

The Official Newsletter of the SENECA NATION



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A message from President Matthew B. Pagels



Gagwe:göh sgënö',

Hello everyone, Happy April. The months are already moving along very quickly in 2022. It has also been a very busy time for the Seneca Nation. As you may be aware from the last edition, the Nation was reviewing their options regarding the National Indian Gaming Commission opinion letter.

While the Nation was considering their options, New York State put a hold on all Seneca Nation accounts basically strangling our businesses. This tactic by NYS was malicious and underhanded. The Seneca

Nation employs thousands of people in Western New York who were potentially harmed by these actions. We will not tolerate bully tactics and political attacks from Albany's leaders.

For Governor Hochul to boast and announce using millions of dollars toward a new stadium and holding our money, which was not part of the settlement agreement, was completely outrageous. We see through her announcement for what it is, mistreatment and taking advantage of Native people for NYS progress. It is not progress in our eyes, but Albany's vindictive desire to step on the Seneca Nation for their own purpose.

We recently started running ads on television and radio to bring attention of this juncture by the State and how it was malicious and crippling for everyone except the State billionaires and Albany.

While this is happening, we are actively and aggressively preparing for a gaming compact negotiations. Nya:wëh to all those who expressed an interest in serving on the advisory panel. More information will be coming as it develops.

Back to COVID, our numbers are down

considerably, but still very from week to week. This is still concerning as many have let down their guard pertaining to precautions. Enrolled Seneca Nation members can make Bluestone appointments between 9am-3pm at Seneca Fire #1 Route 438 in Cattaraugus and Seneca Fire in Allegany at 716-220-2442. For more information contact Mike Gates, Emergency Management Director at 716-244-0820 or mike.gates@sni.org.

Vaccinations are still available at both health centers and the 2nd booster is available for anyone 50 and older. Please contact Teri Cowles at Allegany Health at 716-945-5894 or Kim Bradley at Cattaraugus at 716-532-5582.

Lastly, Broadband continues to make progress in Cattaraugus. Installation continues around the community and residents are asked to please sign up to avoid delays or extra costs at a later date. **The last day to sign up for fiber broadband services is April 26th.** For more information contact DFT Communications at 716-532-3131.

Stay safe, stay strong. **Dah ne'ho dih ae'.**

~ Matt

Seneca Nation Coronavirus Response Hub:

<https://covid19.snigis.org>

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Greetings,

I hope everyone had the opportunity to stop by the H.E.R.O. Committee's first in-person event in over two years: Gwa'yö:' Spring Event, held at the ACC on April 14th. There was an egg hunt, a Gwa'yö:', food, treats and several activities and prize giveaways. Also, even though winter keeps trying to hang on, this is the time for spring cleaning. Get rid of old furniture and clutter; and participate in the Large Item Drop-off events in Allegany, Cattaraugus and Steamburg from April 25th - 29th, 2022, 7am-6pm.

In recent weeks, a spotlight has been shined on the troubled relationship between the Seneca Nation and the New York State government, concerning our gaming enterprises and how we will move forward with negotiations for a new and equitable compact for all involved. Governor Hochul and her staff resorted to some underhanded tactics, such as telling us they were doing one thing; then in the same breath, so to speak, doing the opposite. Rather than focusing her assault on the secured escrow account which held more than

enough funds to cover what had been determined to be owed to New York State, she chose to freeze all of our governmental operating accounts. In doing so, our operating capabilities were shut down, including our clinics, casinos and retail. I thought it would be good to share with our readers, the variety of ways in which our gaming enterprises benefit not only our own membership and communities, but our surrounding neighbors, as well. Our enrolled members receive domestic services ranging from monthly quality of life benefits and elder benefits to healthcare; as well as education assistance and many community-wide services and multiple giveaways - all supported by six gaming enterprises, five convenience stores, our campground, museum and other nation-owned business entities (both public and private). The overall impact of the Seneca Nation government and its business enterprises within the region:

- Employs over 5,800 employees, nearly 5,500 of which reside in Western New York;
- Pay total compensation and benefits of \$262 million; [note: median annual wage for employees of the Seneca Nation and its enterprises exceeds the median earnings for Western New York counties]
- Generate over **\$1 Billion of New York's gross state product**, including more than 9,400 jobs and \$172.8 million in income, sales, excise, social insurance, and other taxes for New York State; and
- Purchase, on yearly average \$362 million of goods and services from over 6,500 vendors, \$107 million of which is from over 3,700 vendors in Western New York

So, while New York State Governor Hochul was willing to attack our bank accounts, she was putting not only the Seneca Nation economy in jeopardy, she was also willing to risk all of the benefits the state receives from our successful business enterprises. Moving forward, we will meet the state at the table for new compact discussions, fortify our support from around the region and continue to look to the future.

I am glad to report that our monthly annuity benefit was adjusted by Council Resolution at the April 9th Council Meeting, from \$500.00 per month, to \$600.00 per month for each enrolled Seneca member. For the time being, all financial forecasts show that this level is sustainable for the remainder of 2022. This increase becomes effective with the April 27th disbursement. In addition, Council approved another American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) appropriation to be distributed on June 1st, 2022. Each enrolled Seneca member will receive funds in an effort to supplement costs associated with safeguarding against COVID and as a supplement for personal funds spent on masks and disinfectants.

For those fifty years old and over interested in receiving a second COVID-19 booster shot (fourth injection), they are now available at both of our health centers. For Allegany, call Teri Cowles at (716) 945-5894 and for Cattaraugus, call Kim Bradley at (716) 532-5582. Please remember to continue checking on the elders in our community to see if they need anything or help with their spring cleaning.

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. **The Clerk's Office on the Allegany Territory has re-opened our doors with all the safety protocols in place.**

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.

CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS

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.

CLERK'S OFFICE STAFF

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William Seneca Building - Cattaraugus Territory
Phone: (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

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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 -
Phone: (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

Located at: 533 Amherst Street, Buffalo, NY 14207
Hours: Monday-Friday: 8am-4:30pm

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

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

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

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

SN IDENTIFICATION CARDS
In order to update your photo on your Seneca Nation Identification Card, you must appear in person. All cards issued must have a current photo upon issuance.

- \$7.00 per card
- \$3.50 per card for Elders (60 yrs. Of age or older)

CLERK’S OFFICE FORMS
Completed forms can be mailed along with a copy of your photo identification as proof of identify if you are unable to obtain a notary to: Seneca Nation of Indians, 90 Ohi:yo’ Way, Salamanca

NY 14779. All forms are available online at www.sni.org under Clerk’s Office documents.

- **ADDRESSES**
Please remember to keep your address current with the Clerk’s Office. This includes changes with custody of minor children or legal guardians (Court orders).
- **BURIAL FUND**
A Burial fund has been designated to pay for funeral expenses up to \$7000 for enrolled members. For additional details, please contact the Clerk’s Office during regular business hours.
- **DIRECT DEPOSIT OF ANNUITY AND/OR ELDERS PAYMENTS**
If you would like to sign up for Direct Deposit of your Annuity and/or Elders Check, you will have to complete the form. The form is available on the web at www.sni.org under Documents/ Clerk’s Office / Direct Deposit forms or at the Clerk’s Office.
- All direct deposit forms MUST have attached a voided check or deposit slip (start-up checks will NOT be accepted).
- Members must be at least 18 years old to sign up for Direct Deposit
- Minors are NOT eligible for Direct Deposit

If you receive direct deposit, it is your responsibility to keep your address updated with the Clerk’s Office.

- **RELEASE OF MINORS TRUST FUND**
In order to begin receiving Minor Trust Fund disbursements. A member must be at least 18 years old and submit the following documentation:
 - Application for Release of Minors Trust
 - High School Diploma / GED
 - Financial Literacy Certificate (<http://seneca.cm3solutions.com>)

If you need to obtain a Financial Literacy Certificate please contact the Seneca Nation Education Department for details. Contact Info: Allegany Territory - Seneca Nation Education Department (716) 945-1790, traci.pacini@sni.org; Cattaraugus Territory - Seneca Nation Education Department (716) 532-3341, barbara.weston@sni.org.

SEEKING INVOCATORS
The Seneca Nation Clerks Office is seeking Individuals interested in Invocating/Opening with Gano:nyok for Council each month. Anyone interested for Allegany may contact Charisse Ground at Charisse.ground@sni.org, 716-945-1790 ext. 3036 and for Cattaraugus you may contact Leslie Cooke at Leslie.cooke@sni.org, 716-532-4900, ext. 5038.

SEEKING NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
The Seneca Nation Clerk’s Office is seeking Non-Profit Organizations to serve refreshments and or dinner during Council each month. Any Organization interested for Allegany may contact Charisse Ground at Charisse.ground@sni.org, 716-945-1790 ext. 3036 and for Cattaraugus you may contact Leslie Cooke at Leslie.cooke@sni.org, 716-532-4900, ext. 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.

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

Welcome our recent enrollments to the Seneca Nation!

Seventeen (17) Additions to The Seneca Nation Roll
– April 9, 2022 Regular Session of Council

- 1. **Raiden Joules Alexander** - Turtle
- 2. **Donnie Rowdy Brooks** - Turtle
- 3. **Kanan Cassius Coulon** - Wolf
- 4. **Eva Rhea Franey** - Turtle
- 5. **Ember Louise Gilbert** - Turtle
- 6. **Jayanna Mae Ground** - Bear
- 7. **Victoria Evelyn Leeper Rodriguez** - Beaver
- 8. **Miika Renae Maybee** - Wolf
- 9. **Hughstin Ira-Wayne McKinlay** - Turtle
- 10. **Adalyn Debra Mohawk** - Wolf
- 11. **Daiwa’sagwas Printup** - Turtle
- 12. **Wynter Alianna Isabella Ray** - Turtle
- 13. **Isabella Elizabeth Rodriguez** - Beaver
- 14. **Jaxson Ray Stenstrom** - Deer
- 15. **Rayne Victoria Sushko** - Turtle
- 16. **Sophia June Tarbell** - Turtle
- 17. **Melanie Kyra Thomas-Denaxas** - Wolf

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

Eight (8) Deletions to The Seneca Nation Roll
– April 9, 2022 Regular Session of Council

- 1. **Lyle G Boardman** - Deer
- 2. **Tonya Sue Darcy** - Hawk
- 3. **Barbara Gail Fox** - Wolf
- 4. **Barbara A Hemlock** - Beaver
- 5. **Patricia Faith Lambert** - Turtle
- 6. **Cheryl Ann Redeye** - Heron
- 7. **Deanna Joy Waterman** - Turtle
- 8. **Keith Ryan Williams** - 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

CTS Testing Sites CLOSED effective immediately

Please be advised that the Seneca Nation Health System has been notified that due to the Federal government reduction in Covid-19 testing reimbursement, our partners at CTS Testing services have made the difficult decision to close both the Allegany and Cattaraugus testing sites.

