The Official Newsletter of the

SENECA NATION

May 13, 2022 - visit us at www.sninews.org

A message from President Matthew B. Pagels

Nya:wëh sgë:nö' gagwe:göh,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day. We should honor the contribution of mothers everyday as the protectors and guardians of our future. We appreciate and respect everything you do for our children.

This month I'd like to acknowledge May 5th as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. The Crime Victim Services program coordinated many events to bring awareness to these crimes. Staggering statistics of missing/murdered mothers, daughters, sisters across the United States sparked the enactment of this day of recognition. In fact, Native American Women are more than twice as likely to experience violence than any other demographic. Please keep families who have lost loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

The Nation recently notified the City of Olean of our intent to take legal action for the repeated discharges from the City's wastewater treatment plant into the Ohi:yo'. This waterway is a very precious resource to our Nation. It is part of our heritage and we will not allow anyone to be at risk. Many families spend time in and around the river throughout the summer. We must protect this important resource and ask our neighbors to be more mindful of this situation and take-action to correct this issue.

If this isn't rectified we may need to pursue legal action under the Clean Water Act, as having safe and clean water is a basic human right. Everyone along the Ohi:yo' deserves to be protected.

I had hoped we could start limiting our COVID conversation, but as you may know we are seeing an increase in COVID numbers around our communities. There were 33 active cases as of May 5th within our health centers. The new variant is more contagious as the previous OMICRON strain. Please continue to practice COVID protocol and get tested if you experience symptoms. If you test positive for the virus please follow the public health recommendations for isolating and masking to help reduce the spread.

Test appointments are still available to enrolled Seneca members through Blue Stone - Monday through Friday between 9:00-3:00 pm at Seneca Fire Station #1 by appointment in Cattaraugus and at Seneca Fire Station East Loop Rd in Allegany. To make an appointment call 716-220-2440. Photo ID is required and do not eat, drink or smoke for at least 1 hour prior to testing. Contact Mike Gates, Emergency Management Director for specific questions at 716-244-0820 or at mike.gates@sni.org.

Also, COVID vaccines and boosters are still available through Seneca Health System for all eligible individuals and age groups. Please contact Cattaraugus health at 716-532-5582 and LR John at 716-945-5894 for appointments. Please continue to take all precautions to help stifle this disease.

Stay safe, stay strong, Dahne'hoh dih ae'
Matthew B. Pagels

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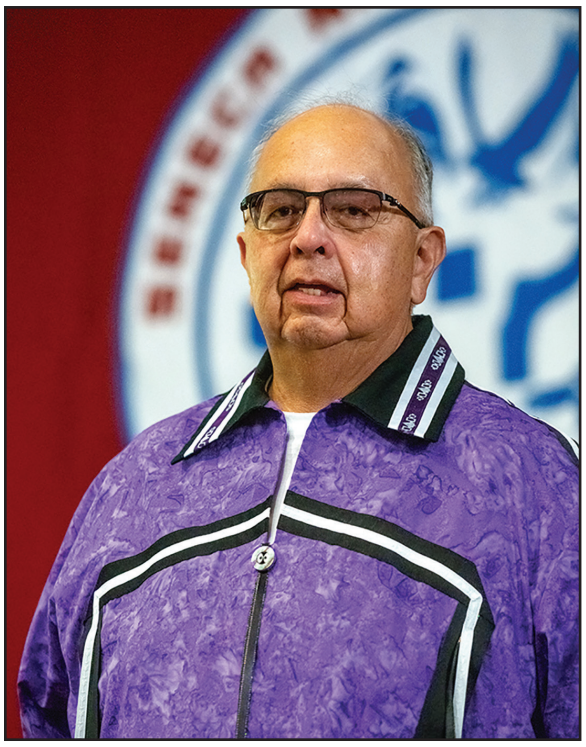
FROM THE DESK OF THE TREASURER

May 13, 2022



Greetings,

I've been enjoying getting outside and taking care of a few yard projects, since the weather is finally warming up. Also enjoying catching some lacrosse games. Time to get all the gardens ready for planting. I hope everyone enjoys these warmer days!

The Seneca Nation was recently awarded two grants from the Built to Play Skatepark grant fund. The grants were secured by our Seneca Nation Department of Transportation, working cooperatively with the Community Planning & Development Department. The grants will either fully, or in part, pay for the permanent concrete skate parks on the Allegany and Cattaraugus territories. In Cattaraugus, the skate park will be located on the site of the Cattaraugus Community Center; while the Allegany site is yet to be determined. Now that the award has been announced, the Nation will host two community meetings to seek community input: Allegany community meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17th, 2022, at the Allegany Community Center at 6:00pm; and the Cattaraugus community meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18th, 2022, at 6:00pm. If you require additional information, please contact Sharon Ray in our Allegany Department of Transportation, at (716) 945-1790, X3137.

