Society Members, we will be meeting Saturday March 12th, 2022 at 3pm in the MPR at the ACC and again on Sunday March 20th, 2022 at 3pm in the MPR in the ACC. New Members are welcome, Allegany Seneca's represented by Allegany Community Members.

Any questions can be directed to Darlene Miller 716-378-9818 or Barbara Lynn Hill 716-713-4624. We will be choosing a Princess for the 2022 Great New York State Fair, as well as looking for dancers and singers.

If this is something you would like to be apart of, we hope to see you Saturday, March 12th and or Sunday March 20th at 3pm in the MPR at the ACC. Nya:wëh

The Allegany Territory will select the 2022 Princess for the Great New York State Fair! We will also be looking for singers and dancers to represent our community.

Please contact Darlene Miller (716-378-9818) or Barbara Hill (716-713-4624) for more information

Seneca Nation
Environmental Protection Department's

Cattaraugus
Community Clean-up
Contest

Thursday, April 14, 2022
9am- 2pm

Registration:
Environmental Office
84 Iroquois Drive
Irving, NY 14081
8am- 9am
Family & Friends Teams
Bring your family or a group of friends and register as a team

Any questions
please call the
Environmental
Protection
Department at
(716) 532- 2546 or
(716) 945-1790
ext. 3191

Seneca Nation
COVID protocols will
be followed

PRIZES for Top
Teams/Families
Lunch will be
provided

Seneca Nation Environmental Protection Department's

Allegany Community
Clean-up Contest

Tuesday, April 12, 2022
9am- 2pm

Registration:
ACC Multi Purpose Room
8am- 9am
Family & Friends Teams
Bring your family or a group of friends down and register as a team

PRIZES for Top Teams/
Families!!
Lunch will be provided

Seneca Nation
COVID protocols will
be followed

Clean up area will be limited to Old 17

Any questions please call (716) 945-1790 ext. 3191
or (716) 532-2546




Seneca Nation
Twitter:

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

News From The Four Corners United Methodist Church

Rte. 438 and Versailles Plank Road, Cattaraugus Territory | Pastor – currently unassigned

Submitted by Marilyn Anderson



The Easter season is upon us and we began our observation of season by hosting the ReLENTless Saturday craft activity and luncheon. We learned about the significance of Lent and Easter. We thank our friend from the Hamburg UMC for joining us for this family gathering. People think that Lent means giving up something – sweets, certain foods, etc. – but Lent is also a time for making changes in your life.

Instead of giving up something why not start something new? Volunteering, helping a shut in or elder, visiting someone in a nursing home or hospital, etc. This is a time to take care of others

– and yourself.

In the next few weeks we will be observing Easter through special services. We will be joining with our friends from the Versailles and Gowanda UMC's as we prepare for Easter. The dates, times and locations of these services will be published in upcoming newsletters.

The **Seneca Hymn Singers** are looking forward to beginning their rehearsals. If their service is needed, please contact Beeda Parker or Terry Thompson. **(Continued on the next page)**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Administrator: Ronald Hart,
P.O. Box 52, Irving, NY 14081
~ Cattaraugus Territory - 1st Notice ~

ESTATE OF GERALD JIMERSON, SR.
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13962 Taylor Hollow Rd., Gowanda, NY 14070
~ Cattaraugus Territory - 2nd Notice ~

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P.O. Box 122, Steamburg, NY 14783
~ Allegany Territory - 2nd Notice ~

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~ Cattaraugus Territory - 2nd Notice ~

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~ Allegany Territory - 2nd Notice ~

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~ Cattaraugus Territory - Final Notice ~

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Administrators: Janet Parker, Ann M. John, Edmund John, Sr.,
Eugene John, Jr. -- P.O. Box 42, Versailles, NY 14168
~ Allegany Territory - Final Notice ~

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

Investment Opportunity
6 Unit Apartment Complex **FOR SALE**
- **\$140,000.00** - Salamanca, NY 14779