This closure is effective immediately. Please resume your normal healthcare routine and contact either the Allegany or Cattaraugus Health System directly or your primary care provider. The Seneca Nation Covid-19 Taskforce continues to meet bi-weekly and will keep you posted should any further updates be needed.

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

The Seneca Nation is Celebrating National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Celebrated annually the second full week of April, this week honors the thousands of men and women who respond to emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance to the world’s citizens.

Here on the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories this critically important department serves as the ears for our emergency responders on territory and enable an efficient and coordinated deployment of emergency assistance to callers from all over the local and regional community; as well as visitors to the Seneca Nation. There are five full-time and one part-time employee at each dispatch center on the territories.

“Over the past few years there has been a small turnover of staff for various reasons and our current team of individuals showed the willingness to assist the needs of the callers during times of need. Positions such as these receive little appreciation until you need their service and to get the required assistance by our trained emergency staff of Marshals, Conservation, EMS and Fire personnel. To all the present and past staff, I applaud you!” said Mike Gates, Emergency Services Director.

Nya:wëh for your dedication to your community. A special lunch and gift has been coordinated for the Dispatch team courtesy of the President and Treasurer's Offices.



Seneca Gaming & Entertainment Promotions for April

Submitted by Heather Borden, SG&E Marketing Promotion Coordinator

Salamanca Game Room:

- **2022 Polaris RZR XP 4 1,000 Giveaway** - earn virtual entries by playing the gaming machines now until June 18th! Final Drawing June 18th from 6pm-10pm every hour. 1 lucky winner will win the RZR and 4 others will win cash and free play prizes.
- **Easter Hot Seats**- Sunday April 17th from 6pm-9pm every hour for a chance to spin the prize wheel and win up to \$1,000 cash or \$1,100 Free Play Prizes!! Doors open at 5pm for Easter Holiday.

Daily Promotions for April:

- **Mystery Monday**- Earn 8 points and get \$25-\$50 Free Play every Monday!
- **Wild Wheel Wednesdays**- earn 10 points and get a chance to spin the wheel to win up to \$150 Free Play!
- **\$8,500 Cash Giveaway**- Redeem 50 points and get an entry to win up to \$8,500 Cash prizes!

Salamanca Bingo:


- **Splash into Summer Kayak Giveaway** - play any session in Bingo and get an entry in for your chance to win a set of Kayaks, Life Vests, Paddles, and floating coolers worth \$2,000! Final Drawing held June 17th at the 7pm session. Must be present to win!
- **Easter Sunday \$16,000 Holiday Game** - payouts up to \$16,000! Saturday April 16th at the 7pm session.
- **Pay your neighbor** - Bring a friend and play bingo Friday April 29th and we will pay your right hand neighbor \$25 Cash when you holler Bingo!
- **Bring a Friend** - Bring a friend who’s never played at SG&E and upon their signup, you get \$5.00 off your admission purchase and they get \$10 off! Limit one friend per session.
- **\$20FP Bingo Combo**- Get a \$20 Free Play for the Game Room upon purchasing a Combo package at the Matinee or Evening Sessions!

Sessions for April:

- Wednesdays - 1pm
- Friday - 1pm and 7pm
- Saturday - 1pm and 7pm
- Sunday - 2pm (***Easter Sunday NO 2pm session, there will be a 7pm session due to doors opening at 5pm***)
- Thursday, April 28th - \$1,000 Thursday session—***ONLY Thursday session in the month***

Oil Spring Location:

- **Ryobi Outdoor Tool Giveaway** - Earn virtual entries now until June 25th for your chance to win one of 5 Ryobi Outdoor Tools! 1st place: Ryobi Riding Lawn Mower 2nd Place: Ryobi Snow Blower 3rd Place: Ryobi Pressure Washer 4th Place: Ryobi Leaf Blower 5th Place: Ryobi Weed Eater. Drawing held June 25th from 6pm-10pm every hour. Must be present to win.
- **\$1,000 Cash Giveaway** - Redeem 40 points with Customer Service and get an entry to win \$1,000 Cash! Drawing held April 30th at 9pm!
- **Easter Hot Seats** - Come in and play Friday April 15th from 4pm-9pm for your chance to spin the prize wheel and win up to \$500 cash or up to \$1,025 Free Play prizes! Drawing held every hour.
- **\$50 Match Play Mondays** - Come in any Monday in April and get \$50 Free Play upon earning 6 points.
- **Wild Wednesday** - Earn 2 points and get \$10 Free Play for the gaming machines.



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.



THE INSIDE SCOOP

WITH DR. LORI QUIGLEY



APRIL 2022

On a Personal Note...

Nya:wëh Sgë:nó’! Spring has officially sprung, bringing with it great news from around Seneca Resorts & Casinos.

First, please join me in congratulating Kevin Nephew, Seneca Gaming Corporation’s President & CEO, who recently ranked 28 on *Buffalo Business First’s* **WNY Power 250** list for 2022. This is the second year in a row Kevin has been recognized amongst Western New York’s most powerful leaders and we are so proud of his accomplishments. Ja:goh!

Yet another reason to celebrate is the completion of Seneca Niagara’s new eatery, **Full Plate**. Formerly Thunder Falls Buffet, Full Plate will open in mid-May, featuring endless culinary options in a newly designed space that highlights our rich Seneca culture. Stay tuned for the official opening date.



I hope to see you at the Stakeholders Meeting on April 23. Until then, stay well!

Sincerely,
Lori



Chairwoman, Board of Directors
Seneca Gaming Corporation

STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

IN-PERSON OR VIRTUAL

APRIL 23, 2022 • 10 AM

Enrolled Senecas are invited to join the SGC Board of Directors and members of the Corporation’s management team for the Stakeholders Meeting. We will discuss the gaming facilities updates, as well as the ongoing financial health and well-being of the Corporation.

RSVP REQUIRED
Please email SenecaStakeholders@SenecaCasinos.com no later than **Thursday, April 21 at 10 AM**.

Please include the following: **Full Name, Enrollment Number, & Phone Number.**

For virtual access, you will need access to an internet-capable computer, tablet or smart phone. Valid email address required.



INSIDE DEAL

April showers bring BIG WINS for our Guests!

Hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash and prizes are up for grabs this month, including the \$50,000 Refund Rescue Sweepstakes, \$10,000 Tax Day Swipe & Win, and \$18,000 “Spring Loaded” Hot Seats. Check out all the details at SenecaCasinos.com.

The CarA-Week Giveaway continues in April as Seneca Allegany hosts the festivities with a Jeep or Ram giveaway every Friday.

INSIDE 8

Team SGC stands in solidarity with the grassroots movement, MMIWG (Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls), spreading awareness of the crisis affecting thousands across the U.S. & Canada.

On May 5, Team Members will observe the National Day of Awareness for MMIWG by wearing red, as well as custom buttons designed by Leadership Seneca’s Senior Learning & Development Specialist, Devonne Gardner, Seneca Nation of the Wolf Clan. Ja:goh, Devonne!

CAREER ASSISTANCE WITH A PERSONALIZED TOUCH

If you or someone you know looking for a great career with amazing benefits, Nikki Seneca, SGC’s Outreach Specialist, can help you explore the many job opportunities available at Seneca Resorts & Casinos. Come visit Nikki at the William Seneca Building (12837 Route 438, Irving, NY) every Wednesday from 8 AM to 4 PM and at the Buffalo Resource Office (533 Amherst St, Buffalo, NY) from 1 PM to 4 PM the first Tuesday of each month. To make an appointment, email Nikki at NSeneca@senecacasinos.com, or call (716) 807-2704. Walk ins welcome.





Next Import/Export Monthly Commissioner's Meeting:

When: **April 21, 2022** | Time: 1:00 p.m.
Where: William Seneca Council Chambers - Cattaraugus Territory

Next SNI Newsletter Deadline:

Deadline: **Tuesday, April 19th**
Next issue to be dated 4/29/22!

Visit **sninews.org** for more deadlines.
(Dates posted through November 2022)

Seneca Holdings Update

Submitted by Hanna Sheridan, Engagement and Special Projects Coordinator, Seneca Holdings

The goal of Seneca Holdings remains to build a portfolio of businesses that will provide a long-term sustainable revenue stream for the Seneca Nation. Our corporate culture is built around “Investing for the Seventh Generation” and we are proud of the progress we have made to date.

