



The Official Newsletter of the SENECA NATION



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A message from President Matthew B. Pagels



Nya:wëh sgë:nö' gagwe:goh,

I'm thankful for you and our seasons. It's time to transition into warmer weather and spring cleaning. I'm also thankful that our COVID numbers continue to remain low. The surrounding county rates remain at or below 2%. With numbers declining the previous Executive Order has been suspended. Mask requirements are lifted for all Seneca Nation buildings with the exceptions of the Nation's health care facilities, elder facilities, childcare facilities, and public transportation.

Quarantine period has also changed from 10- day to 5-day followed by 5-day mask mandate. Employees may refer to the Seneca Nation COVID-19 protocol and guidelines for more information. This is exciting news for everyone. Keep in mind that vaccination clinics and testing are still available. Contact the Cattaraugus or Allegany Health department for vaccination and booster information and Emergency Management for testing information.

In regard to the Gaming settlement, last week the Nation Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) sent a letter regarding the review of revenue share provision in our gaming compact. The letter informed the Seneca Nation that the review into the issue is closed with no further action on part of the agency.

Our Council and Executives will take time to review the NIGC letter and contemplate every possible option moving forward. Our commitment to the Seneca People, is securing a fair Compact which allows us growth and success in the industry. Our Gaming operations has been transformational for our Seneca members and has improved the quality of life for families and for our Territories. We are dedicated to protecting our rights with

unfair policies and regulations which are created to limit our ability to compete and succeed. We deserve equity.

With that the Seneca Nation is seeking input and expertise from Nation members interested in serving on the Gaming Compact Advisory panel. This group will forward thorough, researched recommendations to Nation leaders. Those interested may submit a letter of intent to the Seneca Nation Clerk's office no later than March 31, 2022. Material can be delivered to the William Seneca Building or submitted by email at mkettle@sni.org.

Lastly, EPD is holding community meeting to discuss the Brownfields program. The meetings will be held on March 23 at 5:30 in the multipurpose room at the CCC ad on March 24 at 5:30 in the multipurpose room at the ACC. Input is need for possible reuse and redevelopment of brownfield sites such as the former Conrail, Tannery and Seneca Junction sites as well as identifying other potential sites.

Stay safe, and stay strong. Dah ne'hoh din ae',

Matthew B. Pagels

Happy Women's History Month to all of our strong Seneca women!
Please see Seneca Media Facebook page for a slide show dedicated to International Women's Day and highlights of revered Seneca women in our communities.

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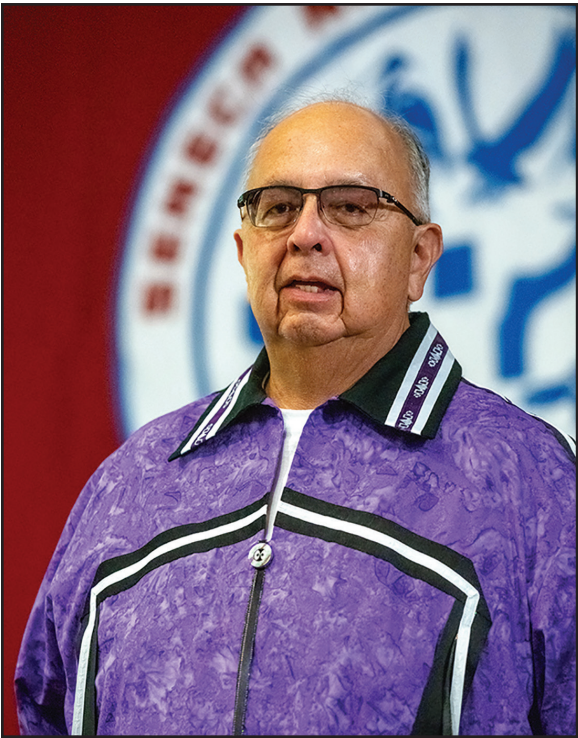


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Greetings,

Spring officially arrived a few days ago. The weekend prior, we had several inches of fresh snow - just in time for the Morrie Abrams snow snake tournament, where I heard young guys, older men and several teams participated and enjoyed their time together.

The month of March was officially designated as "Women's History Month" in 1987, to celebrate critical contributions women have made to events in history, culture and contemporary society. As a matrilineal society, Haudenosaunee people have always understood the importance of women and have held women in high

regard. Recently, Gajehsöh - Sandy Dowdy, was recognized by the Salamanca School District, Seneca Youth Council and JCC, for her life's work of preserving and teaching the Seneca language. She was selected as one of 31 women who will be recognized and honored in the Women's Empowerment Draft for 2022. To learn more, please visit: www.artforce5.com/wedraft. I would like to recognize her and thank her for her vision and perseverance through the years. Her work and dedication have truly made an invaluable impact on our community! Congratulations Gajehsöh!

How about the Salamanca Warriors Boys Varsity Basketball team? On March 12th, they won their first Section VI Class C Boys Basketball Far West Regional Championship game in fifty-four years, against Avon, which put them in the "final four" match up. This was a 61-59 victory and moved them on to play second-ranked Stillwater, Section II, in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class C semifinal in Glens Falls, NY, on March 18th. They played a great game and I'm sure our community could not be more proud for all of their accomplishments this season. I look forward to watching this team and program grow into their next season. Also, I'm very happy to see that the North American Lacrosse Association (NAMLA) is coming back for the 2022 season. This is exciting news for our lacrosse players and our communities, as it has been a long awaited two years without

this club operating and competing. I look forward to a healthy and safe season this year for everyone.

My staff has been busy creating, printing and mailing an updated Community Directory to all members aged sixty and older, whom reside either on-territory or in the surrounding areas. The directory is a comprehensive listing of contact information for each department and was designed with the intention of making it easier for folks to contact any and all governmental departments, emergency personnel and enterprises. If you are under the age of sixty and are interested in receiving a directory, please stop by your respective Clerk's Office, as they will soon be available in Allegany, Cattaraugus and Buffalo. Also, by now, if you reside on-territory, you should have received an "Emergency Preparedness" postcard from our office, which contains phone numbers for the Allegany and Cattaraugus central dispatch for all non-medical emergencies. All you need to do is call the number for your respective territory and they will dispatch the necessary assistance. Of course, for all medical emergencies, please dial 911. These will also be available soon for pick up in the Allegany and Cattaraugus Clerk's Offices.

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 ENCOURAGED 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
Elizabeth 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 Invoking/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. 5046 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!

FIVE (5) ADDITIONS TO THE SENECA NATION ROLL –
MARCH 12, 2022 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

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| 1. | Anthony Robert Crawford | - | Hawk |
| 2. | Kamila Josephine Garzon | - | Turtle |
| 3. | Romoni Kaine Laury | - | Turtle |
| 4. | Yzael Leeman Nasewytewa | - | Turtle |
| 5. | Julian Moses Young | - | Turtle |

Due to Covid-19, the in person requirement for enrollment has been temporarily suspended, therefore we are asking parents who recently have or will be having their child(ren) enrolled and wishes to have their child(s) pictures included in future editions of the SN Newsletter, please email a picture to: Kathleen.Hill@sni.org or Bjohnson@sni.org

We would like to say "Nya:wëh" for your patience and understanding during this time and please watch for updates as this may change unexpectedly. Any changes will be posted online.

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

TEN (10) DELETIONS TO THE SENECA NATION ROLL –
MARCH 12, 2022 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

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| 1. | Brett Warner Abrams | - | Turtle |
| 2. | Doreen H Bennett | - | Wolf |
| 3. | Barry Lee Jacobs | - | Turtle |
| 4. | Ronald F Lemon | - | Heron |
| 5. | Shane Neil Loret | - | Beaver |
| 6. | Karen L G Nephew | - | Snipe |
| 7. | Harold Emory Parker | - | Hawk |
| 8. | Jose’ Luis Quintana | - | Snipe |
| 9. | Douglas J Taylor | - | Snipe |
| 10. | Margaret L Wolfe | - | Heron |

Notice of Completion NGC Investigation

The Seneca Nation has received notice that the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) has completed and will close its investigation into the revenue sharing with the state of New York under the gaming compact renewal period.

No payment has yet been remitted as a result of the NIGC's notice. Council and the President are determined to move toward a fair compact that will benefit the Seneca people.

The letter from NIGC is available to read here and online at: <http://ow.ly/FryA50Iix8S>

March 11, 2022
Honorable Matthew Pagels
President, Seneca Nation of Indians
90 Ohiyo Way
Salamanca, NY 14779

Re: Notice of completion of NIGC investigation

Dear President Pagels:

I am writing to inform you that the National Indian Gaming Commission has completed its investigation into the revenue sharing under the Nation’s gaming compact extension with the State of New York. The investigation focused on whether the payments and surrounding circumstances indicated that the State obtained a proprietary interest in the Nation’s gaming operations.

We investigated whether payment of the revenue share during the seven year renewal period would violate the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act’s requirement that the Nation maintain the sole proprietary interest in and responsibility for the conduct of any gaming activity. We will not be taking enforcement action against the Nation and are closing this investigation.

The National Indian Gaming Commission

reviews three-factors to determine whether a third party has obtained a proprietary interest in a tribe’s gaming operation: 1) the right of control provided to the third party over the gaming activity; 2) the term of the relationship; and 3) the compensation to the third party.¹ Accordingly, final agency actions by NIGC and OGC legal opinions have found an improper proprietary interest in agreements under which a party, other than a tribe, receives a high level of compensation, for a long period of time, and possesses some aspect of control.²

This is the first time NIGC has applied the sole proprietary interest factors to a tribal state compact, and the Agency has acknowledged that tribal state compacts are fundamentally different than agreements it has reviewed in the past: “By law, compacts between an Indian tribe and a state provide for regulation of class III gaming. Interior has approved some compacts that provide for a share of the net revenue if the State provides an on-going tangible benefit such as exclusivity from non-Indian gaming.”³ Tribal-state gaming compacts, therefore, require special considerations.

Through inquiry and review of documentation, we investigated whether the State exercised control over the Nation’s

gaming beyond what IGRA provides and what is required in the Compact. We determined that it did not.

Unlike other agreements where a lengthy term may suggest an ownership interest, the stability afforded by lengthy compact terms is a great benefit to tribes. Moreover, we noted that the term of the Nation’s Compact is comparable to others across the country and that several tribes have perpetual compacts. As such, the term of the Compact does not raise sole proprietary interest concerns.