This 6 separate apartment complex is located at 14 Sycamore Ave., in Salamanca, NY. The building contains appx. 4,000 sq ft of gross building area. It is the former City of Salamanca Fire Dept. that was converted into family living over 30 years ago. The property is located completely on the Seneca Nation of Indians, Allegany Territory. **Contact: Clayton Ludwick, 716-969-4660 | Email: Claylud23@hotmail.com**

NOTICE

NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING SUNDAY MARCH 20TH @ 10 AM
CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED ON THE
PINEWOODS COMMUNITY RESTROOMS

PARKING FOR ANY LOCAL BUSINESSES IS
PROHIBITED ON THE PCA GROUNDS

BALLFIELD IS ONLY OPEN FROM DAWN TO DUSK

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Nya:wëh - I would personally like to thank everyone for their continued support of all members of the nation. You continue to strive for excellence in supporting all members. It is greatly appreciated by me each and every day.

~Col Chris Shillingburg | February 26, 2022

News from Four Corners Church - CONTINUED: Once spring returns, they will resume their Tuesday night gatherings. As the coronavirus loosens its grip on our communities, please remember to be safe. Help to keep our communities healthy. Continue to pray for healing in our communities. Pray for those

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

AOA Elders Corner

Submitted by Melissa Shaw, Outreach Coordinator - Cattaraugus AOA

Directors Update

AOA still has a supply of Home COVID Tests and PPE available for Elders. If any Elders are in need of these items, please call our offices in Allegany (716)945-8990 or Cattaraugus (716)532-5777. Also, homebound or disabled Elders can make an appointment for a COVID test to be administered in their home by calling (716) 220-2442.

Spring is almost here and wahda’ oshesda’ (maple sap) will be flowing! We are looking forward to longer and warmer days. This month AOA resumed extended hours, including evenings and weekends. If you need assistance or would like to participate in any of our activities and events, please don't hesitate to contact us.

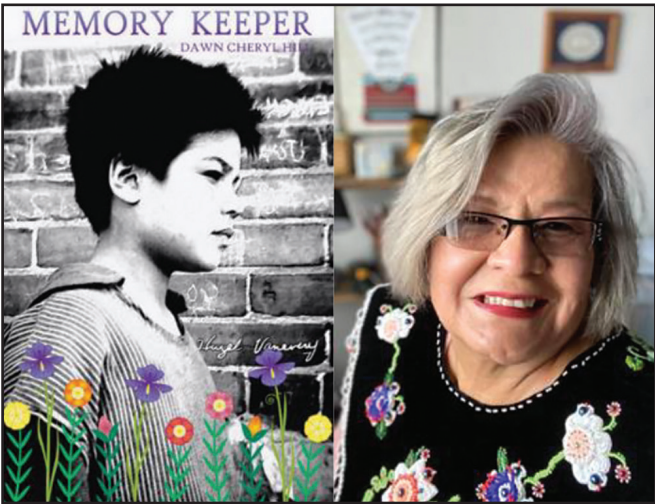
New Elder Center Hours

Wini Kettle Senior Center Hours:

- Monday: 8am-6pm
- Tuesday: 8am-6pm
- Wednesday: 8am-6pm
- Thursday: 8am-6pm
- Friday: 8am-4pm
- Saturday: 9am-5pm
- Sunday: Closed

Allegany Elders Center Hours:

- Monday: 8:30am-7pm
- Tuesday: 8:30am-7pm
- Wednesday: 8:30am-7pm
- Thursday: 8:30am-7pm
- Friday: 8:30am-7pm
- Saturday: 10am-3pm
- Sunday: 10am-3pm



Virtual Presentation by Author Dawn Hill

When: Monday, March 14th
Time: 12:30-1:30pm
Where: Allegany Elders Center and Wini Kettle Senior Center via Zoom
What: Dawn will discuss how descendants of residential school survivors can use writing and land-based practices as tools for healing from trauma. She will share excerpts from her 2021 memoir Memory Keeper.