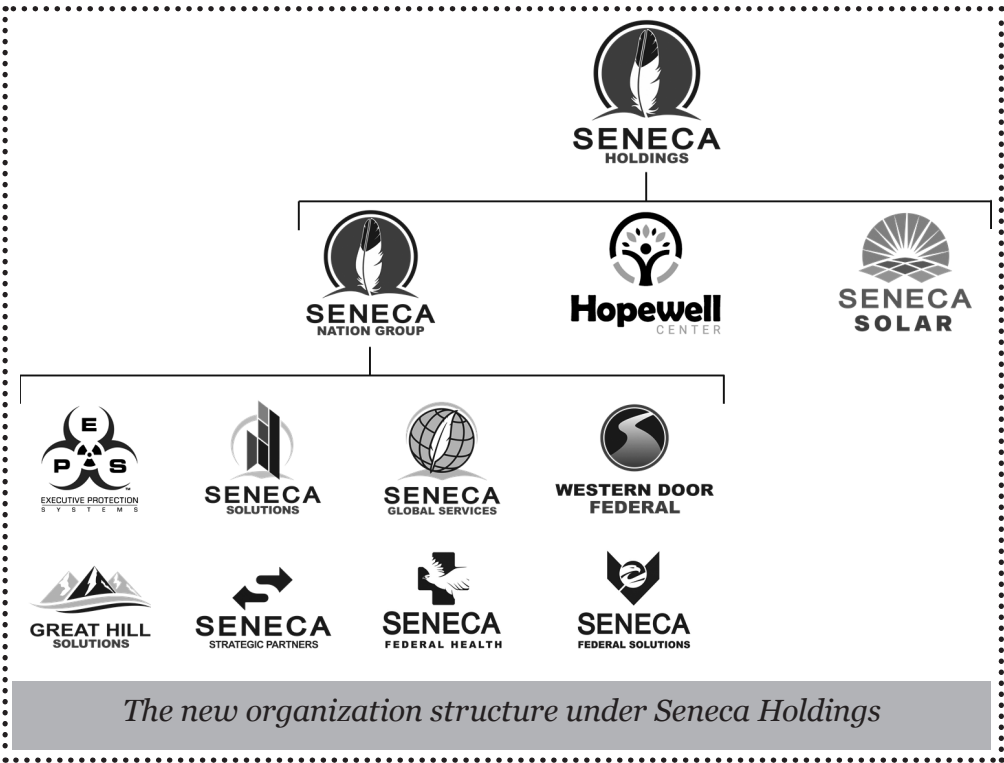
For the last several years, Holdings has grown significantly in the federal contracting business under the name of the “Seneca Nation Group.” Now we are in the process of transitioning into a portfolio of businesses, as we are adding two new businesses to our structure. The new organization structure under Seneca Holdings will include:

- Seneca Nation Group:** Our federal government contracting organization with multiple subsidiaries participating in the Small Business Administration 8(a) program.
- Hopewell Center:** An opioid treatment program based in Buffalo, which is in development and expected to open next year.
- Seneca Solar:** An environmental projects and solutions company focused on earth-healing solutions. Visit www.senecasolar.com for more information.

Joint Career Information Session
Thank you to those who attended our career information session on February 3rd. The session was a joint overview with Seneca Gaming about the career opportunities available to Senecas with both businesses. A special thank you goes to our SGC colleagues (Kevin Nephew, Nikki Seneca, Josh Howard, and Andrew Quigley) for helping us host a great event.

Summer Internships
Seneca Holdings is looking for Seneca college students for paid summer internships this summer (up to 8 weeks). Internships will be tailored for interested Senecas in the areas of finance, marketing, human resources, IT, and more. **Applications are due via email by April 22nd.** Please refer to our flyer posted on social media. You can also view a copy below for additional information.

Open Positions
Seneca Holdings is hiring! We consistently have open positions across our teams, and we are always looking for the best and the brightest. Please check out the Careers page on our website <http://www.senecaholdings.com> for the most updated job openings. We encourage every Seneca to review our available positions and apply online if there is a potential fit.





2022 SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

ARE YOU A SENECA COLLEGE STUDENT IN SEARCH OF AN INTERNSHIP?
Starting in June, Seneca Holdings will be hosting a paid internship program (up to 8 weeks). Selected applicants will learn about corporate operations, such as HR, legal, and marketing.

Interns will be expected to have a tribal membership (enrolled Seneca’s preferred), an interest of pursuing a business-related career, and excellent written and verbal communication skills.

Program Stipend/Salary <small>(Note: All travel expenses will be covered by Seneca Holdings.)</small>	\$15 per hour	Locations <small>(Note: Flexibility for periods of remote work.)</small>	 Buffalo, New York  Chantilly, Virginia
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APPLICATION PROCESS
Interested applicants must send an email to Hanna Sheridan at hsheridan@senecaholdings.com by **Friday, April 22, 2022**, with the following information:

- A current resume detailing work experience, education, and professional/technical skills
- Two references from faculty or employers
- A copy of university transcripts
- A short essay detailing your interest in business and how it relates to your career goals

ABOUT SENECA HOLDINGS

Seneca Holdings is the investment arm of the Seneca Nation of Indians with the mission of delivering long-term, economic self-sufficiency to the members of the Seneca Nation. The company is building a diversified portfolio of businesses that currently includes federal government contracting, healthcare, and environmental sustainability. Seneca Holdings is the parent company of the Seneca Nation Group, the business providing products and services to the federal government.

www.senecaholdings.com



Seneca Nation Hemp Production Ordinance

And Program Updates | *Press release 3/29/22*

On March 12, 2022, the Seneca Nation’s Hemp Production Ordinance amendments and subsequent rules were approved at the regular Council Session. The updates reflect some changes issued in the USDA’s final rule on the Establishment of a Domestic Hemp Production Program, which became effective March 22, 2021. For, the outdoor growing season is upon us, and the updates may also help producers bring a legal crop to market. Friendly reminder, a licensee may also grow hemp indoors year-round. Seneca Nation Hemp Producer applications are accepted on a rolling basis. The Ordinance, rules, application, and audit & inspection procedures may now be found on the Cannabis Department’s webpage on sni.org.

The notable changes in the updated Ordinance are:

- The **definition** of “territory of an Indian Tribe” was provided in the USDA’s Final Rule, however the Seneca Nation countered with a definition better suited to encompass our land holdings. The following definition is what’s in the Ordinance: “Seneca Nation Territories” means (1) all lands within the limits of any Seneca reservation; (2) any lands which are held by the Nation or individual and subject to restriction against alienation by the United States; and (3) Seneca Settlement Act lands.
- **Sampling** -- the timeframe to obtain official pre-harvest samples is now extended to thirty (30) days, instead of the previous untenable fifteen (15) day window.
- **Sampling Agents** – are required to be certified via the USDA’s training module, and producers shall only use designated certified agents.

- **Performance-Based Sampling** – is an option that could be developed with the help of licensee’s data. At this time, if a producer grows hemp outdoors/ indoors, every lot shall be tested for THC compliance.
- **Testing** – shall be done by a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) registered laboratory.
- **Remediation and Re-Testing** – flexibilities provided to help producers bring legal hemp to market.
- **Disposal** – cost-effective options are now available for producers, such as: composting, tilling, disking, burial, or burning.
- **Measurement of Uncertainty (MU)** – laboratories must calculate and include the MU when they report THC test results, thus the actual THC concentration is expected to be within the distribution or range calculated when the reported THC concentration is combined with the MU. Thus, producers have some leeway via application of the “acceptable hemp THC level” combined with MU to bring compliant hemp to market.
- **Negligence Threshold** – The threshold changed from .5 percent to 1.0 percent THC concentration based on dry weight, thus providing a buffer and reducing a producers’ risk of violation accrual and

- license suspension.
- **Negligent Violations** – revocation of a license occurs if a producer is found to have three (3) negligent violations within a 5-year period, and they may only be charged with one (1) negligent violation per calendar year.

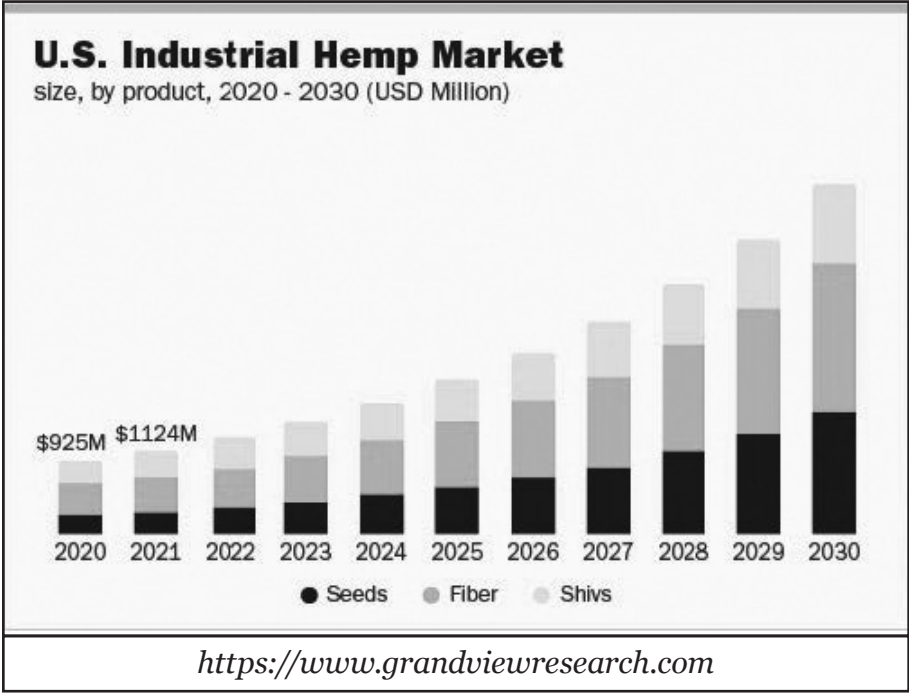
Market Outlook: The industrial hemp market has shifted much like many other markets during the COVID-19 pandemic and now the economic recession. Whereas, cannabidiol (CBD) flower was all the “craze,” but since that market segment was oversaturated, other hemp market segments are gaining traction.

Hemp has many uses besides for flower, such as:

- **Hempseed and hempseed oil:** lotions, shampoos, soaps, bath gels, cosmetics, food & beverages, animal feed, nutritional supplements, and medicinal & therapeutic products.
- **Hemp fiber:** paper, carpeting, home furnishing, construction materials (roofing underlay, cement blocks, putty, stucco and mortar, coatings, pipe wraps, house wraps, fiberglass substitute, acoustic materials, etc.), insulation materials, animal bedding, auto parts & composites, textiles, and many other applications!
- **Hemp shivs:** animal bedding (high absorbency) and hempcrete!

And, with developments in dual-purpose hemp crops such as grain/fiber, it may be advantageous for a producer to cultivate a crop that can reach multiple markets.