Finally, we examined the compensation due to the State for the period of the compact renewal through the end of fiscal year 2020. The compensation analysis includes not only the amount being paid to the third party, but the value of the benefit received by the tribe as well.⁴ In past cases where the agency has suggested that a high percentage of revenue alone would be grounds for a sole proprietary interest violation, the tribe did not receive any service or other consideration to justify the revenue share. NIGC notice of violation NOV-11-02 gives examples, including a rent agreement by which the tribe rented land that it already owned. The rent agreement, according to the NIGC, was nothing more than a profit-sharing scheme by which the

tribe gave a third party 35% of revenue for nothing in exchange.⁵

Here, however, the Nation has received, and is receiving, something in exchange for the revenue share. As discussed above, in exchange for its percentage of slots revenue, the Nation was given exclusivity in all Western New York and within a 25-mile radius of any Seneca gaming facility authorized by Compact;⁶ transfer of the Niagara Falls Convention Center for \$1;⁷ assistance in acquiring restricted fee status to create two off-reservation gaming facilities in Buffalo and Niagara Falls;⁸ and use of the State’s eminent domain powers to acquire other parcels of land necessary for the Nation’s gaming project.⁹

Even if we are to discount everything but the exclusivity as items that have been delivered and should no longer factor into the analysis, the Nation is still granted

exclusivity by the State. In her letter explaining the decision to let the compact go into effect by operation of law, Secretary Norton noted, “[t]he Nation and the State have advanced arguments that the geographic exclusivity defined in Section 12(a)(1) of the Compact is substantial and meaningful...” and determined that “this Compact provides for substantial geographic exclusivity coupled with valuable consideration.”¹⁰

The Department has since taken the position that its analysis did not include the seven-year extension. As it turned out, over the length of the Compact and subsequent extension period, the Nation generated far more dollars for the State than projected and the benefit of exclusivity was reduced by agreement of the parties.¹¹ It is clear that the State has benefited substantially more than anticipated under the Compact while the Nation has received less. Whether

the remaining exclusivity is still worth the bargained percentage of slots revenue would require further analysis. Nevertheless, exclusivity remains a benefit to the Nation and, as such, the revenue share does not, on its own, rise to the level of a sole proprietary interest violation.

We are closing this investigation based upon the evidence and circumstances presented. Based on all circumstances and facts known at this time, there is no recommendation to the Chair to commence any enforcement proceedings. We appreciate the cooperation received from the Nation.

Sincerely,
Tom Cunningham
Chief Compliance Officer
National Indian Gaming Commission

1 City of Duluth v. Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, 830 F. Supp. 2d 712, 723 (D. Minn. 2011), aff’d in part, rev’d in part and remanded, 702 F.3d 1147 (8th Cir. 2013).
2 NOV 11-02, p. 13.
3 NOV 11-02, p. 10.
4 NOV 11-02, p. 13.
5 NOV 11-02, p. 13.
6 Compact § 12(a).
7 Compact § 11(b).

8 Compact § 11(b)(3).
9 Compact § 11(b)(2)(d).

MAILING ADDRESS: NIGC/DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
1849 C Street NW, Mail Stop #1621 Washington, DC 20040 Tel:
202.632.7003 Fax: 202.632.7066
REGIONAL OFFICES Portland, OR; Sacramento, CA; Phoenix, AZ;
St. Paul, MN; Tulsa, OK; Oklahoma City, OK; Rapid City, SD
WWW.NIGC.GOV

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Seneca Nation is seeking individuals who are interested in serving on the:

SENECA NATION GAMING COMPACT ADVISORY PANEL

The Nation is focused on entering into a new gaming compact or amending the existing compact which is due to expire on December 9, 2023. The Nation seeks the input of advisory expertise from across Nation entities and subsidiaries as well as from the broader Seneca Nation community in order to implement the most effective and most desirable terms and provisions into a new or amended gaming compact.

The Seneca Nation Gaming Compact Advisory Panel, upon being empaneled by Council, shall be charged with working in an advisory capacity with Nation leadership on gaming compact matters including the development and drafting of recommendations for Nation leadership.

If interested in serving, please submit a letter of intent and resume 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 to:

Mkettle@sni.org



Seneca Nation Members

Nya: wëh Sgëno’

I am Nikki Seneca, Seneca Gaming Corporation Outreach Specialist.

I have dedicated office hours to meet with Seneca community members who are interested in exploring, learning about, and applying for job opportunities within the Seneca Gaming Corporation.

FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH • 1 PM - 4 PM

BUFFALO RESOURCE OFFICE | 533 Amherst Street, Buffalo, NY

WEDNESDAYS • 8 AM - 4 PM

WILLIAM SENECA BUILDING (Near Human Resources) | 12837 Route 438, Irving, NY

We offer numerous opportunities to learn, grow, and lead at Seneca Gaming Corporation:

- Finance
- Security
- Property Operations and Facilities
- Housekeeping

- Marketing
- Hospitality
- Gaming (Slots, Table Games, Sports Lounge)
- ...and so much more.

Walk-ins are welcome or call to set up an appointment. I look forward to sharing the great benefits and rewarding job opportunities waiting for you at Seneca Gaming Corporation.





NIKKI SENECA
NSeneca@senecacasinos.com
716-807-2704
Visit TheBest8Hours.com for more information about our benefits and job opportunities.

Tyler Henry, The Hollywood Medium, To Appear At Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino On June 18!

Tickets go on sale March 18th!

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK: (March 14, 2022) – Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino will present an emotionally powerful evening when Tyler Henry – The Hollywood Medium appears in the Seneca Niagara Event Center on Saturday, June 18th at 8pm. Tickets go on sale this Friday, March 18th at Noon!

As star of the NETFLIX series “Life After Death,” and the hit television show “Hollywood Medium with Tyler Henry,” broadcast worldwide on E! Entertainment, Tyler Henry has quickly become perhaps the most sought-after clairvoyant medium both in the United States and around the world. During his life-changing live show, entitled “An Evening of Hope and Healing,” Henry explains how he communicates with the other side, gives live audience readings and answers audience questions. His incredibly accurate and personal live readings of audience members often bring everyone to tears, giving people proof, hope and understanding that loved ones never really leave us. Tickets on sale March 18 at Noon! Tickets start at \$45.

OTHER UPCOMING SHOWS: In addition to Tyler Henry, other stellar performances scheduled for the Seneca Niagara Events Center and the Bear’s Den Showroom, include:

Double Down On Laughter At The Bear’s Den Showroom: Jay Mohr, Andrew Santino Set To Perform Two Shows Each In June

Tickets go on sale March 18th!

NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK: (March, 2022) – Stellar stand-up and loud laughter will be in abundant supply at The Bear’s Den Showroom inside Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino this June. Fans can double-down on comedy, and double over in laughter, when Jay Mohr performs on Friday, June 3 and Saturday, June 4 at 8pm,

Rick Springfield Coming To Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino On June 25!

Tickets on sale March 18!

SALAMANCA, NEW YORK: (March 14, 2022) –The sounds of a generation will come alive when Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino presents An Evening with Rick Springfield inside the Seneca Allegany Event Center on Saturday, June 25 at 8pm. Tickets go on sale this Friday, March 18 at Noon!

Rick Springfield has built an enduring

legacy and a loyal fan base across a music and acting career that has spanned more than 40 years. After starting his career in his native Australia, first as a member of the band Zoot and then as a solo artist, Springfield moved to the United States in the 1970s. He rocketed to superstardom in 1981, with his hit single “Jessie’s Girl,” which reached Number 1 on the charts. The song also earned Springfield a

followed by two shows from Andrew Santino on Saturday, June 11 at 7pm and 10pm. Both performances are part of the Barrel of Laughs Comedy series. Tickets go on sale this Friday, March 18th at Noon!

Jay Mohr is a side-splitting comedian, accomplished actor, best-selling author, and all-around entertainer. Since starting to perform stand-up when he was only 16 years-old, Mohr has gone on to reach the heights of comedic success, appearing on “Saturday Night Live,” in television and movie roles, and, of course, performing stand-up in front of sold-out audiences everywhere he goes. In fact, Comedy Central named Mohr to its list of the “100 Greatest Stand-Up Comics of All-Time.” In addition, he has appeared in over 25 films and 50 television episodes, including his own critically-acclaimed series, “Gary Unmarried.” This is an 18 years and older show. Tickets on sale March 18 at Noon! Tickets start at \$55.

Andrew Santino is a comedian and actor, who currently co-stars in the hit FX series “Dave.” Santino made his stand-up debut on “Adam Devine’s House Party” and has since released stand-up specials on both SHOWTIME and Comedy Central, as well as performed on “Conan,” and “The Meltdown With Jonah and Kumail.” He headlined at Montreal’s Just For Laughs Comedy Festival as well as SXSW, and numerous venues across the country. In addition to his live shows and television appearances, Santino also hosts two popular podcasts, “Bad Friends” and “Whiskey Ginger.” This is an 18 years and older show. Tickets on sale March 18 at Noon! Tickets start at \$55.

<i>Smokey Robinson</i>	March 18. Tickets start @ \$55
<i>Kelsey Cook and Jenny Jennings</i>	March 25 & 26. Tickets start @ \$35
<i>Felix Cavaliere’s Rascals</i>	April 8. Tickets start @ \$55
<i>Robert Kelly & Friends</i>	April 15 & 16. Tickets start @ \$45
<i>The Temptations & The Four Tops</i>	April 22. Tickets start @ \$45
<i>Pablo Francisco</i>	May 6 & 7. Tickets start @ \$35
<i>Seneca Fight Night All-Star Boxing</i>	May 13. Tickets start @ \$35
<i>“A Bronx Tale” starring Chazz Palmenteri</i>	May 13 & 14. Tickets start @ \$75
<i>Terry Fator</i>	May 28. Tickets start @ \$25

Grammy Award for “Best Male Rock Vocal Performance.” Other hit singles included “I’ve Done Everything for You,” “Don’t Talk to Strangers,” “Affair of the Heart,” and “Love Somebody.” In addition to his music, Springfield became a household name for his acting appearances, most notably on the daytime drama “General Hospital.” Other appearances have included “True Detective,” “Californication,”

“Supernatural,” and “Hot in Cleveland.” His autobiography “Late, Late at Night: A Memoir” hit The New York Times Best Seller List in 2010, and was included in Rolling Stone’s list of “The 25 Great Rock Memoirs of All Time.” Springfield has continued to write, record, act and perform live shows, drawing throngs of adoring fans to each performance. Tickets on sale March 18 at Noon! Tickets will start at \$25.