This event is for Elders age 60 and up. Free t-shirts for all participants. Light refreshments will be served. To sign-up, please stop by AOA or call Melissa Shaw at (716) 532-5777.

Upcoming Seneca Elder Events

- Friday, March 18** - Smokey Robinson at Seneca Niagara Falls Casino at 8 p.m. Sign-up sheets out now.
- Saturday, April 9th** - Martina McBride at Seneca Allegany Casino at 8 p.m. Sign-up sheets out now.

Friday, April 22 - The Temptations & The Four Tops at Seneca Niagara Falls Casino at 8 p.m. Sign -up sheet will be out Friday, March 18th.

Tickets available to enrolled Seneca Elders only. Elders will need to physically sign themselves up in person at either AOA location. For more information, please call: Irma Cortes at (716) 532-5777 ext. 5513.

Monthly AOA Newsletter

Did you know that AOA has a monthly newsletter that has our menu, bus trips and activities for the month, as well as important information about AOA services? If you would like a copy mailed to you each month please call Melissa Shaw at (716) 532-5777 or email Melissa.shaw@sni.org. The newsletter is also available at out Elder Centers, the Seneca Nation Administration Buildings and Health Centers, and on the Seneca Nation website (sni.org) under Community Services - AOA.

MARCH 2022

ELDER LIVING

Seneca Nation Area Office for the Aging

Director's Update

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Oáigaidatoh
The path slants this way and that (as the sun melts the snow)

Nya:wêh Sgê:nó' I am thankful you are well.

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Êsgôgê' ae' - I'll see you again.
Bethany Lay

AOA Newsletter also posted on sni.news.org

Upcoming “Pathway of Healthy Foods to Healthy Bodies” event

The JC Seneca Foundation is celebrating its 10-year anniversary with a year of “Good Health” events. | Submitted by Erika Seneca

The foundation’s “Good Health” focus for March is sponsorship of “Pathway of Healthy Foods to Healthy Bodies.” The event will highlight March as National Colorectal Awareness Month and promote good health through awareness of food as a natural medicine. **Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 23rd** from 4-6pm at Tallchief Territory Home of Native Pride in the warehouse building behind the Native Pride diesel pumps.

The event will feature a number of vendors including Roswell Park

Comprehensive Cancer Center, The American Cancer Society of WNY, and The EC Department of Cancer Services, along with healthy food vendors and a “Pathway” stage where entertainment will include presentations on yoga, and ways that delicious foods can help you stay healthy. There will also be drawing for prizes and maybe even a game or two to play. “Pathway of Healthy Foods to Healthy Bodies” is free and open to the public. Look for more information during the month of March on the JC Seneca Foundation Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/JCSenecaFoundation>

10th ANNIVERSARY GOOD HEALTH INITIATIVE	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
	COVID	HEART	COLORRECTAL CANCER
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
	CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS	NATIONAL FOSTER CARE MONTH	MEN'S HEALTH
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
	HEALTH/ HEALING EXPO	IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS	TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS
WWW.JCSENECAFOUNDATION.ORG	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
	BREAST CANCER AWARENESS	NATIVE HEALTH & DIABETES AWARENESS	IT TAKES A TRIBE MONTH

Retirement of Dedicated Prenatal Nurse Mary Jacobs



After 29 years of devoted service, the Seneca Nation Health System (SNHS) would like to share that Mary Jacobs, our prenatal nurse, has retired this February.

We were very fortunate to have Mary as one of our nurses here at the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Health Center (CIRHC), where she serviced on average 60 prenatal clients per year. Mary is the type of nurse you never forget. She had a way of making her patients comfortable, she earned their trust, and they sought her out in their times of need. In addition, each year Mary helped to plan activities for SNHS’ day during Community Fair. She was also trained as an Indigenous Breastfeeding Counselor

and helped run the Gathering of Mothers program.