The unofficial beginning of summer is generally marked by Memorial Day, which occurs on the last Monday of May. This day is set aside as a traditional day to remember fallen service members and to decorate their graves with flags and flowers. This is a busy time for members of Iroquois Post #1587, on the Cattaraugus territory. The Memorial Day remembrances begin on Sunday, May 22nd, 2022, from 10am to 3pm and continues on the 23rd, 24th and 25th, until all graves are decorated, starting each day at 10am. On Sunday, May 29th, there is a sunrise service scheduled to start at Good Shepard Church, in Irving, at 8:30am. Additional salute honorings will follow at: Newtown Cemetery in Lawtons, Pinewoods Cemetery in Pinewoods and Indian Hill Cemetery up Indian Hill. The final salute will take place at the SNI Cemetery at 11am. Iroquois Post #1587 and the Nation invite our community members to attend the Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 30th, 2022, at 11:00am, at the Seneca Allegany Administration Building (SAAB), as they pay tribute to and honor our Seneca warriors whom have paid the ultimate sacrifice. For more information or to provide Iroquois Post #1587 with information about a family member and their service, please email Ron Cook, Jr., Post Commander, at: americanlegioniroquoispost1587@gmail.com or call (716) 532-1587.

On the COVID front, there were two vaccination clinics set up earlier this week at both of our health centers. You may be eligible to get your second booster, if you are over fifty years of age.

If you need to check your eligibility or make an appointment for vaccinations and booster shots, you may call Teri Cowles at (716) 945-5894 (Allegany); or Kim Bradley at (716) 532-5582 (Cattaraugus). Stay safe!

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

Seneca Allegany Administration Building (SAAB) - Allegany Territory - Phone: (716) 945-1790
Allegany Clerk's Office Staff
Bethany Johnson, Deputy Clerk (Notary Public)
Charisse Ground, Executive Secretary
Sue Case, Enrollment Officer
Kathleen "Yomie" Hill, Enrollment Assistant
Lexus McClune, Administrative Assistant
Amos Vogle, Administrative Assistant
Elizabeth John, Receptionist

The Buffalo Office Staff & Location - 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!

Kamila Josephine Garzon (Turtle)
Daughter of Jacqueline Dupuy & Juan Garzon

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**

Posting 04.28.2022

SENECA NATION
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
Seneca Gaming Corporation
Board of Directors

The Seneca Nation is looking for two (2) interested individuals to submit their qualifications to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Seneca Gaming Corporation. The Corporation Board currently has a vacant seat which expires in 2024.

Pursuant to the Charter adopted by the Nation's Council, every director shall meet the following minimum qualifications:

- must be at least 21 years of age;
- must have earned at least a high school diploma or equivalent;
- must not have been convicted of a Felony, as defined under the Indian Major Crimes Act (18 U.S.C. §1153);
- must not be an immediate family member, defined as, husband/wife (including common law relationships), child/grandchild, mother/father, brother/sister, aunt/uncle, first cousin, niece/nephew, grandparent, mother-/father-in-law, or brother-/sister-in-law, of any person reporting directly to the Board;
- must be certified by the Seneca Gaming Authority as having met the substantive standards necessary to obtain a license from the Authority if such candidate were a "Class III Gaming Key Employee" as that term is used in the Nation's Class III Gaming Ordinance;
- no Elected Nation Official may serve on the Board; and
- no Company employee, nor any person with an economic interest in the Company's activities may serve on the Board.

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLY

Interested individuals are invited to submit a letter of interest and a résumé to the Nation's Clerk and a complete licensing application to the Seneca Gaming Authority Licensing Manager as set forth below. The Council plans to schedule interviews once the SGA has completed its background check and both the SGA and the Nation's Clerk have certified that the individual is an eligible candidate for the director position.

Candidates are strongly encouraged to submit their materials to both the Nation and the Seneca Gaming Authority as soon as possible, in order to provide sufficient time for the background check and certification process to occur. Questions surrounding the background check process should be directed to the Seneca Gaming Authority, at 716-299-1246.

Copies of this Request for Qualifications and the SGA application are available at the Seneca Nation Clerk's Office. Résumés and letters of interest should be submitted on or before **May 31, 2022 at 4:30pm**, to:

Seneca Nation of Indians
Marta L. Kettle, Clerk
12837 Rte. 438
Irving, NY 14081

Or via email to: Mkettle@sni.org

Completed SGA licensing applications are to be submitted to the Seneca Gaming Authority by scheduled appointment on or before **May 31, 2022.** To schedule an appointment to return the application, please call either location.