So, please contact the Cannabis Department for more information on hemp production or check out our documents on sni.org!



New Higher Education Coordinator - Allegany

| Submitted by Tracy Pacini, Allegany Education Department

We would like to welcome the new Higher Ed Coordinator, Leslie R. John, to our department. Her office is located at the SALC and can be reached on her cell at (716) 801-0485 or at (716) 945-1790 ext. 3103.

Contact her via email at L.John@sni.org or AlleganyHEP@sni.org. Welcome, Leslie!



Keyes to manage SNI’s new Visitor Economy Management Office | By Deb Everts | March 26, 2022 | Published from the Salamanca Press

SALAMANCA — The Seneca Nation is launching a Visitor Economy Management Office.

Kortney Keyes has been chosen to manage this new office and will be working out of the Onöhsagwë:de’ Cultural Center at the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum.

Keyes said she began her new position as manager of the newly created office in February. She said the Visitor Economy Management Office is a new department within the other Seneca Nation programs and departments. The office will be located in the cultural center until the department is developed and established.

“Right now, I’m an employee of one, but I will be creating a team. Once I have a staff, I will need more office space,” she said. “It will probably take several years to get everything developed, up and running but, right now, everything is really behind the scenes.”

The Visitor Economy department itself handles tourism but, according to Keyes, the newly developed office will do more than that. She said they will assess and manage how they can encourage the success of small businesses.

Youth employment and sports development



Kortney Keyes

will be included, along with local artists, creators and makers. She said they definitely want to incorporate the Seneca culture into their goals.

“This new office is not specific to just tourism. It’s also what we can bring back to our community as a whole through tourism,” she said. “We kind of want to stray away from the idea that we are just a tourism office because we are much more than that.”

Keyes said part of her job will be event planner for all things involving Seneca tourism in Salamanca. Eventually, she will be working closely with the Nation’s media department heading up a website, and they will eventually have travel guides available to help visitors with additional information.

“That is more long-term. The first thing would definitely be to plan all that and try to get an idea of what we want to include on our website and in our travel guides, then go from there,” she said. “We will do everything in-house through the Seneca Nation.”

There is no set time on when the new department will be set up and have staff, Keyes said. It’s brand new and she’s focusing on the goals that are still in the works with the assistance of a consultant. She’s currently helping with a few different

projects to give the other departments some relief when they need an extra hand.

The concept of visitor economy is important to the success of tourism. It adds another element to the traditional notion of tourism as a planned journey with an overnight stay.

According to the University of Derby, visitor economy is a place-centered concept concerned with the whole environment in which visitors, locals and tourists interact. It focuses on the elements that attract visitors and the infrastructure and services that support their visit.

Keyes said she has worked at all three Seneca casino properties in Niagara Falls, Buffalo and Salamanca.

“I’ve had wonderful experiences at all three of our casinos, and that creates a great background for everything I’m doing,” she said. “I don’t necessarily need a degree in marketing or tourism to do what I do here. It’s people-based — working with people and the community — and that’s where I’m strongest.”

Keyes resides in Irving on the Cattaraugus Territory with her partner, Adam Pagan, and their three children. She attended Niagara University where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Hospitality, Administration and Management, with a concentration in hotel and restaurant management.

Seneca Nation Develops New Office to Drive Visitor Economy - Seneca Nation’s opening of a Visitor Economy Management Office marks renewed focus on strategies for economic development through tourism Allegany Territory, Salamanca, NY— April 2022

The Seneca Nation ushered in a renewed focus on growth in sustainably managed tourism with the opening of the newly formed **Visitor Economy Management Office (VEMO)**. Housed in the Onöhsagwë:de’ Cultural Center (Seneca-Iroquois National Museum) this new office welcomed Kortney Keyes, Manager, in February. Keyes will be responsible for the day-to-day operations, establishment and growth of the office, and will ultimately serve as the central communicator for the visitor economy. She joins the office with strong

interpersonal skills and a background in hospitality and restaurant management.

“I feel humbled and inspired by this opportunity to serve the Seneca Nation in this role,” Keyes said. *“I can see there is a bright future ahead and I can’t wait to help make that happen.”*

The newly formed Visitor Economy Management Office will steward, promote and provide education about the entire economy connected to tourism and visitation to the Seneca Nation. Where tourism strategies tend to focus on



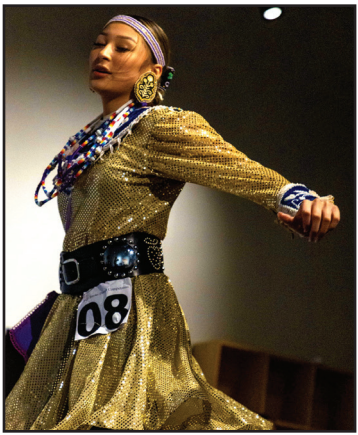
the visitor and their needs, **a visitor economy office focuses on local residents and how every strategy benefits the local resident first.** The office’s focus is to create strategies that grow small business success, foster community revitalization, build pride of culture, grow

employment, including youth employment, further develop quality of life, aid in cultural preservation, and drive increased revenue in existing properties.

“The Seneca Nation sees that the time is now to build and **(Continued on next page)**

Seneca-Iroquois National Museum Spring Fling

Please enjoy these “picture” highlights from the Spring Fling at the SINM & Onöhsagwë:de’ Cultural Center that took place last month.



Visitor Economy Management Office (VEMO) - CONTINUED

steward a thriving economy through smart tourism and visitor strategies,” said Seneca Nation President Matthew Pagels. “Our goal, through the work and leadership of VEMO, is to deliver impactful, attractive experiences for visitors in a way that supports and grows local economic activity and further strengthens our Seneca economy.”

Pre-pandemic, the visitor economy represented a \$117-billion industry in nearby New York State, accounting for

nearly 1 in 10 jobs, and rose to the third-largest industry. The Seneca Nation sees the need to bring its share of the rapidly growing “Drive market” across the East Coast, as well as laying foundations for long haul international markets, destination sports and event tourism, and the motor coach bus market. “VEMO’s main priority is to promote the Seneca Nation’s tourism, recreational, cultural, and historical attractions, along with the local goods and services, all in coordination with public and private

sector partners. Tourism is a significant driver of economic and social development.” states Councillor Josh Jimerson.

The Seneca Nation can expect partnerships with local and state tourism offices with its sights set on international connections. The Seneca Nation is already represented at the New York State Tourism Industry Association and American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association. Aiding in the creation of a Destination Assessment and Destination Tourism Plan, Josiah Brown,

from Famous Destination Marketing, has lent resources and expertise to the Nation for a successful launch of the new VEMO and will provide foundational support as the office builds.

“I have rarely seen so much opportunity for sustainable economic growth as I have here in the Seneca Nation,” Brown said. “Welcoming visitors builds economic success and at the same time builds cultural strength and security into the future.”

Gakwi:yo:h Farms Hosts Native Farm Bill Coalition Roundtable Event

Earlier this month, Seneca Nation Gakwi:yo:h Farms hosted the Native Farm Bill Coalition at a roundtable meeting to discuss policy with tribal producers, consumers, and elected leadership. The Native Farm Bill Coalition is an intertribal, nationwide initiative whose goal is to amplify and implement Native voices in federal farm bill negotiations. The work of the Native Farm Bill Coalition and the Intertribal Agriculture Council seeks to uplift the efforts of Native agriculturists to cement an impact on land-based agriculture and be a guide toward food sovereignty.

Seneca Nation Gakwi:yo:h Farms sends a very special Nya:wëh to everyone that participated in the Native Farm Bill Coalition Roundtable event.

Check out this video about the event, produced by our very own Seneca Media & Communications Center: <https://www.facebook.com/senecamedia/videos/376621667664823>

For more information about the Native Farm Bill Coalition, visit <https://www.nativefarmbill.com/>



Seneca Nation Honors Vietnam War Veterans

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

On March 26, 2022, The Seneca Nation held a Vietnam War Commemoration event at the Cattaraugus Seneca Fire Hall. Vietnam Veterans Day is held annually on March 29.

The event was to held to honor and pay tribute to Seneca Vietnam Veterans for their service and sacrifice, and to give thanks to their families.



Lcpl Dan M. Jimerson U.s. Marine Corp & Vietnam War Veteran

Dan Murray Jimerson

born June 8th, 1951, is a U.S. Marine Corp Vietnam War Veteran, enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians and of the Heron Clan. Dan grew up acknowledging his responsibility of becoming a productive member of his community despite personal challenges of not completing his formal education and asked his parents Louis & Gladys (Titus) Jimerson Sr. for their endorsed permission to allow him to serve in the Armed Forces. Dan joined the U.S. Marine Corp at the age of 17 and enter active-duty service on August 19, 1968, in Buffalo NY. After completing Basic Training at Paris Island, SC, he would go on to receive additional advanced Infantry training at Camp Geiger, NC earning his 0311 Rifleman rating. Dan recalls attending basic training with another native warrior from the Cattaraugus Territory Norm Jimerson, but they would part ways after their initial training encounter.



finally landed in Da Nang Air Base in the Republic of Vietnam where he immediately received his rifle. Dan found himself assigned to Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Brigade, Fleet Marine Force forward deployed north of Da Nang in the Que Son Valley area. Dan would earn the confidence to serve as a Lance Corporal and as Fire Team Leader participating in intense combat operations during Operations “Imperial Lake” and “Pickens Forrest” where aggressive combat actions took place in Cambodia.

After eighteen months in Vietnam, Dan was honorably discharged February 10, 1972, and returned home to post War economic challenges but eventually secured his Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) and traveled the country as a long-haul truck driver. Based out of Akron, Ohio Dan was an active advocate for a local Native American Cultural Center where he worked hard to acquire funding to support student higher education academic endeavors. Dan also developed some business experience through a partnership adventure building log homes and was an active member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 97. Dan would return to Salamanca to care for his father who fell ill and later started a small trucking business called “One Feather Trucking.”