OTHER UPCOMING SHOWS:

In addition to Rick Springfield, Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino has a number of exciting upcoming shows, including:

Martina McBride. April 9. Tickets start @ \$35

The Highwaymen Live! May 21. Tickets start @ \$25

TO PURCHASE TICKETS for Seneca Resorts & Casinos Shows: Seneca Resorts & Casinos uses all paperless ticketing for all events at all of its properties. Tickets may be purchased online at SenecaNiagaraCasino.com, SenecaAlleganyCasino.com or ticketmaster.com. Tickets may also be purchased in-person at 8 Clans inside Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino or The Logo Shop inside Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino. A secure link, sent by either e-mail or text, allows guests to save tickets to their phone or mobile device.



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. Every Friday for thirteen weeks, one lucky winner will drive away in a brand new car!

Our **\$500,000 Car-A-Week Giveaway** begins March 4 in Buffalo Creek. We'll continue the promotion at Allegany in April and wrap up at Niagara in May, where someone will drive home in a Chevrolet Corvette Stingray!

The other big news for March: we're launching our new Mobile Check In & Out app. Hotel guests can complete their registration from their mobile devices before they arrive and just pick up their keys when their rooms are ready! Our Advantage and Advantage Elite members will be the first to experience this streamlined process.

There are so many exciting things happening at Seneca Resorts & Casinos this year. Join us at our next Stakeholders Meeting on April 23 when we'll update you on what we have planned. Look for more information in our next issue. Until then, stay well.

Sincerely,



Chairwoman, Board of Directors
Seneca Gaming Corporation

STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

APRIL 23, 2022 • 10 AM



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.



TERC Employees Become Certified In Financial Literacy For Youth

The Training and Employment Resource Center's (TERC) mission statement is to assist youth and adults with career exploration and career readiness skills to succeed in the workforce and encourage self-sufficiency. One of the components includes financial literacy.

Four employees recently attended Oweesta's "Building Native Communities Financial Empowerment for Teens and Young Adults and became certified instructors. In 2020, staff were certified in Oweesta for Adults.

In the past, TERC has collaborated with other SN departments such as the Credit Union (SNIFCU) and the Mortgage Program to offer this component to our participants. Also, staff created and facilitated workshops implementing online resources such as the Career One Stop and Get My Future.

The staff are now able to instruct our participants on the importance of financial literacy on their own. It is with gratitude that we congratulate Jackie John, Patrice John, and Sarah Pangborn from our Cattaraugus Office and Patti Brisley and Tari Squires from our Allegany Office.

In February, four TERC staff attended a 6-day virtual workshop and became certified instructors for a culturally-relevant financial literacy course called Oweesta* – Building Native Communities Financial Empowerment for Teens and Young Adults. (In 2020, the TERC staff were certified Oweesta for Adults).

Watch for flyers from TERC to see when these workshops will be available!

***Oweesta is the Haudenosaunee word for 'money'.**



Jackie John, Patrice John, missing-Sarah Pangborn



Patti Brisley, Tari Squires

visit us on-line @sninews.org

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ATTENTION ALL FDPIR CLIENTS:

We will be changing the monthly calendar starting April 2022. Please review layout before in for your order. Please place your orders on the days indicated on the calendar for your residence. This is to ensure that you get your food package in a timely matter. We look forward to your food orders.

If you have any question please contact Jennin at 716-532-1028 EXT 5446. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
James White FDPIR Director

Cattaraugus Territory
Broadband Update


The Seneca Nation and Tilson team continue to splice the broadband fiber network together throughout the Cattaraugus Territory. Calix will be installing electronics in the data centers during the week of March 21 and lighting up the network by early April.

Splicing from the DFT cabinet in Gowanda all the way to the William Seneca Building has been completed. All fibers have been pulled into Hut 1 and splicing continues towards Irving. The network will be tested end-to-end by the end of March.

The Seneca Energy team expects to have 20 beta (test) customers connected to the network by mid-April. By mid-May, we expect to have approximately 150 customers connected to the network. We'll continue to install services and grow from there!

Thank you for your patience throughout construction this winter. The networks download speeds enable ready access to online video content, interactive applications, gaming and other multimedia resources throughout the Cattaraugus Territory. Residents and businesses will save money and be able to streamline applications and processes to create efficiencies in both life and business.

Plans start at \$49.95/month! To sign up for service please call 716-532-3131!



Community Testing Services (CTS) COVID Testing Update

Allegany Territory

Seneca Fire Allegany, East Loop Road
11:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday only.

Cattaraugus Territory

Seneca Fire Station #2, Route 5.
1:00pm to 6:00pm daily.

No appointment necessary.
Cellphone and email required for test results.



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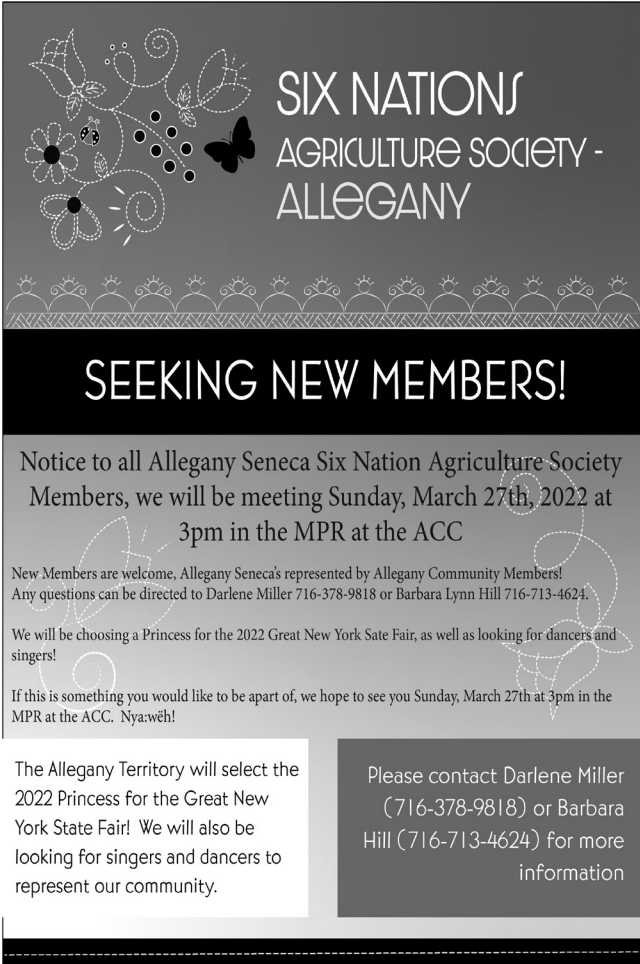
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Questions? Contact Parent Involvement
716-532-0505 ext. 5304
email: cindy.sanford@sni.org

**DOCUMENTATION
REQUIRED:**

BIRTH CERTIFICATE
PROOF OF INCOME
TRIBAL ENROLLMENT
(if applicable)
CUSTODY PAPERS
(if applicable)



**SIX NATIONS
AGRICULTURE SOCIETY -
ALLEGANY**

SEEKING NEW MEMBERS!

Notice to all Allegany Seneca Six Nation Agriculture Society Members, we will be meeting Sunday, March 27th, 2022 at 3pm in the MPR at 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 Sunday, March 27th at 3pm in the MPR at the ACC. Nyawëh!

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 OF INDIANS
SNI HIGHER EDUCATION PRESENTS:**

**FINANCIAL AID
AND FAFSA
INFO NIGHT!**

**MARCH 22, APRIL 26 and MAY 17
5-7pm**

**LOCATION:
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
2016 Henodeyesta Dr.
Room 1222
Irving, NY 14081
Ph: 716-532-3341**


We will share with you what we have to offer as far as scholarships and other available resources.

Stop by and find out all what you need to know about FAFSA, file your 2022-23 application while you're here. If you have already filed your 2020 taxes, we can help walk you through the process.

FAFSA
FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDY AID

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



Allegany Territory Large Item Drop-off

April 25th-29th, 2022
7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS include:
Couches, Chairs, Washers & Dryers, CLEANED OUT Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners, Electronics, OFF RIM Tires, and Household Hazardous Waste
**Household hazardous waste not accepted after 2pm on April 29th **

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

Drop-off locations:
Allegany Community Center
3677 Administration Dr.
Salamanca, NY 14779
Steamburg Community Center
1220 Center Rd.
Steamburg, NY 14783

** Pick-ups start April 25th and continues through April 29th. Limit one truckload per person.**

Seneca Nation COVID protocols will be followed

Any questions please call: 716.945.5441

Seneca Nation Library Catt-Branch

Adult Beginner Beaded Earrings Class

Wednesday March 30th, 2022
2pm

Class size limited.

Sign-up by calling:
716-532-9449





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



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

PRIZES for Top Teams/Families
Lunch will be provided

Seneca Nation COVID protocols will be followed

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



ATTENTION

2022 SENECA ENROLLED HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!



The SNI Cattaraugus Department of Education will be hosting the annual High School Banquet on Friday, June 3rd, 2022.

If you are an enrolled graduating Senior out of the district and are interested in attending the banquet, please call the Education Department at 716-532-3341 for more information.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS APRIL 14TH, 2022 @ 4:30PM.



Paint Night

With Sandi Warrior

April 14th
6pm

Class Fee:
\$15

Stanley "Sully" Huif Heritage Center
12857 Route 438, Irving

To register, call: Sam Jacobs at 716-532-8161



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10 AM- 4PM
Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center
82 W. Hetzel St. Salamanca NY 14779
Outside event (weather permitting)

\$25 vendor fee, to reserve a spot call Olivia 716.945.1760
Vendor tent, table and chairs not provided.

Seneca Nation Seneca Arts & Learning Center Head Start

Deadline to Apply June 30th 2022

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Now Accepting 2022-2023 Applications

Applications available at Seneca Arts & Learning Center 25 Center St Salamanca or on the web at www.sni.org

Free Transportation for children who live within a 5-mile radius of SALC

Priority enrollment goes to children with disabilities, homeless, in foster care, or on TANF/SSI

Documentation needed with application:
*Birth Certificate
*Custody Paper (if applicable)
*Tribal ID of child or Parent/guardian (if applicable)
*Proof of Income

For more information contact:
Parent Involvement/ Social Services Coordinator
Elizabeth Smith - liz.smith@sni.org

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Seneca Nation Honors Vietnam War Veterans

Submitted by Ron Cook Jr., Post Commander, Iroquois Post 1587. Part 1 of 2.