Seneca Gaming Authority
Attention: Licensing Manager
345 Third St., Ste. 404
Niagara Falls, New York 14302
(716) 299-1246

Seneca Gaming Authority
Attention: Licensing Manager
777 Seneca Allegany Blvd.
Salamanca, New York 14779
(716) 244-5330

Next Newsletter Deadline:

May 17th, 2022
to be dated
May 27th, 2022

Moving? Call us at 716-945-1790

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

HUMAN RESOURCE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (HROC)

2 – ALLEGANY TERRITORY
2 - CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY

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

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

If interested, please submit a ***letter of intent*** no later than **June 1, 2022** to:

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

Or Email:
mkettle@sni.org

SENECA HOLDINGS

SENECA HOLDINGS, LLC
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Seneca Nation of Indians
Request for Qualifications

The Seneca Nation of Indians is seeking interested individuals to submit their qualifications to serve as a member of the Management Committee of Seneca Holdings, LLC. The company's Management Committee currently has **one vacancy** for appointment.

Pursuant to the Charter adopted by the Nation's Council, every Management Committee member shall meet the following minimum qualifications:

- must be at least 21 years of age
- must have earned at least a high school diploma or equivalent
- have not been convicted of a felony, or other crime involving dishonesty, fraud, or otherwise involves a financial component (including, but not limited to, embezzlement or theft)
- provide information and submit to such background checks as necessary to ensure continued compliance with Federal disadvantaged business certification(s), security clearances and/or licenses as are from time to time held by the Company or its respective subsidiaries or management as part of its ongoing business operations.

Pursuant to the Charter adopted by the Nation's Council, the Council shall appoint at least one (1) board member who shall (i) possess a Master of Business Administration or Juris Doctorate Degree, or (ii) be a Certified Public Accountant and at least one (1) board member who has a minimum of ten (10) years of relevant experience at a senior management level, in a company with a primary focus in contracting with the Federal Government.

Interested individuals are invited to submit a letter of interest and a resume to the Nation's Clerk. The Council plans to schedule interviews once Seneca Holdings, LLC has completed its background check and both Seneca Holdings, LLC and the Nation's Clerk have certified that the individual is an eligible candidate for the Management Committee position. As such, candidates are strongly encouraged to submit their materials to the Nation's Clerk as soon as possible, in order to provide sufficient time for the background check and certification process to occur.

Submit letters & resumes to the following address no later than, June 1, 2022 to:

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

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1842 Buffalo Creek Treaty Commemoration

SENECA NATION of INDIANS
Keeper of the Western Door

Friday May 20th, 2022
10:30 a.m.
Burchfield Nature and Arts Center
2001 Union Rd. West Seneca, NY 14224

Open to the Public

Weidner BBQ To-Go Meal Provided

SN TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTER

CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

STC Class—12 Week Training: June 27, 2022—Sept. 15, 2022

Receive *PAID* Training ($11.00 / hr; 30 hr / wk), obtain a Certificate for General Construction; Residential Plumbing & Residental Electric. No Experience Necessary!

***Upon Availability: OSHA-10, First Aid/CPR, Flagging, Scaffolding Part I, Part II & Rough Terrain Forklift**

STOP IN & APPLY TODAY!

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Application Deadline:
May 27th, 2022—
Requirements:
- H.S. Diploma/HSED
- Pre-Employment Screening

Applications available online:
https://sni.org/departments/training-employment-resource-center/documents/

→Limited spots available for off territory Seneca's greater than 25 miles←

PLEASE CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION !
Allegany TERC 716-945-8120 Cattaraugus TERC 716-532-1033

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY
CAR SEAT INSTALLATION AND EDUCATION

Child Passenger Safety Check Event

Thursday, June 23, 2022
12:00pm-4:00pm

Salamanca Arts and Learning Center
Daycare Center
25 Center Street, Salamanca, NY 14779

Is your child in the right car seat, fitted, and installed correctly?

LET ONE OF OUR CERTIFIED TECHNICIANS CHECK YOUR CHILD'S SEAT FOR FREE!

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NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY CERTIFICATION
A Program of Safe Kids Worldwide

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a program by Ardent Solutions.

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NEED HELP LOOKING/PREPARING FOR A JOB?

TERC IS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU IN JOB SEARCH, RESUME WRITING, MOCK INTERVIEWS AND OTHER CAREER READINESS SKILLS. WE NOW CARRY THE WNY JOBS MAGAZINE (IN OUR CATTARAUGUS OFFICE) FILLED WITH NUMEROUS JOBS AND WE ALSO POST JOBS AVAILABLE WITHIN THE SENECA NATION, SENECA GAMING & ENTERTAINMENT, AND THE SENECA CASINOS. STOP BY AND TAKE A LOOK. DON'T HAVE A GED, WE CAN HELP YOU OBTAIN ONE. WE HAVE COMPUTERS AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO USE FOR JOB SEARCH, CAREER EXPLORATION, OR RESUME WRITING.

NEED ADDITIONAL TRAINING TO GET THE JOB YOU WANT?