Dan received orders to attend jungle training at Camp Pendleton in California but would be redirected to deploy to Southeast Asia in support of combat operations in Vietnam. Dan boarded military air transport from El Toro AFB in California to Kadena AFB, Okinawa and

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

- Vietnam Service Medal
- Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device
- Combat Action Ribbon
- Good Conduct Medal
- National Defense Service Medal
- Unit Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Device

Dan still remains in the Salamanca area and is married to his lovely wife Rebecca, and a proud parent of children Jamie, Nadine, and Sarah Jimerson. Dan Jimerson is also a dedicated member of American Legion Iroquois Post 1587 for 22-years.



Third Grade Leaders pay special visit to Allegany Marshalls

The Seneca Nation Marshall Department was the recipient of a special treat from the "Third Grade Leaders Group" at Prospect Elementary in the Salamanca City Central School District on March 25th.

The Third Grade Leaders Group, now in its 10th year of operation, is comprised of a group of ten students who applied, interviewed and were appointed to the team. The group hosts multiple events in an effort to bring the school and community together. Their most recent event, "Penny Wars" were created with the thought of a community give back day. The students set a fundraising goal and determined where they felt the need was to give back. Their first suggestion was to give to services, including the SNI Marshalls, the Fire Department, the Police Station and the SCCSD Transportation Department.

The team believes in strong relationship and wanted to show their appreciation for the individuals who go above and beyond on a daily basis to make the community safe in which they live. **We:so Nya:wëh!**



Archbishop Walsh Students excel in Regional Science Fair

| *Written By: Lois Housler, Archbishop Walsh Science Teacher*



BRADFORD, PA - On Saturday, March 26, 2022 the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford hosted the Twin Tiers Regional Science and Engineering Fair which was under the direction of Chemistry Professor Dr. Daniel Sadowsky. Fourteen students in grades 8-12 from Archbishop Walsh Academy/ Southern Tier Catholic School presented their projects.

Chloe Stanczykowski, 9th grader, won the NASA Earth System Science Award for her project “Moon Phases and the Tides”. Congratulations, Chloe!

A number of Archbishop Walsh students received awards for their work with two Archbishop Walsh students representing the Twin Tiers at the upcoming International Genius Olympiad in Rochester and at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Atlanta, Georgia.

Southern Tier Catholic School and Archbishop Walsh Academy is private school located in Olean, NY. The school offers a Montessori Program, Grades Kindergarten through 8th at Southern Tier Catholic School and Grades 9th through 12th at Archbishop Walsh Academy. With a 100% graduation rate, Archbishop Walsh Academy is the only private school outside of Buffalo, NY that offers the esteemed International Baccalaureate degree. “Once an Eagle, always an Eagle!”

Lakeshore students accepted into National Honor Society

| *Submitted by Jill Schildhauer, Seneca Nation Education Department, JOM Teacher*

Congratulations to Riley, Nyla, and Joiise on being accepted into the Lake Shore High School National Honor Society!

Students in 11th and 12th grade are invited to apply to the National Honor Society based on their overall average. Once invited, the student needs to complete an application that requires an essay, teacher recommendations, and evidence of service. A panel of teachers then select members based on the four pillars: Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character.

Keep up the great work! We are very proud of you!



L to R: Riley Fleming, Nyla Rivera, and Joiise John

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Employee
Spotlight

Paige John, Lead Cleaner joined the ACC nine years ago. Paige is an ambassador of providing a safe and healthy environment for the community. She is a dedicated and extremely hard-working employee who takes pride in her work. Paige is a team player who is always willing to lend a hand where ever needed.

Paige provides her team with guidance, support, and understanding; and makes a commitment to always working together to get the job done!

Nya:wëh Paige! We are so glad that you are part of the ACC Team!

Paige John

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Seneca Nation Walleye Hatchery celebrates 10th year of operations | *By Shane Titus & Larry Becelia*

Seneca Nation Walleye Hatchery 10th year of operations kicked off in 2022. The hatchery staff have been working diligently to procure the necessary brood stock for the 2022 season. The staff have achieved their goal this year and are well on their way to another successful season.

Over the past ten years (2012-2022) the Hatchery has successfully released over 26,147,800 walleye fry in to the installed protective habitat within the Allegany Reservoir. The Hatchery Staff have also stocked the Allegany River with over 547 female and



John Abrams Sr. and Shane Titus on electroshocking boat

1,904 males, totaling 2,451 mature walleyes. The brood stock used for the hatchery, egg take and fertilization process, are released up river in efforts to be able to stock viable walleye that are insured

to survive and repopulate the river by naturally spawning. The hatchery staff have recaptured female walleye that have been used as brood stock in our hatchery from 10 years ago (2012). Back in the days when a simple crude colored tag was used to identify female walleye. We have currently upgraded our system to be able to track individual walleye, opposed to a single basic colored



Fish Hatchery Facility



Fish Hatchery pond

tag to represent the year of usage for all females as a whole.

We have learned, over the past 6 years that the SNI Walleye Hatchery benefits the Upper Allegany River Watershed in its entirety. In 2017, the hatchery upgraded its tagging system and began a study to be able to track its female walleye used as brood stock for the hatchery. Since that date we have discovered that walleye we released on the SNI Territory can, and have, at times, migrated to areas above Eldred PA (Allegany River) and Hinsdale, NY (Ischua Creek).

All female walleye used at the hatchery are cataloged with an identification tag which contains an identification number and web page address, allowing an individual who may have caught said walleye, to participate in the study by filling out information regarding that specific walleye. Information such as, location caught, harvested or released, length, weight and health. Hatchery staff are able to look up that data and tell that particular walleyes previous history before release (Year released, length and weight). Hatchery staff are able

to monitor the walleyes health and growth since its original release date. The same premise also exists for recaptured female walleye for use as brood stock again at the hatchery.

The largest walleye that the hatchery has captured to date

was a female in 2017. She weighed in at 16 ¼ pounds and was 35 inches in length. That single female alone produced in excess of 400,000 eggs. Female walleye in the northeast region can live to be upwards of 25 years. The importance of returning female walleye back in to the river system to spawn again cannot be over stated. With large females such as this one, she can produce millions of eggs in her lifetime. With cellphones and cameras being more popular these days, we are seeing that the community at large has been taking pictures of their trophy catches and releasing them back



Lary Becelia with 35" 16 1/4 lb. female walleye (largest walleye to date)

into the river. With these practices, coupled with the hatchery's efforts, we have seen a substantial increase of walleye female populations and average sizes.

The Fish Hatchery operations run exclusively on renewable energy which requires minimal maintenance and financial stress. The facility was constructed with grant funds through the US Fish and Wildlife Service. All electrical requirements are provided to the hatchery by use of solar panels. By using solar power we are able to remain "off the grid." The hatchery was constructed entirely by staff starting in 2010, it took 2 years to complete facility and operations started in 2012.



Young girl catches fish in pond on-site

Whitcomb lands Week 8 America East Award

Ja:goh **Amos Whitcomb** (*Allegany Territory, Snipe clan*), #2, a freshman attack who won his second Rookie of the Week award this season. He recorded a hat trick against the River Hawks while adding one assist for a total of four points. Amos scored the game-tying and go-ahead goals, back-to-back, late in the third quarter, as part of a 5-0 scoring run for UAlbany.

Source: <https://ualbanysports.com/news/2022/4/4/mens-lacrosse-yunker-whitcomb-named-players-of-the-week.aspx>



Ja:goh Emmett Williams

Ja:goh **Emmett Williams**, (*Cattaraugus Territory, Turtle clan*) and team Steelers with the win. Emmett, #92, is the son of Shaina Gates & Jordan E. Williams. 12 year old Emmett has been playing hockey for 9 years. With four goals during the playoffs, Emmett topped the century mark, finishing the season with 102 goals. 102 goals out of 262 team goals this season which put his average goal per game at 2.9848384.

Source: <https://www.observertoday.com/sports/local/sports/2022/03/12u-steelers-win-wnyahl-title/>



Pictured is the NCCYHA Fredonia Steelers 12U PeeWee MOHL team after winning the WNYAHL playoff championship in Cheektowaga.

A Paralympic Dream!

Submitted by Elizabeth E. John - Proud parent and Glenda M. Taylor - Proud grandparent

A question that comes up regularly for Rayven John Sample since Tokyo is, what's next? His answer: **A LOT!**

Rayven was born with Arthrogryposis, an incurable joint condition that has affected the mobility of his arms. But his legs are taking him further than he could have ever imagined. Rayven is classified as a T45 runner, which states "a disabled athlete with double above or below the elbow amputations, or a similar disability." (<https://en.wikipedia.org>)



Now in his Sophomore year at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA, Rayven has found his momentum. Thanks to the wonderful coaching staff there, as well as the support from Coach Dave Nelson from Rayven's track and field days at Falconer-Cassadaga Valley, who helps with a strict regiment when home from school. Training never stops for this athlete.

In only a few short months since his debut, Rayven has shattered old personal records and has grown incredibly close to a T45 world record, which is 57.79 seconds in the 400m. His focus this year is to break world records and prepare for Paris 2024. His goal for the future: Besides the **Paris 2024 Paralympic Games**, his **sights are set on one day retiring as the greatest men's T45 athlete!** We must say - he is well on his way!

Elizabeth, Rayven's sister Calli Jimerson, Glenda and the entire Family are all SUPER proud of him.

Go Bucknell!! Go Rayven!! Ja:goh!!



Miya Scanlan & The Jacksonville Women's Lacrosse team Help Raise Awareness for Pediatric Cancer - Jacksonville Women's Lacrosse

Ja:goh **Miya Scanlan** (*Cattaraugus Territory, Wolf clan*) as you continue your academic studies and athletic career all the while contributing to a special little girls dream and her fight, along with the Jacksonville Dolphins Women's Lacrosse team.



Miya Scanlan shown pictured with Lucy Donmoyer. #LucyStrong

foundation dedicated to improving the quality of life of children battling pediatric brain tumors and other childhood cancers, the team held an event to celebrate Lucy and the official announcement of her as the team's newest honorary co-captain.