The Seneca Nation and Iroquois Post 1587 pays tribute to our Vietnam War Veterans as part of a National Vietnam War Commemoration Program. This recognition initiative allows communities to set aside some time in the month of March each year to honor Warriors of the Vietnam War. The Seneca Nation had a high percentage of its members participate in this War and in large part not given the appropriate recognition when these Warriors returned home despite the unpopular rumors that followed. In fact, according to the U.S. Census, almost one-quarter (24.4%) of Seneca veterans at the Seneca Nation’s Allegany Territory and half (50.6%) of veterans at the Cattaraugus Territory served in the military during the Vietnam War era (2017 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table B21002). This commemoration program gives the Seneca Nation an opportunity to pay tribute to their Vietnam War Veterans. This year the nation will highlight and welcome home Vietnam War Veterans Markey Jimerson, William “Bill” Jones, and Dan M. Jimerson.

SERGEANT MARKEY W. JIMERSON U.S. MARINE CORP & VIETNAM WAR VETERAN



Markey Winston Jimerson born August 02, 1946, is a U.S. Marine Corp Vietnam War Veteran, enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians and of the Turtle Clan. Markey grew up acknowledging his responsibility of becoming a

productive member of his community despite personal challenges of not completing his formal education and decided to join the Armed Forces. Markey joined the U.S. Marine Corp at the age of 18 and would enter active-duty service on August 17, 1964, in Buffalo NY. After completing Basic Training at Paris Island, SC, he received additional advanced Infantry training at Camp Lejeune, NC earning his o800 Field Artillery Cannon Crewman rating.

Markey stayed at Camp Lejeune, NC assigned to Golf Battery, 3rd Battalion, 10th Marines, 2nd Marine Division FMF (Fleet Marine Force) as an Artillery Batteryman. During his brief stay on Camp Lejeune, he would travel to Puerto Rico and participated in a six-week long live-fire field artillery proficiency exercise at the

Naval Training Range on Vieques Island. After completing his exercise, he received orders to deploy to the Mediterranean Sea in support of the Sixth Naval Fleet (a.k.a. STRIKEFORSOUTH) with Amphibious Task Forces 61/62 on a heavily armored amphibious tank landing warship Graham County (LST 1176). He and his marine expeditionary unit were assigned to fulfill a critical role in maintaining a strong NATO presence in the Mediterranean stopping at Port of Calls in Spain, Malta, Sardinia-Italy, and Greece and returned to Camp Lejeune by November 1965.

After returning to the United States in February 1966, Markey departed San Diego, CA and traveled across the Pacific aboard a huge armed troop transport ship called the USS General William Weigel and arriving Da Nang in the Republic of Vietnam by mid -March. He along with his fellow marines were processed as replacements to fill battlefield personnel shortages. He received assignment orders to Golf Battery, 3rd Battalion, 12th Marines, 3rd Marine Division located in Chu Lai. By this time Markey had earned his Corporal strips and brought his feared lethal combat artillery capabilities to the Vietnam area of operations. He and his unit stayed on the move in order to avoid hostilities and detection as his unit played a vital role to provide field artillery fire support for combat forces in the region and even traveled near the DMZ to Camp Carroll to bring the reign of artillery fire power to the North Vietnamese enemy forces.

In December of 1966, Markey’s professionalism and combat experience would be utilized in Okinawa as he trained in-bound combat replacements on lessons learned and shared the deadly hazards of the Vietnam War. Finally in March of 1967 Markey received orders for state-side and traveled back by air via San Francisco and placed on liberty for 2-weeks. After liberty, he finished his active-duty service at Quantico, VA as an assistant demonstration instructor for the officer candidate’s school. Markey’s hard work allowed him to earn his GED diploma, Sergeant strips and received special assignment orders to perform force protection and law enforcement duties with the base Military Police unit.



Honorably Discharged on 26 August 1968, Markey returned home and found employment with the Niagara Mohawk & National Grid Corporation working 31 years until retiring in 2003. He also served in the Air Force Reserves from 1973 to 1978 with the 914th Combat Support Group at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in Niagara Falls NY.

Markey’s awards and decorations are many and commendable to name a few:

- Vietnam Service Medal
- Vietnam Campaign Medal with/60 Device
- Combat Action Ribbon
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Good Conduct Medal
- National Defense Service Medal

Markey still remains on the Cattaraugus Territory and is married to his lovely wife Cheryl, and a proud parent of children Nathan, Derek, and the late Amiee Jimerson. Markey Jimerson is also a dedicated and active member of American Legion Iroquois Post 1587 for 22-years.

SPC WILLIAM P. JONES U.S. ARMY VIETNAM WAR VETERAN



William Paul Jones born February 13, 1950, a U.S. Army Vietnam War Veteran, enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians and of the Bear Clan. Bill grew up on the Allegany Territory and

Graduated from Salamanca Central High School in 1970 and shortly after received a draft notification to join the U.S. Army and inducted August 27, 1970, to support the Vietnam War efforts in the Republic of Vietnam. Bill would report to the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) in Buffalo, NY and sent to Fort Knox for Basic Training and then to Fort Polk, Louisiana for advanced Infantry and Jungle Training.

Shortly after Infantry training, Bill received orders to deploy to Vietnam and would be assigned to Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry, 101st Airborne (Airmobile) Division in support of the Vietnam War efforts. Bill’s unit had a prestigious history and were known as soldiers of “Geronimo” (established in March 1941), but the

North Vietnamese enemy forces viewed them as fearless helicopter warriors as they conducted numerous combat missions during the Vietnam War bringing intense bloody fighting capabilities and decimated their foes 5 to 1 at times. Bill recalls an intense situation where he found himself pinned down by enemy fire and with a badly injured comrade to which he without fear of his own safety scooped up his injured comrade and carried him to a medical evacuation helicopter before it departed saving the Soldier's life. Bill would receive the Vietnam Gallantry Cross Medal with Palm for his individual heroic actions. Bill continued to engage in bloody fighting in Operations "Dewey Canyon II" & "Lam-Son 719" and other areas like "Razorback Ridge" and the "Rock Pile." Bill reflects the extraordinary definition and is the epitome of a combat Warrior and would continue to participate in numerous combat missions until he accidentally stepped on an explosive device causing injuries that prevented him from returning to the battlefield with his comrades.

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

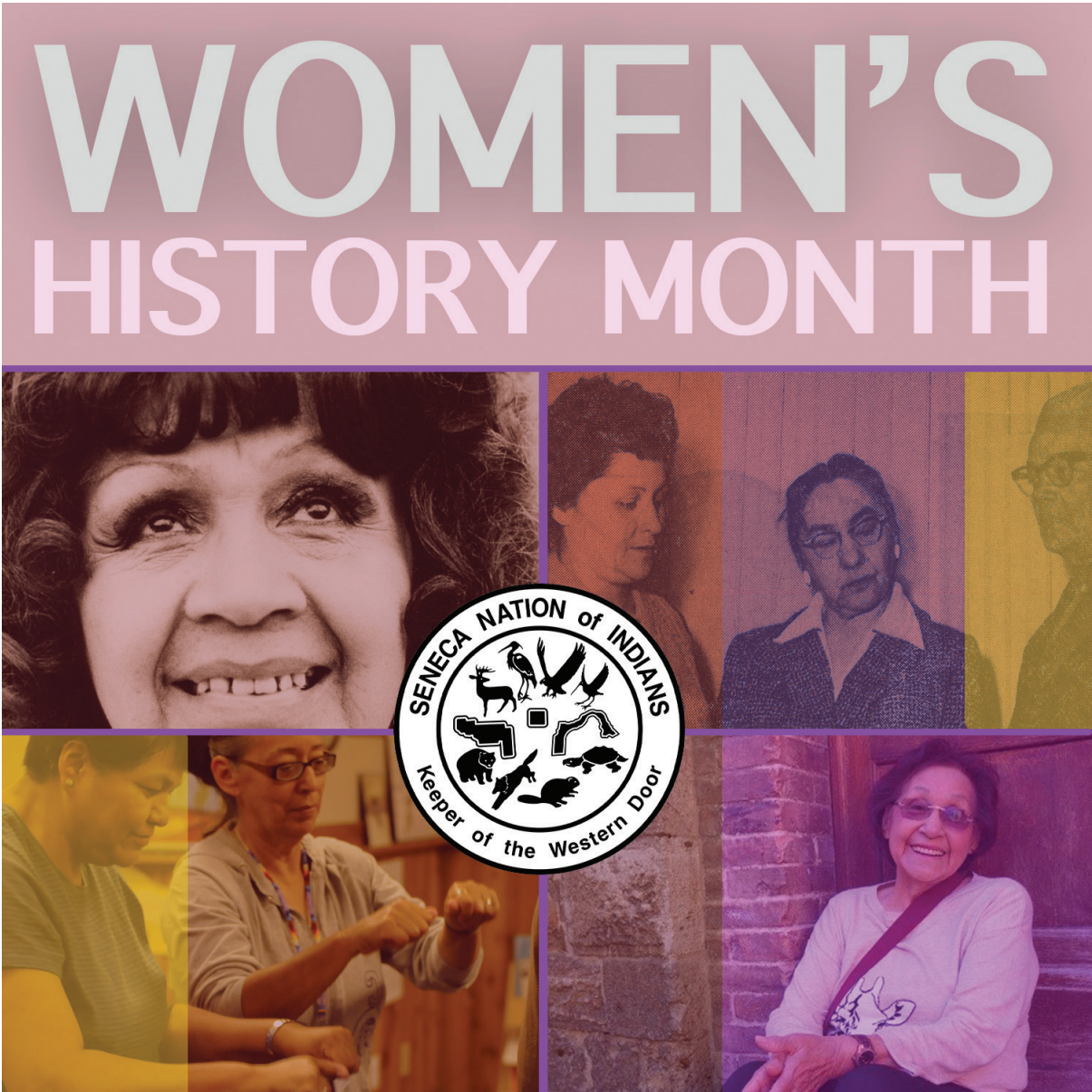
- Purple Heart
- Warriors Medal of Valor
- Combat Infantry Badge
- Good Conduct Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Vietnam War Service Medal (two bronze stars)
- Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Medal with Palm
- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device
- Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Medal
- New York State Conspicuous Service Cross

Bill still resides on the Allegany Territory and it's because of the noble selfless service of our brave Vietnam War Veterans like Specialist William "Bill" Jones



that Native Americans in general still proudly serve in large portions per capita in the Armed Forces today and he will remain as an admired Warrior for generations to come. William Jones is also a dedicated member of American Legion Iroquois Post 1587 for 30-years.