Outside of her work within SNHS Mary is very involved in serving her community. For many years, she has been a member of Seneca Fire at Cattaraugus serving as an EMT. She also teaches beading classes and was instrumental in forming the Native Roots Artist's Guild, a network of Iroquois artists and craftsmen. Mary also serves on the Fall Festival Planning Committee each year. Her affiliation with the Six Nations Agricultural Society sponsored activities that promoted growing vegetables, and along with her daughter Samantha, she provided the materials and instruction to take the harvested vegetables to the NYS State Fair Indian Village.

Mary dedicated her career and life to the health system and our community! She has had a positive, profound and lifelong impact on the patients, children, families and our community as she was a role model and mentor to countless people and is well respected in our community! She is a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, auntie and friend to all who know her. And she has always been willing to help anyone in need and gives back to the community by volunteering her time, energy and talents.

She sincerely cares for all, and it shows in her dedication to her work and to the community. Congratulations on your retirement and thank you for all the incredible years of work you put into getting there. We wish you all the best Mary!

Indigenous Breastfeeding Counselor Training

Join SNHS' GHWIC Program and IBC instructors Camie Jac Goldhammer, MSW, LICSW, IBCLC (Sisseton-Wahpeton) and Kimberly Moore-Salas, IBCLC (Navajo) for Native centered lactation education. After this training you will have clinical skills to begin serving breastfeeding moms in your community and help families provide their babies breastmilk as their first food!

There are two training sessions and options to gain information on:

- Historical Trauma & Parenting Practices
- How to Breastfeed
- Telling our Breastfeeding Stories
- Alternate Feeding Methods
- How Birth Impacts Breastfeeding
- Maternal Mood Disorder
- Medication & Other Substances in Mother's Milk
- Food Sovereignty & so much more!

Option 1: 5-day/45-hour Foundational Breastfeeding Course for those that identify as Indigenous

- Monday May 16, 2022 - Friday May 20, 2022
- 9:00am - 5:00pm All Days
- Seneca Iroquois National Museum

Option 2: 3-day/20-hour Clinical Lactation Course for those serving Indigenous communities

- Monday May 23, 2022 - Wednesday May 25, 2022
- 9:00am - 5:00pm All Days
- Allegany Community Center

Contact Heather Ward for registration details:
hward@senecahealth.org
716-532-8223 ext. 5573

FAST & FREE RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

Sponsored by the Environmental Health Unit

MASKS REQUIRED

Dogs, Cats, and Ferrets Welcome!

Cattaraugus Territory

Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Volunteer Fire Department (CIRVFD)
12879 Route 438, Irving NY 14081
Thursday, March 17, 2022 5 p.m.—6:30 p.m.

Please bring proof of previous vaccination

Allegany Territory

Dept. of Public Works (DPW) - entrance is on left side
3674 Administration Dr., Salamanca, NY 14779
Thursday, March 24, 2022 5:30 p.m.—7 p.m.

Make it faster by pre-registering. For more information, call 532-8223 ext. 5296 or 945-5894 ext. 3638

SENECA NATION HEALTH SYSTEM

You can reach us here:

Lionel R. John
Health Center
716-945-5894

Community Health and
Wellness Center
716-532-8223

Cattaraugus Indian
Reservation Health Center
716-532-5582

Prevention Team Happenings

Submitted by Lydia Bushman, Prevention Supervisor



What’s Happening

What’s up with the **SENECA NATION PREVENTION TEAM** these days? Let’s take a look. We have a great upcoming lineup as well as our awesome ongoing programming.

Current Happenings

Cattaraugus Clubhouse-Seneca Clubhouse Cattaraugus located in Irving, NY is back open! Our Clubhouse serves youth ages 12-17 in our Community. We are currently open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-7:30 pm, functioning with two time slots. Youth are required to RSVP for either the 3-5 pm session or the 5:30-7:30 pm session. We take a 30-minute cleaning break each day twice a day, to ensure that the space is clean for all youth when they attend. We really encourage youth to sign up and check out the Clubhouse and see what we have to offer. This is a safe space where you can be yourself and feel comfortable in your own skin. Our Prevention Staff is here to provide support for you in a number of different ways ranging from educational groups, life skills, help with schoolwork, recreational activities, and so on. The opportunities here are endless! Stay tuned for our new Seneca Clubhouse opening up in Allegany.