Lucy was first diagnosed with high risk neuroblastoma in April 2020, and has since been fighting against the horrible disease including undergoing eleven cycles of chemotherapy, multiple surgeries, two bone marrow transplants, and six cycles of immunotherapy.

Since meeting the team earlier this season, Lucy has provided a light to the entire Jacksonville Lacrosse Program as she always is full of energy with a big smile. The team chose to welcome her and fight alongside her for the rest of the season as she continues to battle her cancer.

Please join us in celebrating Lucy and wishing her well in her treatment. The team hopes to continue to grow awareness for pediatric cancer, the Friends of Jaclyn foundation, and Lucy and her Family all season long.

We love you Lucy and can't wait to have you alongside us for the rest of the year We are, and always will be, #LucyStrong



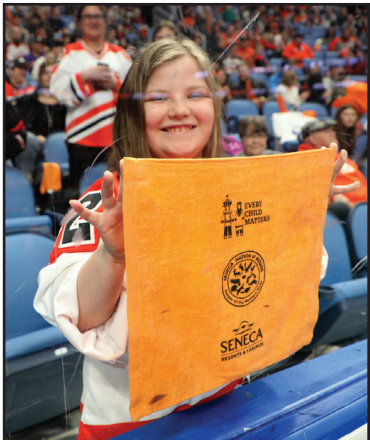
Reprint from JWL Facebook Page:

March 25, 2022 - On Friday night prior to our match against Furman, the team officially adopted our newest member, Lucy Donmoyer.

In conjunction with Friends of Jaclyn, a

Buffalo Bandits Celebrate Native American Heritage Theme Night | Seneca Media

The Buffalo Bandits hosted the Halifax Thunderbirds on Saturday, March 26th for a special Native American Heritage Day. Indigenous Spirit Dancers performed during the halftime show while Seneca Elders enjoyed an outing courtesy of the Executive Offices and Area Office for the Aging. The Bandits won 16 to 11. Ja:göh!



Gowanda's Varsity Girls Lacrosse News

Ja:goh Lady Panther's - Gowanda's 2022 captains Autumn Nephew, Aailyah Stevens and Chloe Luther accepted the 2021 Section VI Class D championship banner on behalf of the team.

This is the first Sectional Championship since the girls' lacrosse program's inception in 2017. To be able to achieve that in only the 5th year of the program's existence is a huge accomplishment.

Prior to Monday's game (4-4-22), the Gowanda girls lacrosse team was presented its 2021 Section VI Class D championship banner. The Varsity girls lacrosse team beat West Seneca East that evening, 13-7!

Chloe Luther had 8 goals and 8 draw controls. Ke'ya Stevens chipped in with 2 goals and 3 assists. Autumn Nephew, Aurora Stevens, Lily Scanlan all had 1 goal apiece. Karice John had 2 ground balls, 1 caused turnover, and 1 interception. Aailyah Stevens had 8 saves.

Source: <https://www.observertoday.com/sports/local-sports/2022/04/panthers-win-after-banner-ceremony>



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Update from Six Nations Agriculture Society - Ohi:yo'

By Tami Watt, Editor

OHI:YO', NY- The Six Nations Agriculture Society from Ohi:yo' (Allegany) will be the host Nation of the New York State Fair from August 24th – September 5th, 2022. The Great New York State (NYS) Fair is held annually in Syracuse, NY where each of the Six Nations is represented and celebrates Hodinö:shöni culture, customs and traditions at the Indian Village, originally built in 1928.

The Indian Village is a combined effort of the 10,000+ Hodinö:shöni people within our original 87,000 acres of homelands across the state of New York. The Indian Village is designed to show the contribution of Hodinö:shöni farmers and homemakers. “From our farms, gardens, and woodlands on our eight reservations, we bring our exhibits to compete each year against each other, as our Indian Village is our combined annual fair, held at the State Fairgrounds in preference to holding several separate fairs at our reservations,” Six Nations Agriculture Society. There are categories for the various types of corn, squash, and vegetables traditionally grown by our female ancestors that were mainstays during the pre-colonial era. The homemaker divisions highlight our talented basket makers, beadwork artists, and needlework artists and craftmakers of wood, silver and various textiles.

Craft vendors, gardeners, artisans, singers, dancers, cooks, and sports enthusiasts all come together as a collective to showcase their Nation and/or Territory for 10 days. Agriculture,



SIX NATIONS AGRICULTURE SOCIETY - OHI:YO'

homemaker and artistic items from eight Hodinö:shöni Territories are brought to be judged in competition with each other in categories for adult and youth divisions. Dance shows are held multiple times throughout the day for fairgoers to experience Indigenous culture, customs and music. Each Hodinö:shöni Nation sends representatives to dance and sing at the renowned Turtle Mound that represents their specific style, language and songs. An annual Smoke Dance competition is held for all age groups and is one the highlights of the season.

“Competition is open to all Hodinö:shöni people and their families across New York for material grown or made by the exhibitor, properly tagged with name, reservation, and post office address and brought to the central reservation point for transfer by reservation committees listed above. The right to exhibit shall be determined by the Board of each reservation,” Six Nations Agriculture Society. **(Continued on the next page)**



Princess Wanted!

TO REPRESENT THE
SENECA NATION - OHI:YO'
AT THE NEW YORK STATE FAIR INDIAN VILLAGE

AUGUST 24, 2022 – SEPTEMBER 5, 2022

Qualifications:

- Age 16-21
- Enrolled Seneca from the Allegany Territory
- Not a Current Princess and/or Representative
- Knowledge of Traditional Dances and Have a Traditional Dress
- Must Be Drug & Alcohol Free and Have No Children
- *Under 18 Must Have a Chaperone*

Deadline to Apply-
Friday, May 20, 2022

Submit letters of intent to:
SNI Clerks Office,
90 Ohi:yo' Way
Salamanca, NY 14779

Any Questions Contact: Barbara Lynn Hill 716-713-4624 or Tami Watt 716-307-6701

Six Nations Agriculture Society -
Ohi:yo' - CONTINUED

The Six Nations Agriculture Society – Ohi:yo’ will be the host Nation at the Indian Village this year and will be responsible for various duties during the 10 days of fun at the Great NYS Fair. Ohi:yo’ is set to choose the princess to represent the Seneca Nation, all Hodinö:shöni Nations and the Indian Village for the Great NYS Fair. Qualifications and information is located in the Clerk’s Office in Salamanca, NY. **Please submit your letter of intent by May 20th, 2022** to the Clerk’s Office in Salamanca, NY by 4:30pm. A representative will be selected by the end of June 2022. We are looking for an enrolled Seneca female from the ages of 16-21 living on the Allegany Territory interested in representing our community through traditional knowledge and regalia.

“Our group’s intention is to grow in membership to have a successful year in our competitions, exhibitions and representations. We are seeking support in organizing vendors, kitchen duties, archery and lacrosse exhibitions, fundraising, prepping the Princess to represent our community and also collecting items from Allegany community members for competitions,” says Darlene Miller, Vice President.

Upcoming Meetings

If you are an Allegany community member that would like to participate in any of these events or activities, please feel free to attend the Six Nations Agriculture Society – Ohi:yo’ meetings. The next few meetings will be held at the Allegany Community Center in the Multi-purpose room. Join us **Wednesday, April 27th at 6pm** and **Sunday, May 15th at 3pm**, as stated, both meetings will be held at the ACC-MPR.

Please contact Darlene Miller (716)490-5650 or Barbara Hill (716)713-4624 for more information. Sub-committees are forming for fundraising, agriculture, vendors, exhibitions and a panel to review the princess applicants and interviews.

To join the Six Nations Agriculture Society – Allegany, you must reside on Ohi:yo’ Territory, be an enrolled member of a Hodinö:shöni’ Nation and pay a yearly fee of \$5. Please contact Barbara Hill or Darlene Miller to join.

Ja:goh Jo’Elle Thompson
Re-post from the National Indian Gaming Commission Linkedin Page

Please join us in welcoming Jo'Elle Thompson to the NIGC team. She is a Compliance Officer for the D.C. Region. Thompson is a member of the Seneca Nation. Her education and past work experiences which include Vice Chair of the Seneca Nation Enterprise



Board, former Internal Auditor and accountant will be an asset to the region and Indian gaming overall. We look forward to the future and thank you all for helping us welcome her to the team!

Welcome to the team Jo'Elle!



News From The Four Corners
United Methodist Church

Rte. 438 and Versailles Plank Road, Cattaraugus Territory
Submitted by Marilyn Anderson

Have you had your fill of jellybeans, chocolate, Easter eggs and ham? Now it’s time to get ready for spring sports and shedding off our winter weight. Easter celebrates Jesus’ resurrection and new life. So, we too must celebrate our new life. Are wild onions ready?? Can’t wait for soup and for sassafras tea. The robins and their bird cousins have been chirping so spring must be here. Winter has come and gone and now it’s time for new growth. Don’t forget your spiritual growth as well.

The **Seneca Hymn Singers** are looking forward to beginning their rehearsals. If their service is needed, please contact Beeda Parker or Terry Thompson. When

Tuesday night rehearsals resume that information will be published in the newsletter.

Continue to pray for healing in our communities. Pray for those battling addictions. Pray for those who are mourning. Pray for those who are struggling with illness. But also, give thanks for all the blessings that we have in our lives.

On Sunday morning you and your family are invited to join us for an uplifting Worship service at 9 a.m. After the service we have coffee time in our fellowship hall! We look forward to welcoming you and your family. **Peace.**

Ja:goh Erika Seneca-Hastie
Buffalo Business First 30 under 30 Winner!

“Winning a Buffalo Business First 30 Under 30 Award is the biggest accomplishment of my professional career! For about 5 years I've had getting an award like this on my goal list, so being able to say that I have achieved it is very rewarding. I'm so honored that I was chosen to receive this recognition in this city that I love so much!” ~ **Erika Seneca-Hastie**, Director of Marketing & Special Events/Assistant to the owner, Tallchief Territory - Home of Native Pride.