**Part 2 - Dan M. Jimerson's Biography will be featured in the April 15th edition.*



Women's History Month - Women in Construction Week

Allegany TERO Facebook page

Last week, March 6-12 was Women in Construction Week, and is a way to recognize the contributions and initiatives women have and continue to make in the construction industry.

Stevie Bucktooth, pictured here with Allegany T.E.R.O Director Christian Reiller (left), was recently hired on with RW Painting to hang vinyl at the Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino as they undergo renovations. Stevie plans to work the remainder of this job, and the contractor has already stated they will continue to give her a job off-territory.



Christian Reiller is happy to continue to support her in any way he can! Ja:goh Stevie!

Maria Monroe of International Operating Engineers Local 17, pictured here with Councilor Eliot Jimerson and Allegany T.E.R.O. Director Christian Reiller, attended a Rebuild NY Now event organized by local labor leaders and elected officials.

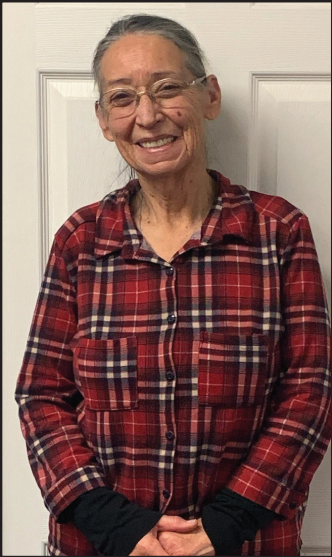


Rebuild NY Now is a coalition organized to raise awareness of New York State's infrastructure issues and the impact on the citizens of the state. Learn more at rebuildnynow.org.

Allegany TERO now has a Facebook page! Check us out for new opportunities!

Honoring and Celebrating Seneca Women: Sandra Jimerson-Dowdy

By Seneca Media



Sandra Jimerson-Dowdy is a member of the Seneca Nation Hawk Clan and the current CEO and co-founder of the Ganöhsesge:kha:’ Hënödeyë:stha’ or Faithkeeper’s School located in Steamburg, NY. Sandy, or Gajehsöh made language preservation her life’s work. Her community impact has been immeasurable as she has worked to revitalize Seneca language and culture.

During Sandy’s childhood she was blessed to have a family who spoke to her every day in the Seneca language. Her family passed along deeply rooted traditional Longhouse language needed to conduct ceremonies. Sandy not only shares her knowledge with FKS students but actively educates the wider community on Seneca culture, language and sustainable living. For more than 30 years she has dedicated her efforts to teach and mentor students of all ages. She works tirelessly to mentor teachers and learners throughout the Seneca language departments on both the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories in an effort to ensure that there will be speakers of the Seneca language for generations to come.

Recently, Salamanca Warrior Athletics, The Lady Warriors,

Salamanca School District, Seneca Youth Council, and JCC has partnered to honor Gajehsöh, Sandy Dowdy (Akso:d) for her life’s work of preserving and teaching the Seneca language. We thank her, and celebrate Woman’s History Month by honoring someone who has truly made an impact on our community! #WEdraft2022

Check this link to learn more about the W.E. Draft <https://youtu.be/nTkNKUSONZA>

#WomensHistoryMonth
#SNCelebratesWHM



Honoring and Celebrating Seneca Women: Norma Kennedy

By Seneca Media

Norma Kennedy, Seneca, Heron clan was born in Coldspring, NY on June 23rd, 1928 to Loretta (Watt) and Ulysses John. Norma raised her children in Buffalo, NY. While living in Buffalo, she worked at Calspan Corporation, dealing with independent engineers and government contracts for the aerospace industry.

Norma was instrumental in developing social services within the Seneca Nation. In the 1980s, Norma chartered the first Seneca Nation Human Services Department to advocate tribal rights and assist members in dealing with a variety of support related programs including alcohol and substance abuse, child and women’s welfare, financial education and many others. Her passion for learning established her as one of the first Native American Credentialed Alcohol Counselors. She later moved to Syracuse to work for the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a Tribal Liaison. Norma continued to give back to the Seneca community serving in tribal government roles as Clerk, Peacemaker Court Judge, and as a committee member of the judicial conference. Norma was one of the first Elder language mentors for the Seneca Language Department Master Apprentice Program. She spent many hours educating those who had a



passion for the language.

She could never fully retire, even at the age of 91 because she always enjoyed learning. She would often say learning new things kept her young. Norma enjoyed her children, her family and the simple things in life. She was a caring and sincere friend to all. She was an amazing cook who also loved her plants, gardening, shopping, restaurants,

laughing and car rides. Norma was beautiful, elegant and full of dignity. She was adventurous in her travels and she loved seeing how others lived. Sadly, in May of 2020, Norma and two of her daughters fell victim to Covid19. They are tremendously missed by all who knew and loved them.

L-R: Norma Kennedy, Hazel Jimerson, Photo courtesy of Debra Hoag



Ivy Santana - Full Great Women Great Danes Interview Transcript

UAlbany's Great Women Great Danes is a new series that will be published during Women's History Month. The series will feature Great Danes, past and present, and celebrate the women of UAlbany.
Published from: UAlbany Athletics Facebook page

Q: Can you talk about your student-athlete experience so far?
A: So far, I would say there are a lot of ups and downs, I would say, as a senior. I think it is important to talk about the downs as much as the ups. I feel like I just overcame a lot of adversity, a lot of challenges.

Q: You competed in the Pan American Lacrosse Association Sixes Cup in September 2021, can you talk about that experience?
A: Yeah, so for me, personally, it was really personal and heart-touching. As an indigenous woman, I always had some obstacle come in the way of me being able to actually fully compete in a tournament with team Haudenosaunee - whether it was with money or an injury. As I was walking out with my sister and my cousins and the girls that I grew up playing with and especially my coach. We walked out and I said ‘Guys, I’m tearing up right now, I can’t believe I’m actually about to play with this uniform and represent our people, especially as a woman.’ Everyone was like wow, that’s actually crazy, that we’ve been playing for this long together and they were also shocked because this was my first time. It was very heart-touching; being my first time as someone that has been a part of the team but actually able to finally put on a tee and step on the field.

Q: You spoke about how an injury has stopped you before, can you talk about that a little bit more?
A: In 2019, I believe, the Summer World Games, I made the team as an attacker and was the captain at the time. Then a couple of months later, freshman year around February-ish, I tore my ACL and a lot of other complications came up. The moment I went down the one thing that I just thought about was all this was just taken from me with the snap of a finger. I think that it really opened my eyes to realize that there’s more to life than a sport or just sports in general. That there’s so much more that ... that makes me, me ... so much more than just this game. I think the injury helped me realize that. Obviously, a lot of mental issues came with it, but I think that it made me stronger as a person and as an athlete.



Q: Can you talk about the journey back to competing after you tore your ACL?
A: It was challenging. Obviously, it didn’t come as quickly. It took a couple of months, another injury occurred and after that, it was a lot of sitting down and just talking to people and admitting that I wasn’t okay. I think that’s the first step; realizing that...just realizing that it was actually a challenge, instead of me putting on a smile every day and everyone thinking I was being so positive. I think when I opened up and said I’m struggling is when I started receiving the most help. Being vulnerable isn’t always a bad thing and that’s something I learned along with the injury. I think that being vulnerable gives you a chance to have others lift you up. I think with an injury that’s something I learned is that it’s okay to not be okay.

Q: You won the Tewaaraton award in 2018, how did it feel to receive that honor?
A: It was honestly really amazing, especially because my dad teared up a bit. It wasn’t just because it’s something that you win - a lot of people relate that to lacrosse and playing lacrosse and having these points and stats and whatever, but the other side of it is the academic side, the community service side, and he was really proud. He was just like ... I mean lacrosse is lacrosse, but to see you win something and get acknowledged for your academics, community service and just being a good person is something a dad always wants to see. For me, it was like, it wasn’t that I won the award but it was that I made my dad really proud. I thought walking onto the stage was nerve-racking but being able to see him in the stands was just really relieving and calming to see, just like a

proud moment for everyone.

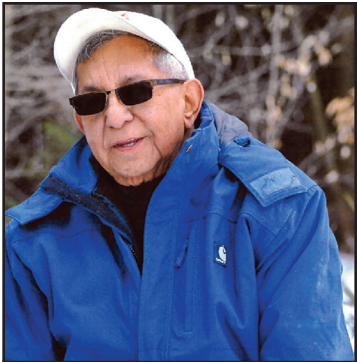
Q: How have the women around helped make you the athlete and woman you are today?
A: Coming to UAlbany, I was always the oldest one on my previous teams. So coming here as one of the babies I... it was so weird because it was like I’m not the one that needs to make the calls. And it was so nice to have people that I can go to that are older than me. I know that the older girls really helped me a lot, Sam Tortora, J. [Jordyn] Marr, Imani Hedgeman, a lot of those girls really helped. I remember telling them one day when we were at CityLax and the younger girls were like what is something that you were sad about when you guys came to college? I was like, ‘I mean, yeah I left my lacrosse family at home, but I don’t think of it as leaving them’. I thought of it as I’m getting more sisters coming here now and everyone was kind of like, wow. Ever since I came here I’ve had so much more family added on to my family back at home and it just keeps expanding.

Q: What does it mean that people may be looking up to you because of your position and even just your experience with an injury?
A: Whenever I’m asked about how I want to be looked at as a lacrosse player, the one thing I always tell them is that I don’t want any girl, or even a guy, ... anyone to ever look up to me just as a lacrosse player but off the field, too. That’s what I always want someone to do. If they’re looking up to me, I want them to also look up at what I’m doing academically, what I’m doing off the field that is helping me on the field. I think that’s something just as important.

Q: What does Women’s History Month mean to you?
A: To me, it’s just something that is so amazing to see. I was once the little girl looking up to all these women. I would always be like wow, I wanna do that and thinking that there’s someone else thinking that about me pushes me to wanna be better for them and for the next generation.

Morrie Abrams 3rd Annual Snowsnake Tournament

Onoville, NY - The 3rd Annual Morrie Abrams Memorial Snowsnake Tournament was held March 12-13, 2022 on top of Oldro Hill in Onoville, NY with the biggest turn out ever, even with the stormy weather! The tournament was organized by Sherry Dowdy, Gonio Miller, Christopher "Bundy"



The late Morrie Abrams

Jimerson and Councillor Tina Abrams. This annual event is sponsored by SN Council.