If you have any inquiries about our program, you can reach Jennifer Stebbins by phone at 716-532-8190 or by email at jstebbins@senecahealth.org

Family Engagement Programs-Family Engagement programs are family oriented activities that occur once a month. These activities are fun for the whole family. We also periodically have month long family challenges that families can do at home and submit their completed projects. *Look for an upcoming one in April!*

Teen Activity Night-These groups focus on issues that are pertinent to living in today’s “teen” world. These groups are once a month and are usually scheduled the first part of the month.

School Programming-We have recently been able to go back into the school system to work with our community youth. This is exciting as we have a great new educational curriculum to teach these kids.

Upcoming Events

While we continue to have these awesome ongoing programs; here are some really exciting things we are looking forward to. We are going to start up a new Youth Group Advisory Board.

Here is a sneak peak:

- Want to develop leadership skills, self-esteem, and self-confidence all while making a difference in your community?
- **Calling all Youth** to come use your talents and energies to address major issues you see within your community by joining the **Youth Advisory Board!**
- Work with like-minded peers to tackle community service projects, promote healthy lifestyles, cultural preservation, and environmental awareness.

Requirements for the Youth Advisory Board

- Ages 12 to 24.
- Grade average of 85% or higher.

Other Prevention Team highlights include:

- March-WOMEN’S EMPOWERMENT MONTH-see interviews online/Bingo night/Daughters of Tradition girls group
- April-collaboration with Child & Family Services-Child Abuse Awareness Walk (watch for details)/Month Long Family Engagement project
- May-Mental Health Awareness Month-Spotlight on the BHU Counselors
- June-Men’s Health Month/LGBTQ Color Run (watch for details)

Look for all of upcoming events and activities on our website and like and follow our Facebook page:

<https://senecanativeconnections.org/>
<https://www.facebook.com/SenecaNativeConnections/>

BINGO

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FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Are you feeling lucky? Gather your family and your lucky charms and join us for Family Bingo Night! Space is limited so be sure to RSVP!
We'll supply the boards, dabbers and snacks and there's two locations to choose from.

Wednesday, March 16th
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Seneca Clubhouse Cattaraugus
12861 Route 438
Irving

Seneca Clubhouse Allegany
983 RC Hoag Drive
Salamanca

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Honor your journey.

SENECA NATION HEALTH SYSTEM

COVID protocols will be in effect so please be sure to mask up and practice the six-foot social distance rule when picking up your supplies.

This event is for youths ages 24 and under and their families
RSVP:
Jennifer Stebbins
716.532.8190
jstebbins@senecahealth.org

Don't forget to visit our website!
senecahealth.org

visit us on-line
@sninews.org

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Onödowa'ga: Gawē:nö' Pronunciation Key

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

GWA'YÖ:!

SPRING EVENT!

APRIL 14TH, 2022

AT THE ACC

IN-PERSON GATHERING!

4:00PM TO 6:00PM

coloring contest,
egg hunt, treats,
food and more!

(BRING YOUR OWN BASKET)

RAIN OR SHINE EVENT

FOR INFORMATION
PLEASE CALL: (716) 945-8119

H.E.R.O. COMMITTEE EVENT

SENECA NATION EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES: DIAL 911

NON-MEDICAL EMERGENCY SERVICES

CALL DISPATCH. THEY WILL DISPATCH ALL NON-MEDICAL EMERGENCY SERVICES; INCLUDING OUTSIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT, IF NECESSARY.

ALLEGANY, STEAMBURG & OIL SPRING TERRITORIES 1 (716) 945-2779	CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY 1 (716) 532-3040
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DO NOT PANIC

First Day of Spring is March 20, 2022!

Newsletter Deadline:

The deadline for the next edition of the SNI Newsletter will be **Tuesday, March 15, 2022.**
Next issue to be dated March 25, 2022