According to Buffalo Business First, these 30 people all have one thing in common: They are in the early stages of their careers and are achieving at high levels at work and in the community! The winners will be honored at an awards event on April 21st at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo. Ja:goh, Erika!





2nd Annual Cynthia Mohr 5K Run/Walk

During the month of March we honored courageous Seneca Women. It would be impossible for us to properly honor Cynthia Mohr in a simple social media post. Instead, we simply ask that you please consider participating with our friends at the Salamanca City Central School District in the 2nd Annual Cynthia Mohr 5k Run / Walk

Proceeds benefit the SHS Class of 2023 and establishing: **"The Cynthia Mohr Scholarship Fund"**

- When:

Sunday, June 12, 2022
- Where:

Start and Finish at Veteran’s Memorial Park in Salamanca, NY
- Time:

Check in 9-9:45am & the Run/Walk Starts at 10am
- Cost:

\$30.00 ages 13 and up or \$20.00 ages 12 and under

Deadline to register and receive a race shirt is May 20, 2022

For more information and to order tickets, visit:
<https://www.salamancany.org/o/high-school/page/cindymohr-scholarship>

Allegany River Dancers

March 18, 2022 - The Allegany River Dancers held a performance at the Salamanca High School that was live streamed on the Salamanca City Central School District YouTube account. Check it out here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cb7HAaX8tes>



Two Native American Students in GHS Top 10

Although these past few years have not granted a conventional high school experience to any student, there are still some shining stars among the SNI community. Seniors **Kaylee Baird** (*daughter of Andrea Baird*) and **Cameron Nagel** (*daughter of Dave Nagel and Christina Elliott, Turtle Clan*) have both landed spots in the Gowanda Class of 2022 Top Ten! Both girls worked incredibly hard throughout their school experiences. Kaylee, number eight in her class, participated in cheer, band, chorus, and works part time at the local Shop n Save. She plans on attending SUNY



Kaylee Baird



Cameron Nagel

College of Environmental Science and Forestry and majoring in Wildlife Science. Cameron, number nine in her class, participated in volleyball, cheer, bowling, and softball; as well as student government and yearbook. She plans on attending college and majoring in Childhood Education. Kaylee states she was proud and happy to be in the top 10; “It made me feel accomplished that all of my hard work has finally paid off.” Cameron had similar words and says; “Although it was challenging to stay motivated throughout the Covid years, my teachers were very helpful and I received a lot of support from them.” Both girls should be extremely proud of themselves.

Great job and congratulations!

Nya:wëh from the Loret Family

The family of **Shane Neil Loret (Chet)** would like to thank all those that came and supported our family in our time of loss. It was so great to meet and visit all the people he has touched throughout his life. The overwhelming love for Shane has helped during this difficult time.

The Loret Family



Start of a New Year For IGS!

| Submitted by Leatha Jimerson

Our March meeting was well attended on the Cattaraugus Territory. As usual, a delicious meal was provided via pot luck which everyone enjoyed. Introductions were made by those attending and it was very interesting to hear about everyone’s family history.

Arthur Hill from the SNI Archives gave an interesting talk regarding the type of documents available to view such as maps, Newsletters, SNI records and the Iroquois Census Project to name a few. You can contact Art at 716-945-1750 X 7848 to make an appointment to view documents.

Teresa VanAernam invited anyone who would like to give a family presentation to sign up for the months of June, July or November.

The monthly IGS meetings occur on the second Thursday of each month and alternate between the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories. The meetings are a great opportunity to meet and learn more about genealogy. There is a good chance you will discover a new family connection!

Please check out our website: www.iroquoisgenealogysociety.org. There are many resources available on the website such as census records, church and school lists etc.

From the family of Deanna Joy Waterman


We would like to thank our beautiful family & friends for helping us through a very difficult time. Whether you dropped off food, sent a card or flowers, or kept us in your thoughts and prayers– We *sincerely* appreciate your kindness, love and support.

Nya:weh!

“Remember the best times, the laughter, the love and the good life I lived”



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IROQUOIS GENEALOGY SOCIETY

We hope to see you soon! Be safe!

Iroquois Genealogy Society
(Pres. Teresa VanAernam, VP Arthur Hill,
Secretary Marilyn Anderson, Treasurer Leatha Jimerson)



April 23 Spring Sweep

Join us for Earth Day weekend and participate in our local Sweep, part of the Great Lakes Cleanup!



Clean up with thousands of volunteers in WNY on Saturday, April 23!

bnwaterkeeper.org/cleanup



Track your findings for the greatest impact!

APP TO DOWNLOAD

Clean Swell



oceanconservancy.org/trash-free-seas/international-coastal-cleanup/cleanswell

Questions?
Contact Emily Dyett at
edyett@bnwaterkeeper.org

PRO TIP: Bring your own bucket to fill with the trash you find along the water.

Visit our website to learn more:
bnwaterkeeper.org/cleanup

Upcoming Spring Sweep of Watersheds & Water Bodies in Our Region!

Submitted by Mike Gates, Emergency Management Department.



GET ONE FREE TICKET. BUY MORE FOR \$10.

Every Child Matters Night
at the Rochester Knighthawks Game

Friday, April 22 | Blue Cross Arena
Game Time: 7 PM

Join us as the Knighthawks take on the Calgary Roughnecks.

Special Offer for Team SGC & SNI

Get one complimentary ticket.
Additional tickets: \$10 each. Scan the QR Code.









GET ONE FREE TICKET. BUY MORE FOR \$10.

Native American Heritage Night
at the Rochester Knighthawks Game

Saturday, April 30 | Blue Cross Arena
Game Time: 7 PM

Join us as the Knighthawks take on the Halifax Thunderbirds.

Special Offer for Team SGC & SNI

Get one complimentary ticket.
Additional tickets: \$10 each. Scan the QR Code.



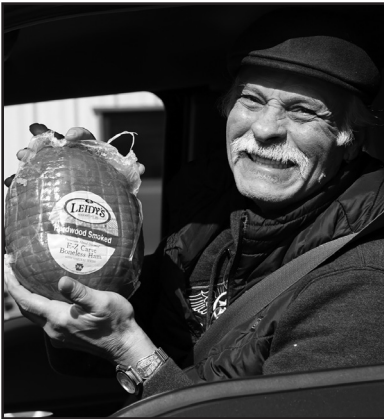




Easter Ham Distribution

Seneca Media

Nya:wëh to the Cattaraugus Territory AOA and Seneca Nation AOA
Allegany departments for distributing Easter Hams to our elders!



NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Investment Opportunity
6 Unit Apartment Complex
FOR SALE - \$140,000.00

Salamanca, NY 14779



This 6 separate apartment complex is located at 14 Sycamore Ave., in Salamanca, NY. The building contains appx. 4,000 sq ft of gross building area. It is the former City of Salamanca Fire Dept. that was converted into family living over 30 years ago. The property is located completely on the Seneca Nation of Indians, Allegany Territory.

Contact: Clayton Ludwick,
716-969-4660 | Email: Claylud23@hotmail.com

HIGH SPEED INTERNET
FROM DFT COMMUNICATIONS

DFT Communications is committed to your future.

To do our part to support the future growth of your community, DFT Communications has partnered with the Seneca Nation to bring fiber-optic internet to homes and businesses in your neighborhood.

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



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\$49.95	\$54.95	\$64.95	\$94.95
monthly	monthly	monthly	monthly

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What are the benefits of fiber-optic internet?

Fiber-optic internet provides a variety of advantages over other broadband technologies, including:

- MORE BANDWIDTH**
Fiber has the capability to transport virtually unlimited bandwidth. This accommodates for today's increasing demand for high speed connections - the result of multiple users and devices engaged in applications such as streaming. The closer the fiber is to a home or business, the more bandwidth will be available for the end user.
- GREATER RELIABILITY**
Fiber-optic cables are less susceptible to glitches than traditional copper wires and can withstand the shock and vibration from inclement weather.
- FUTURE FLEXIBILITY**
Fiber-optic internet is considered "future proof" and offers the flexibility to deliver additional services in the years to come.

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

Call us at our Allegany Office:
716-945-1790, ext. 3030 or x3029
OR Email us: sninews@sni.org



38-40 Temple St., Fredonia • 716.532.3131
SNI.DFTCOMMUNICATIONS.COM



The DFT Broadband installation is well underway. To avoid delays and potential additional costs, please sign up for fiber broadband services before April 26th. Please call 716-532-3131 for more information, details on services, and the steps on how to sign up.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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~ Cattaraugus Territory - 1st Notice ~

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~ Cattaraugus Territory - 2nd Notice ~

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

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

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

Talking & Healing
Circle



Open to Everyone
Monday April 18th, 2022
Saylor Building Dining Room
6:30 p.m.
Contact: 716.532.8339 | SNCVServices@sni.org


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APRIL 29, 2022@7pm Doors Open@6pm
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Attention GCS
Class of 1972
50 Year Class
Reunion!

August 6, 2022
Gowanda Country Club

Your Planners: Jayne Gelia
Post, Jerry Richmond,
Jody Wilber, Marley Press
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24 Hour Hotline (716)532-8185

Let’s Talk About Stress

Submitted by Lydia Bushman, Prevention Supervisor

April is “Stress Awareness” month, but what exactly is stress. Is it all bad? How can we deal with it? Let’s take a look at what stress is and how to best handle it under sometimes difficult situations.

What is stress and how are we affected by it?

Stress is our body’s response to emotional and physical pressures. Your brain can be triggered by an event, thought or a new experience that is sometimes unexpected, leading to some type of emotional response.

We all deal with stress differently. Some stress issues are related to; genetics, early life events and memories, and personality/social/economic circumstances. Stress can also be met with a positive response if it helps you to stay safe or meet a deadline. Stress is essentially how we react to the demands and pressures of daily life. Some of these stressors include work, money relationships, environmental factors and illness, to name a few.

How do we know when we are stressed?

Many different life events can lead to stress such as divorce, separation, bereavement, job-loss, or money issues. Even positive changes such as a job promotion, having a baby, or going on vacation can have an impact on your mental well-being. So what are some of the signs of stress?