The late Morrie Abrams was a former Seneca Nation Councillor whom had a life long love for the traditional game. Starting out on Snow Street in the pre-Kinzua days, Morrie carried his passion for ga:wa:sa' through the years and started the annual tournament in Salamanca, NY. His team, Ononville, carries on the event in his memory.

Below is a list of winners:

Youth Results

- 5/6 years old - **Cayson Spruce**, team Miller
- 7/8 years old - **Bryson Bomberry**, team *Oh:yo'*
- 9/10 years old - **Herb Montour**, team Indian Hill
- 11/12 years old - **Curtis Abrams**, team Onondaga
- 13/14 years old - **Kade Nephew**, team Bronco
- 15/16 years old - **Mac Nephew**, team Bronco

Mens Results

- 1st class - **Angus Laborgne**, team Indian Hill
- 2nd class - **Gerrit John**, team Bucky
- 3rd class - **Cliff Brooks**, team Coldsprings
- Mudcats - **Angus Laborgne**, team Indian Hill

The youth winners received gift certificates and a mudcat each, while the mens winning teams took home cash prizes!

Team Onoville would like to thank all the participants, Seneca Nation Council for their support (special shout out to Councillor Tina Abrams for helping with everything), Billy Abrams who stopped out on both Saturday and Sunday to cook for everyone. The lucky participants had a chance to sample his walleye, cornsoup, moose chili and bear sausage. Lastly, thanks to Ted John for donating 2 Porta-Potties for the weekend! We can't wait to see you all next year! **Nya:wëh.**



Winners **Kade Nephew & Mac Nephew** (youth category), Representing team Bronco. Photo Credit: Brian Nephew

Congrats to the Salamanca Boys Varsity Basketball Team - They had an AMAZING season and made HISTORY this year!

March 18, 2022 | Photos by Sam Wilson, salamancapress.com and [@SalamancaBB](https://twitter.com/SalamancaBB)

- First Sectional Championship since 1968
- First NYS Far West Regional Championship in school history
- First NYS Final Four appearance in school history



Cool Insuring Arena, Glens Falls, NY - On Friday, March 18, 2022, the Warriors made their first trip to the state semifinals in program history and showed, unequivocally, they belonged on that stage. They just didn't get the finish they dreamed of.

Section 2's Stillwater outscored Salamanca 23-10 in the fourth quarter to emerge from a back-and-forth contest with a 64-56 victory.

"Both teams played incredibly hard, it was a heck of a high school basketball game," Bennett, the sixth-year Salamanca coach, said. "Both teams were physical and aggressive and gave everything they had for 32 minutes. I'm proud of our guys, I'm proud of how well they represented our school. I'm sick to my stomach that we weren't able to get the win because they played so hard

and they gave us everything that they had, but give credit to Stillwater. That's a very good team, certainly deserving to be here."

Salamanca finished the season at 17-8 after winning four playoff games for its first sectional title since 1968 and first-ever trips to regionals and the state final four.


"I'm just so proud of them," Bennett said. "They're the most accomplished basketball team in the history of our school and it's earned. That's who they are. To make it here and represent us the way that they did and play so hard, they weren't scared of the moment, the first moment in school history that we're up here.

"They embraced it and just made me really proud to be their coach."

View the complete article by Sam Wilson, Sports Editor for Olean Times Herald & Salamanca Press here: https://www.salamancapress.com/sports/basketball/salamanca-suffers-heartbreak-in-glens-falls/article_2b5e2a4e-8cbo-5840-b1a4-1914ceb9eeb1.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=user-share

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2021 - 2022 SEASON



LUCUS BROWN

NYS PHSAA CLASS C ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

21.2

PTS/GM

5.5

REB/GM

4

STL/GM

Lucus Brown had another exceptional season, averaging 21.2 points/game against some of the best competition in the state.

- **NYS PHSAA All-State Class C Tournament Team**
- **Sect VI, Class C Tournament MVP (@centercourt42)**

Oh, and he's just a sophomore. The sky is the limit for LB!

2021 - 2022 SEASON



HARLEY HOAG

CCAA WEST-1 SECOND TEAM ALL-STAR

12.9

PTS/GM

6

REB/GM

2.4

STL/GM

Harley Hoag worked harder than anyone to earn a huge role on our team this year. He led the team in rebounding, played great defense, and averaged nearly 13 points/game!

- **CCAA West-1 Second Team All-Star**

2021 - 2022 SEASON



HAYDEN HOAG

CCAA WEST-1 HONORABLE MENTION ALL-STAR

4.4

PTS/GM

6.5

AST/GM

3.8

STL/GM

Hayden Hoag finished the season with 163 assists, a program record! Our floor general led a top-5 offense in WNY, and played outstanding defense as well.

- **CCAA West-1 Honorable Mention**
- **Big 30 Senior All-Star Game selection**

2021 - 2022 SEASON



ADAM BENNETT

CCAA WEST-1 CO-COACH OF THE YEAR

Coach Bennett and his staff helped lead our team to its first Sectional Championship since 1968, our first Far West Regional Championship in school history, and our first NYS Final Four appearance in school history.

- **CCAA West-1 Co-Coach of the Year**

Lacrosse Players Repay Irish Favor at Parade

The Irish lacrosse team gave up a spot in the World Games so a Six Nations team from WNY could have it. The Native American team marched with them in Buffalo's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

competitors while on the lacrosse field, but the larger and essential meaning of the

game always transcends wins and losses.

The point was echoed beautifully by Claudia Jimerson, a Lake Shore High School All-American from the Cattaraugus territory who went on to play at SUNY Fredonia, who was later captain of the Haudenosaunee Nationals women's team and eventually became a Nationals board member and director of women's lacrosse operations.

She said the people of the Six Nations are passionate



Photo of Claudia Jimerson of the Cayuga/Seneca Nation, Bear clan, a member of the board of directors for Haudenosaunee Nationals lacrosse, with her stick near the rapids above Niagara Falls. Credit: Derek Gee/Buffalo News, Facebook

“What Ireland did really sheds light on how we feel about it,” she said. “It was an honorable thing to do and we appreciate it and have a lot of respect for it that we know is reciprocal.”

At the core, Jimerson said, her people view lacrosse as a means of thanksgiving for everything provided by the Creator. A major part of that appreciation is the day-to-day expression of empathy, a lifetime discipline of truly seeing one another, meaning the Irish players reflected an understanding at the heart of the game.

If you are a subscriber to the The Buffalo News, you can read the full article at:
<https://buffalonews.com/news/local/sean-kirst-at-st-patricks-day-parade-celebrating-gratitude-shared-by-irish-and-six-nations/article>

Congrats Ray Cortes II!

Congratulations to our Ray Cortes II for an outstanding first season playing basketball with the Silver Creek Knights. Ray had four 30-point games, a season high of 39 points, a triple double, and a single season record for the Knights as a sophomore. Ray broke the single-season scoring record for the Silver Creek Knights in the game against the Frewsburg Bears with 553 points surpassing the previous record of 548. Ray ended his Sophomore season with 578 points leading



his team to JCC for the semi-finals. Ray's ranking was #4 in the Section VI Class C Boys' Basketball Division and #10 for overall in New York State. He was also recognized as the WDOE High School athlete of the Day. What a great start to your High School Basketball career.



We are all very proud of you, keep up the great work Ray! Congratulations to the entire Silver Creek Knights' Varsity Basketball Team on a great season!

~ Great Grandma Len & Grandpa Boy, Grandma Les & Grandpa Snook, Dad Ray and Riley, Auntie Irm, Uncle Togo and the rest of the family



Cortes honored in Central

March 10, 2022 | observertoday.com



Silver Creek sophomore Ray Cortes was named to the First Team after averaging 25 points and 12.1 rebounds per game. **Ja:goh.**

Photo: Silver Creek sophomore Ray Cortes (35) was named a CCAA Central Division First Team all-star. **OBSERVER** File Photo by Matt Spielman.

Source: <https://www.observertoday.com/sports/local-sports/2022/03/cortes-woleben-honored-in-central/>

Summer Hemphill: Postseason Honors, All-time Leading Rebounder, & Final game at UB



All-Mac Honors

March 8, 2022 - The Mid-American Conference announced their postseason awards earlier this month. Summer Hemphill garnered Second Team and All-Defensive Team recognition. Hemphill is UB's third straight All-Defensive Team honoree.

Hemphill earned Second Team honors for the second time in her career. After missing most of the last two years with an injury, Hemphill made the most of her final season in Buffalo averaging a double-double with 13.9 points and 10.2 rebounds per game in addition to 2.1 assists per game while shooting 47.5% from the floor. She also lead the team with 38 blocks.

She recorded 13 double-doubles on the year and now has 37 for her career. The Buffalo, NY native scored her 1,000th career point and grabbed her 1,000th career rebound earlier this season, becoming just the second player in program history to accomplish that feat. (These were her numbers at the time of this March 8th article from ubbulls.com)

All-time leading Rebounder

March 11, 2022 - With her seventh rebound of the night in UB women's basketball game against Akron in the semifinal round, Summer Hemphill became Buffalo's all-time leading rebounder!! She surpassed UB Hall of Famer Kourtney Brown.

UB Bulls women's basketball made first network TV appearance in NCAA tournament

The University at Buffalo women's basketball team made its first network TV appearance in the NCAA tournament on 7 ABC Saturday, March 19th.

The Bulls defeated Ball State 79-75 to win the MAC Championship earning the #13 seed in the Wichita region of the NCAA Tournament and headed to Knoxville to take on the host, Tennessee, who was announced as the #4 seed.

The Bulls took on Tennessee in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. **This was the first network TV appearance in program history.**

Dreams came to an end for UB Saturday afternoon as No. 13 seed women's basketball (25-9) fell to No. 4 seed Tennessee (24-8), 80-67, in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at Thompson-Boling Arena in Knoxville, TN.

The size discrepancy between the two teams proved to be the deciding factor, as the Lady Vols outrebounded the Bulls by 17 and scored 19 second-chance points.

The Bulls put up a valiant effort against a superior Tennessee squad that had a considerable size advantage. Eleven of Tennessee's 14 players are six feet or taller while seven of UB's fifteen players are over the six-foot mark. UB had the game within two points at halftime, but the longer the game went on, the gap between the Bulls and the Lady Vols began to grow.

"Such a wonderful game to be on ABC, we weren't going to relent and neither was Tennessee," UB head coach Felisha Legette-Jack said after the game. "The fight was



tremendous, all the way to the last seven, eight minutes of the game. At the end of the day, that size really wore us down a little bit."