Signs and Symptoms

Emotional Reaction

- Anxious
- Afraid
- Angry
- Sad
- Irritable
- Frustrated
- Depressed
- Overwhelmed

Physical Reaction

- Headaches
- Nausea
- Digestive Issues

- Heart Palpitation
- Sweating
- Hyperventilating
- Heartburn
- Insomnia

While we have identified the emotional and physical reactions that your body has to stress, it is also important to be aware of some possible behaviors. These may include: not eating, overeating, problems remembering things, withdrawing from friends and isolating yourself. So let’s take a look at how we can practice self-care in stress related situations.

How to Help Yourself

- Recognize what is happening-** it is important to connect all the signs you are faced with in a stressful situation. DO NOT ignore these warning signs.
- Think about changes you can make-** don’t take on more than you can handle. If your life is beginning to get chaotic, prioritize and reorganize. Also take more time to pamper yourself.
- Supportive Relationships-** family and close friends can offer help and be a healthy outlet for someone that is constantly stressed. Positive relationships are encouraged, but stay away from toxic people, it can only lead to more stress.
- Eat, Healthy and exercise-** a healthy diet can improve your mood. Also drinking plenty of water can increase energy and improve your mental well-being. Physical activity also is a great mood booster. Even just walking is a great way to de-stress.
- Be mindful and take time out-** practicing relaxation techniques is a great way to reduce stress. Listen to calming music and meditation are among these techniques.
- Get plenty of rest-** sleep is one of the most important things you can do to rejuvenate. Listening to calming music and muscle relaxing exercises can help you to sleep at night.


If you constantly struggle with stress in your life and are always feeling overwhelmed, you may want to seek outside

resources for that little bit of extra help. You can talk to a medical professional and/or a counselor. If the above related coping skills just aren’t working and you are getting increasingly stressed, please reach out to someone. Here are some resources if you need to reach out:

SNHS Behavioral Health Units: Cattaraugus-716-532-5583; Allegany-945-9001
National Suicide Prevention Life-line-1-800-273-8255
Crisis Text Line Text CONNECT to 741741

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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716•532•5583

Allegany LRJHC
987 R.C. Hoag Drive
716•945•9001

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You can reach us here:

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716-945-5894

Community Health and Wellness Center
716-532-8223

Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Health Center
716-532-5582

SNHS Employee Spotlight

Vanessa Molina is a patient benefits specialist, located at the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Health Center. She has been in this position 2 years. Previously, she worked in the optical department for 2 years as an ophthalmic technician and as a billing clerk for 1 year for the billing department.



We asked what she likes best about her job and what her job duties are. She says, “The best thing about my job is being able to make a difference in our patients lives whether that is helping them find a program to pay their Medicare premium or helping someone come to the clinic for the first time.” Vanessa also said “Patient Benefits is responsible to verify eligibility and register new patients. We will also Screen patients for premium free insurances such as Medicaid and the Essential plan. Another thing I do is help our elders apply for Medicare when eligible and screen them for programs to pay their Medicare Part B and Part D premium. During open enrollment, we also assist elders in Medicare plan selection. We are also able to register many of our pediatric patients into premium free Child Health Plus who are over income for Medicaid! The premiums for Child Health Plus are waived for native children up to 300% of the poverty level. This often saves parents money because they do not have to add their child to their employer insurance. We also help our patient’s purchase insurance through the Marketplace if needed.”

What is the most beneficial/inspirational part of her position? She says, “The most inspiring part of my job is seeing when our patients come in overwhelmed or confused about insurance and we are able to explain what is going on, help them decide what is best for them and see them leave relaxed and sure of what is going on. The best feeling is when they say thank you for your help! I also have a great supervisor and coworkers!”

Vanessa grew up in south Florida. She attended Jamestown Community College in 2011 earning an associate’s degree in

medical office technology. She is a certified application counselor through the NYS Marketplace that allows her to enroll patients into its health insurance plans. She completed a medical assisting course with Cattaraugus Allegany BOCES. While working in optical, she became a certified paraoptometric through the American Optometric Association.

She is currently am enrolled at Franklin University and is working on a bachelor’s degree and will graduate with a double major in business administration and management and leadership.

We asked what she likes to do in her spare time. She says, “In my spare time you can find me anywhere with live music. I also enjoy traveling, camping, kayaking and spending time with friends and family.”

Is there a favorite quote or words/advice she lives by? “If someone doesn’t have a smile, give them one of yours.”

We asked her if there is something interesting or extraordinary about herself that she would like people to know: She said “I am always up for a challenge and an adventure. I was engaged in July of 2020 and figured I would start planning my wedding the next year. I quickly realized that the pandemic was going to make planning a wedding very hard. Two weeks before Halloween I told my husband, we should elope on Halloween because it’s my favorite holiday. We quickly realized we did not want to get married without our immediate family and closest friends. I planned our entire wedding in two weeks and married my amazingly patient husband on Oct. 31, 2020.”

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

Simply HR ~ February

- New Hires**
Rosalind Ground
Sanitarian, LRJHC
February 7, 2022
- Emma Timblin**
Compliance Officer, LRJHC
February 7, 2022
- Joanne Piwko**
Dental Hygienist II, CIRHC
February 14, 2022
- Transfer**
MacKenzie Swiech
Homefinder-Educator, LRJHC
February 14, 2022

Welcome to the health system team!



Have You Heard About NY Project Hope?

NY Project Hope helps New Yorkers understand their reactions and emotions during COVID-19.

We have an emotional support helpline, educational materials, trusted referrals, and local provider agencies... all dedicated to helping you manage and cope with changes brought on by COVID-19.

NY Project Hope Crisis Counselors understand what you are going through. Talking with them is free, confidential, and anonymous. Talk with someone who is trained, knowledgeable and never judges. Sometimes it’s helpful to talk with someone you don’t know.

If you’re not up for talking, take a look at the articles on our site, learn a few relaxation techniques or a few new coping tips. Visit <https://nyprojecthope.org/>

Emotional Support Helpline
Talk to a crisis counselor:
CALL: 1-844-863-9314
Confidential • Anonymous • Free
8am-10pm / 7 days



Don't forget to visit
our website!

senecahealth.org



2022



Oh!-note-ah

Peepers

Ögwaiwa'shō'öh nē:gē:h Wēni'dade'

Ganö:nyök Nigawēnō'dēh

Hawe:'öh

(ha-wait!-oh)

He has intended it

Niwēni'da:de' Nigawēnō'dēh

Éónötö:dēh

(ayo-known-tone-den)

They will get to hear it

Gaedzēönyö:k nioiwa'geh To Become A Human Being ga:yadōshā' wa:dōh

"You know you're on your path because you become happy. It's like being contented or comfortable...You know what you're supposed to be doing and you're doing it."

--Tadodaho Leon Shenandoah

Aedwajä:'dak Onödowa'ga' Gawē:nö'

Asdeh tonötga:nye:h (aw-stay) (toe-note-gone-yay)

Édwasha:ek (en-dwa-psych)

O'gawisánöwē' (oh!-guh-wees-an-own-went!)

Agátši'wa:' I'm watching it [now] (uh-guh-cheat!-wot!)

Jē:gwah ihse:h (jan-gwa) (e-say) "if you want"

They're playing outside

We'll all be careful

The ice melted

Content provided by AKS

Audio & more resources can be found on

SENECALANGUAGE.COM

Onödowa'ga' Gawē:nö'

Pronunciation Key

a.....father

ä.....cat

e.....they

ë.....men

i.....police

o.....note

ö.....own

u.....tune

w.....wash

n.....not

y.....yes

d.....dog

t.....tail

g.....girl

k.....kite

s.....sit

j.....job

h.....hat


š.....show

tš.....chalk

dz.....adze

:long vowel

'glottal stop



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

Attention

Students Ages

14-19 years old!

TERC Summer Youth Employment Services (Y.E.S.) Program

The Training & Employment Resource Center is offering a Summer Work Experience Program for high school students ages 14 - 19 years old. The program will run from July 5, 2022 - Aug. 13, 2022.

• Applications will be available starting May 2, 2022.

• Students will need their working papers to apply.

For questions or more info call:

Cattaraugus TERC office 716.532.1033

Allegany TERC office 716.945.8120

Get your ducks in a row...

Training & Employment presents

Summer 2022 Y.E.S. Program

AGES 14 - 19 y.o.

July 5th, 2022 - August 12th, 2022

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE: May 2nd, 2022

APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 31, 2022

Working Papers

Physical Required

Ask your parentals to HELP SIGN YOU UP!

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Contact info:

Catt. Office: (716) 532-1033

Alleg. Office: (716) 945-8120

SALC

April

CHILD ABUSE Prevention

NOT JUST FOR A MONTH for life

Seneca Arts & Learning Center proudly presents:

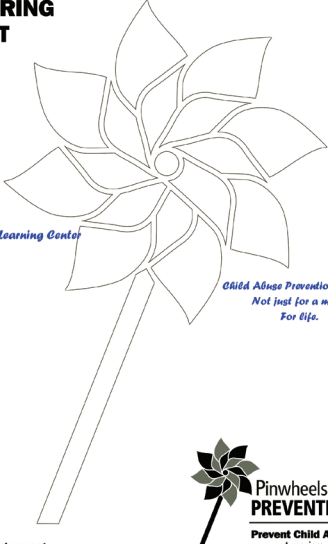
The community garden of hope.

Please color, paint, or design this pinwheel however you choose with a special child in your life or for a special child in your life.

Drop it off or courier it back to SALC to be displayed for the month of April in our Community pinwheel garden of hope on the windows of our cultural center.

For more information contact: Parent Involvement Coordinator Liz.smith@sni.org

PINWHEEL COLORING SHEET



Seneca Arts & Learning Center 2022

Child Abuse Prevention Not just for a month... For life.

Pinwheels for PREVENTION Prevent Child Abuse America

preventchildabuse.org

Print a copy of this pinwheel by visiting sninews.org OR stop and grab some copies at the SAAB lobby!

ENVIRONMENTAL

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

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