Graduate forward Summer Hemphill, who stands just over six feet, played a game-high 40 minutes. The Buffalo native played tenacious defense and battled against players that were anywhere from two to six inches taller than her. She grabbed 10 rebounds in what became her final game at UB.

"[I] can't say enough about Summer Hemphill, who as small as she is, contested every possession," Legette-Jack said. "She probably shouldn't have played because her knee was bothering her, but there was nothing I could do to keep that young lady out of the game. And for that, I've got to thank her."

The Bulls had the game within grasp until buckets by Burrell and Key provided Tennessee with a 10-point cushion at the eight-minute mark. The Lady Vols never looked back and held off UB to advance to the tournament's second round.

"I'll tell you what, I've been pretty stressed over this opponent," Tennessee head coach Kellie Harper said. "Buffalo was really good. Our players knew it. They did not overlook them. They understood this was a very good basketball team."

Regardless of the result, UB

was able to gain national notoriety on network television. Saturday's game was aired nationally on ABC, making it the first time in program history the Bulls have ever appeared on network TV.

UB played on the road against one of the premier programs of women's college basketball and managed to give Tennessee a legitimate challenge.

Legette-Jack says the effort displayed by a Bulls squad that had everything working against them is a representation of what the program has become.

"We never lose, we either win or we learn," Legette-Jack said. "And we won today because these young people showed a lot of heart, a lot of fight, and their story was told in a matter of 40 minutes. It was great to sit there and witness it."

Sources:
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Allegany Arrows

Upcoming Schedule | Submitted by Sharon Ray

ALLEGANY
ARROWS

Allegany Arrows
Minor Lacrosse

ALLEGANY
ARROWS

AWAY

Date	Team	Time	Venue	Divisions
4-Jun	Onondaga	10:00 AM	Fieldhouse	All
5-Jun	Rochester	10:00 AM	Genesee Valley	All
11-Jun	Tonawanda	10:00 AM	Logan Field	All
12-Jun	Tuscarora	10:00 AM	Cornerstone	All
12-Jul	Newtown	6:30 PM	CCC	P, T, N
13-Jul	Newtown	6:30 PM	CCC	PW, B, M
14-Jul	Newtown	6:30 PM	CCC	*if needed for extra teams

HOME

Date	Team	Time	Venue	Divisions
21-May	Tonawanda	9:00 AM	ACC	All
25-Jun	Rochester	10:00 AM	ACC	All
5-Jul	Newtown	6:30 PM	ACC	P, T, N
6-Jul	Newtown	6:30 PM	ACC	PW, B, M
7-Jul	Newtown	6:30 PM	ACC	*if needed for extra teams
10-Jul	Tuscarora	10:00 AM	ACC	All
23-Jul	Onondaga	10:00 AM	ACC	All

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News From The Four Corners United Methodist Church - Rte. 438 and Versailles Plank Road, Cattaraugus Territory | Sunday worship service at 9am

Submitted by Marilyn Anderson

We are preparing for Easter which is the most joyous and celebrated Christian season which celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We have observed Ash Wednesday and enjoyed our ReLENTless family activity day. There are several significant observations leading up to Easter that Four Corners UMC, Versailles UMC and the Gowanda UMC will be observing through joint services.

- **Palm Sunday Service** – Sunday, April 10– 9 a.m. –at Four Corners UMC. Palm Sunday begins the last week of Lent and commemorates the spreading of palm leaves and cloaks during Jesus’ triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.
- **Maundy Thursday Service** – Thursday, April 14, the time and location will be announced at the Sunday service. Maundy Thursday is observed on the day before Good Friday. Maundy Thursday commemorates Jesus last meal with his disciples and the first communion ritual. The word Maundy comes from the Latin (man datum) which means command. The command Jesus gave to His disciples was to love one another.
- **Good Friday Service** – Friday, April 15, the time and location will be announced at the Sunday service. Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus on the cross at Calvary.
- **Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast** – Sunday, April 17– 9 a.m. – Four Corners UMC. We will enjoy breakfast after the service. Everyone is invited to join us.

Some of you can remember Easter services at Four Corners when you were younger. The church was filled with flowers, especially lilies that are symbols of Christ’s resurrection. Sunday School children learned “pieces” to recite during the Easter church service. We sang Easter songs and the church was filled with families and we all enjoyed the Easter Sunrise breakfast. The kids also enjoyed Easter eggs and candy!!

The **Seneca Hymn Singers** are taking a break from rehearsals. However, if their service is needed, please contact Beeda Parker or Terry Thompson. Watch the newsletter announcing when they will resume their Tuesday night gatherings.

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



Seneca Mothers stand in solidarity with Ukraine



SALAMANCA — The group of Seneca women Mothers of the Nation gathered on the Allegany Territory on March 8, 2022 to send a message of support to and expressing solidarity with mothers, children and families of Ukraine.

The group hosted a luncheon at the Seneca Allegany Administration Building to commemorate International Women’s Day. The focus for this year’s celebration is “breaking the bias” and raising awareness of women’s efforts to end inequality and discrimination.

“On this International Women’s Day, it is especially important to pay tribute to and lend

support to the Ukrainian people, as they struggle now daily against Russian military occupation, aggression and forced removal,” the group said in a statement. “We express our heartfelt sympathies for the losses of human life the Ukraine people are enduring and the devastation to their country.”

“The Mothers of the Nation convey our prayers for the people of Ukraine,” the group said. “We wish you strength to oppose your aggressors, the will to persevere in the face of extreme conditions, and pray that the Ukrainian people emerge stronger, overcome and thrive.”

Announcing the 2022 Leadership Summit Class

Ja:goh Rory Wheeler!
March 3, 2022 | www.nafoa.org

The NAFOA Leadership Summit is an opportunity for accepted young leaders to attend a full day of programming prior to NAFOA's 40th Annual Conference. Summit attendees learn directly from tribal leaders and business professionals that provide panel discussions regarding graduate school, career advancement, along with business and tribal economic development topics. This year's class was selected based on their interest in tribal economic development, short essay responses, resume, academic and work experience, as well as participation in NAFOA's Career Basics Program.

NAFOA is pleased to welcome

the 2022 Class, our largest one yet, to the fourth NAFOA

Leadership Summit at the Hyatt Regency Seattle in Seattle, WA on Sunday, April 3, 2022.

• **Rory Wheeler**, Seneca Nation (He/Him/His) - B.A., Political Science/Pre-Law, Niagara University. Seneca Nation Cattaraugus Territory, Irving, NY "I am excited to be networking, learning first hand from professionals in the field of economics, law, and business development at the NAFOA Leadership Summit."



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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.

Attention GCS Class of 1972
50 Year Class Reunion!

When: August 6, 2022 | Where: Gowanda Country Club
Your Planners: Jayne Gelia Post, Jerry Richmond, Jody Wilber,
Marley Press Burek, Dan Post

Go to GCS CLASS OF 72 on Facebook for more info,
or contact us by email at gowanda1972@gmail.com or contact us
individually on Facebook.

Save the date and hope to see you there!

GWA'YO!
SPRING EVENT!
APRIL 14TH, 2022
AT THE ACC
IN-PERSON GATHERING!

4:00PM TO 6:00PM

coloring contest,
egg hunt, treats,
food and more!
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WILL BE CLOSED:
Friday, April 15th for Unity Day.

Elders Events at the Casino

Submitted by Irma Cortes, Cattaraugus AOA

Upcoming Events

- **Martina McBride** at Seneca Allegany Casino Saturday, April 9th at 8 p.m. Sign-up sheet currently available.
- **The Temptations & The Four Tops** at Seneca Niagara Falls Casino Friday, April 22 at 8 p.m. Sign -up sheets out now.
- **All Star Boxing** at Seneca Niagara Casino Friday, May 13th at 7 p.m. Sign-up sheet will be out April 13th.
- **The Highway Men Live** at Seneca Allegany Casino Saturday, May 21st at 7 p.m. Sign-up sheet will be out April 21st.
- **Terry Fator** at Seneca Niagara Casino Friday, May 28th at 8 p.m. Sign-up sheet will be out April 28th.
- **Tyler Henry** at Seneca Niagara Casino Saturday, June 18th at 8p.m. Sign-up sheet will be out May 18th.
- **Rick Springfield** at Seneca Allegany Casino Saturday, June 25th at 8 p.m. Sign-up sheet will be out May 25th.

Enrolled Seneca Elders may sign themselves up in person at either AOA location. For more information or questions contact Irma Cortes at (716)532-5777.

Nya:wëh - Submitted by Irma Cortes

The Seneca Nation Area Office for the Aging would like to thank JC Seneca, Erika Seneca-Hastie and the JC Seneca Foundation for their generous donation to the Allegany and Cattaraugus AOA sites. We were gifted state of the art blood pressure cuffs and stationary foot pedals in recognition of Heart Health Month. We would also like to Congratulate the JC Seneca Foundation on their 10 year Anniversary. Nya:wëh for giving back and thinking of our Elders.




AOA Elder Easter Ham Giveaway scheduled for Tuesday, April 5th

- **Allegany Elders** hams will be delivered.
- **Buffalo Elders** hams will be distributed at the Buffalo Office after noon.
- **Cattaraugus Elders** hams will be distributed from the USDA building after 11am.

We would like to thank the Seneca Casino and Resorts for their generous donation to our Enrolled Seneca's, Nya:wëh! Have a safe and Hoppy Easter from your AOA Staff!



April 2022 Activities | Seneca Allegany Elder Center

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Elder Center Hours: MON-FRI 8:30 AM-7:00 PM SAT-SUN 10 AM-3PM	For more information Please Contact Nancy or Dorsie AT 716-945-8990	Computer Room Available everyday	Come on in and join Our Maze Craze and Receive a prize!		1 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-1 Adult Coloring 2-4 Easter Mini Tile Art 5-7 Leisure Time	2 10-11 Coffee Hour 12-2 Easter Mini Tile Art
3 10-11 Coffee Hour 12-2 Computer Room	4 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-12 Coloring 1-3 Scrabble 4-7 Computer room	5 9-10 Coffee Time 11:30-12:30 Seneca Language 2-4 Puzzle Books 4-6 Maze Craze	6 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-1 Card Making Class 2-4 Beaded Easter Pin	7 9-10 Coffee Hour 12-1 LUNCH 1-3 BINGO	8 9-10 Coffee Time 2-3 Adult Coloring 2-4 Beaded Easter Pin	9 10-11 Coffee Hour 12-2 GAME OF DARTS
10 10-11 Coffee Hour 11-1 Adult Coloring 12-2 Comuputer Room	11 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-12 Puzzle Books 1-5 Scrabble 5-7 Computer Room	12 9-10 Coffee Time 11:30-12:30 Seneca Language 2-4 Valentine Wreath	13 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-1 Card Making Class 2-4 Beaded Easter Pin	14 9-10 Coffee Hour 12-1 LUNCH 1-3 BINGO 4- Leisure Time	15 9-10 Coffee Time 2-4 Adult Coloring 2-4 Mosiac Stepping Stone	16 10-11 Coffee Hour 12-2 Game of Darts
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April 2022

AOA Nutritional Menu	AOA Daily Trips <i>Allegany Territory</i>	AOA Daily Trips <i>Cattaraugus Territory</i>	USDA Schedule
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Allegany TRIPS:</u> All trips depart from Elders Center at 2pm daily unless noted otherwise. All passengers must be signed up by 9am the day of the trip!	<u>Catt. TRIPS:</u> All passengers must be signed up by 9am the day of the trip! Schedule is subject to change.	<u>AOA Menu:</u> For Allegany please call 716-945-8414 For Cattaraugus call 716-532-5777 to make a reservation or cancel a meal by 3:30pm the day prior to the meal.	<u>USDA Program</u> Call 716-532-1028, Ext. 5446 210 Thomas Indian School Ext., Irving, NY <u>Attention:</u> See update from FDPIR Director James White on page 8 of this Newsletter!	¹ Chiavetta's Marinated Chicken Coleslaw Baked Beans Oatmeal Raisin Cookies
				Broadway Market Depart at 10am
				JoAnn Fabric and surrounding area - 1pm
4 Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich Green Beans Fruit Cup	5 Shepard's Pie Carrot Raisin Salad Fruit Cup	6 Baked Fish Mixed Vegetables Dinner Roll Mandarin Oranges	7 Macaroni & Cheese With green beans Blueberries Vanilla Pudding	8 Vegetable Pizza Side Salad Brownie
Aldi's Bradford, PA	Wegman's - Jamestown 5% Off Sr. Discount	Red Lobster - <i>Jamestown</i> Depart at 4pm	Lowe's Springville, NY	Scenic Ride Bemus Point
Broadway Market/ Lunch Depart at 10am	Scenic Ride 1pm	Wal-Mart - Hamburg 1pm	Ceramic Store 1pm	Rider Choice - Fish Fry 4pm
Cattaraugus - call to place your order for timely delivery	Delivery to Newtown & Oaktree	Delivery to Indian Hill & Pinewoods	Delivery to Ozarks, Gowanda & Dayton	Delivery to Irving
11 Hot Roast Beef Sandwich with Gravy Cauliflower Chocolate Pudding	12 Cheese Ravioli Served with Green Beans Dinner roll Fruit Cup	13 Chicken and Brown Rice Casserole Roasted Brussels Sprouts Cherry Crisp	14 Traditional Meal Wild Onion Soup Salad Bar Cottage cheese <i>(*Meal is subject to the availability of wild onions)</i>	15 Sites CLOSED
Brigiotta's Market Jamestown, NY	Out to Movies - Lakewood 1/2 price popcorn & drinks	Reid's Food Barn Olean, NY	Runnings Jamestown, NY	<i>Nation Holiday: Unity Day</i>
Vidlers 1pm	Regal Movies 1pm	Wegman's 1pm	7 Dragons 1pm	
Allegany - call to place your order for timely delivery	Delivery to Sr. Complex & Salamanca	Delivery to Jimtown	Delivery to Steamburg & Kill Buck	
18 Tuna Melt on Whole Wheat Bread Peas Mandarin Oranges Fig Newtons	19 Chicken Tacos w/Lettuce & Tomato Sautéed Peppers & Onions Chocolate Chip Cookie	20 Soup Sampler Day Side Salad Pumpkin Muffins	21 Birthday Party Ham & Scalloped Potatoes Steamed Broccoli Strawberry Poke Cake	22 Lasagna Florentine Green Salad Dinner Roll Peanut Butter Cookie
Pet Smart Jamestown, NY	Big Lots Bradford, PA	Local Banking & Shopping	Riders Choice Open for suggestions	Kinzua Bridge "Skywalk" Mt. Jewett, PA
Riders Choice 1pm	Savers 1pm	Wal-Mart - Springville 1pm	Local Shopping 1pm	Long Horn Steak House - 1pm
Delivery to Olean	Call-in Your Order 9am - 3:30pm	Call-in Your Order 9am - 3:30pm	Call-in Your Order 9am - 3:30pm	Call-in Your Order 9am - 3:30pm
25 Tomato Soup & Grilled Cheese Sandwich Fruit and Yogurt Parfait	26 Brunch Ham & Cheese Frittata Berry Compote Muffin	27 Lemon Chicken Green Beans Rice Blueberries	28 Goulash Cauliflower Side Salad Chocolate Pudding	29 Beef Burrito w/Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato & Sour Cream Mixed Vegetables Peaches with Cream
TJ Maxx Jamestown, NY	Stacy's Green House Allegany, NY	Millcreek Mall Erie, PA	Wal-Mart Bradford, PA	Sprague's - <i>Portville</i> Depart at 4pm
Applebee's 1pm	McKinley Mall area 1pm	Wal-Mart 1pm	Local Banking 1pm	Allegany Casino 1pm
Call-in Your Order 9am - 3:30pm	Call-in Your Order 9am - 3:30pm	Call-in Your Order 9am - 3:30pm	Call-in Your Order 9am - 3:30pm	No Distribution Inventory Day

Join Us for Health Day at the

COMMUNITY FAIR

"Spring into Renewal"

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13TH

12-4 PM

SAYLOR COMMUNITY BUILDING

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Iroquois Social Dance

Health Department Information Tables

Children Craft Activities

Corn Hole and Kan-Jam

Bag Sandwich Lunch (first come, first served)

Tour the Seneca Clubhouse

Prizes & more

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SNHS Employee Spotlight

Hope Wienk is a case manager for Child and Family Services, located at the Lionel R. John Health Center. She has been in this position for 2 and 1/2 years.



We asked what she likes best about her job and what her job duties are. She says, "My job includes working with families to improve the family overall and help make brighter futures for the youth of the community. The best part is watching the children grow in positive directions."

What is the most beneficial/inspirational part of her position? She says, "Helping and watching families strengthen and improve together."

Hope grew up in Salamanca/Great Valley. She attended JCC earning an associate in individual studies focusing on the sciences. Then she attended the University of Buffalo earning a bachelor's degree in health and human services concentrating in child development.

We asked what she likes to do in her spare time. She says, "Most of my free time is spent with either my pets, crafting, or playing musical instruments."


Is there a favorite quote or words/advice she lives by? "Life is a dance you learn as you go."

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


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TURN ON SOME TUNES




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CONNECT WITH SOMEONE




DO A GOOD DEED




CLEAR YOUR MIND





CHECK A CHORE OFF YOUR LIST



GIVE YOURSELF A PEP TALK



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senecahealth.org


We can all be respectful as we move forward

Many states have begun to end mask mandates and other COVID-19 prevention measures, but **we recognize that the pandemic is still impacting communities across Indian Country.**

As we move forward, it is important that we continue to protect those that are precious to us by following local guidance and being respectful of those around us. With tribal sovereignty and local differences in COVID spread, some communities may have different rules depending on their needs.

Check with your tribal government or local health provider to learn more about guidance for your community. And, do what feels safe and comfortable to protect you and your family in situations where guidance has become more relaxed.




Effective: February 24, 2022

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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/>

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

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Honor your journey.

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

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HEALTH SYSTEM

NOTICE:

Seneca Nation Health System will be closed:

Friday, April 15th
Unity Day

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

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Continued Mask Mandate

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

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

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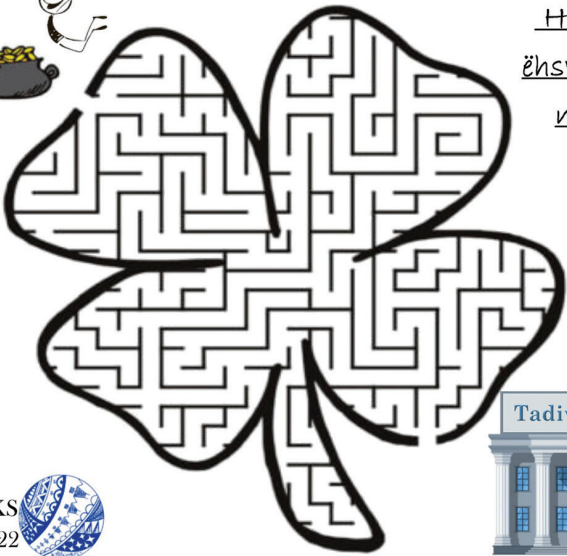


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Happy Birthday, Austin!

We want to wish Austin Maybee a Happy 18th Birthday on March 24th! We cannot believe that you are 18 years old already, we are so very proud of you bud and we cannot wait to see what the future holds for you! We love you so very much and hope that you enjoy your special day!

Love, Mom, Dad & Boo
(Submitted by Jess Newark)



From the Family of Barbara "Bobbie" Fox:

We would like to thank friends, family, and the Seneca Nation for sending condolences, flowers, food and love during the loss of our mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt Barbara "Bobbie" Fox. Special thank you to our Button family, our Montour family, Holly John, Lucas Hale, Renee Beaver and Mark Schindler. Thank you to CIRVFD/ Seneca EMS for always being there in her time of need. We are very grateful and appreciate you all.



Nya:wėh - Millie, Keagan, Joyce and the Fox Family



Happy Birthday!

Huge Birthday shout out to my one and only grandson, **Olen Kruze**, on his 8th Birthday - April 3rd! I hope you have the best day ever!!!!

Gamma loves you Bebs
(Submitted by Leanna LeRoy)

Happy 101 Birthday, Uncle Bill!

William C. Hoag was born to Arthur & Isabelle (Tallchief) Hoag. Upon graduating from SHS in 1939, he spent a year at Cornell specializing in Agriculture. Deciding he no longer wanted to be a farmer, changed colleges to Tri-State (Trine University) U. in Angola, Indiana. After graduating in 1943, he was recruited by the Boeing Company and spent the next 40 years working in Stress Analysis and Communication Systems. He retired in June 1983. **Uncle Bill is "Seneca Nation's Eldest Member."** Happy 101 Birthday! (His sons are Tom Hoag and Tommy Hoag)

Submitted by Councillor Arlene Bova