TERC IS AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU GAIN ADDITIONAL TRAINING. STOP BY AND FILL OUT AN APPLICATION TO SEE IF YOU QUALIFY. APPLICATIONS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON SNI.ORG UNDER THE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTER TAB. WE ALSO PROVIDE TRAINING TO THOSE THAT HAVE A DIAGNOSED DISABILITY THAT NEED TRAINING TO FIND OR MAINTAIN A JOB. DON'T LET YOUR DISABILITY KEEP YOU FROM WORKING.

Allegany (716) 945-8120
3674 Administration Dr.

Cattaraugus (716) 532-1033
23 Thomas Indian School

SENECA GAMING CORPORATION

THE INSIDE SCOOP
WITH DR. LORI QUIGLEY

SENECA RESORTS & CASINOS

MAY 2022

On a Personal Note...

Nya:wëh Sgë:nö'! Even though Mother Nature hasn't exactly made up her mind yet, spring is here! We're starting to see bulbs pushing up through the soil, and our area farmers are gearing up for planting season.

Seneca Gaming Corporation is also sowing the seeds of future leadership. Leadership Seneca has partnered with UB School of Management to offer enrolled Seneca members a spot in two programs facilitated by the school's Center for Leadership & Organizational Effectiveness (CLOE).

SGC LEAD: An immersive learning experience that offers participants an opportunity become Certified Lean Professionals (CLP).

UB Interpersonal Leadership Program: A seven-week program that encourages participants to develop key leadership skills based on their unique strengths.

If the photo at the right tells a thousand words, it's clear that the CLOE conference "Leading Ethically in the New World of Work" was a big hit with our team!

Just as seedlings begin to show their true potential this spring, we applaud and support their efforts to grow into better leaders.

Stay well and we'll see you in June!

Sincerely, Lori

Chairwoman, Board of Directors
Seneca Gaming Corporation

All smiles at the CLOE conference on April 7

IMPORTANT UPDATE

In response to feedback received at the April quarterly Stakeholders Meeting, the SGC Board of Directors sent KeyBank a letter on Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

The letter documented and expressed the Board's disappointment that while KeyBank was legally required to take action on SGC accounts, they would have appreciated the courtesy of the corporation being given advance notice.

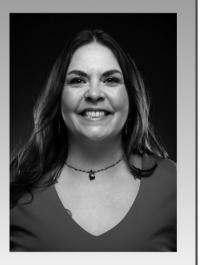
INSIDE DEAL

Our May promotions are bursting with cash and prizes, including $20,000 May Money Slot Tournament, $50,000 Mom's Month Off Swipe & Win, $30,000 Cash Bash, $30,000 Rise and Shine Swipe & Win, Perfect Patio Giveway, and Cinco de Mayo Swipe & Win. Visit SenecaCasinos.com for more details.

Our Car-A-Week Giveaway wraps up this month in Seneca Niagara. Chevy vehicles are up for grabs each Friday, including a Corvette Stingray for our grand finale on May 27.

HAVE YOU MET NIKKI?

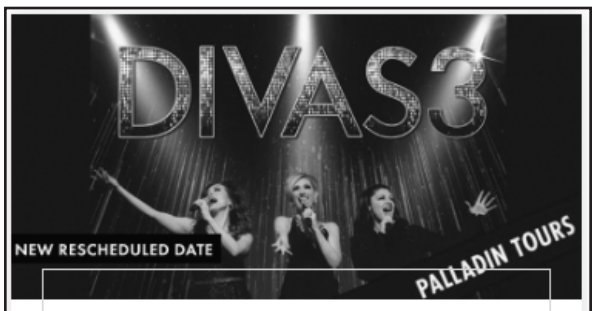
Ready to experience the Best 8 Hours? Nikki Seneca, SGC's Outreach Specialist, is here to help you explore the many job opportunities and amazing benefits available at Seneca Resorts & Casinos. Visit Nikki:



Wednesdays, 8 AM to 4 PM
William Seneca Building (12837 Route 438, Irving, NY)

First Tuesday of Each Month, 1 PM to 4 PM
Buffalo Resource Office (533 Amherst St, Buffalo, NY)

To make an appointment, email Nikki at NSeneca@SenecaCasinos.com, or call (716) 807-2704. Walk-ins are welcome.



DIVAS 3 – THREE VOICES, FOUR DECADES, ALL DIVA

TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022

2:00 PM | Tickets start at $35.

Seneca Niagara

THE HIGHWAYMEN LIVE

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

7:00 PM | Tickets start at $25.

Seneca Allegany

Update on Sports Betting

On January 8, 2022, mobile and online sports wagering opened in New York State, but only for state-licensed operators. With it came many questions, including "What does this mean for the Seneca Gaming Corporation (SGC) and our existing sports wagering operations?"

SGC currently has three sportsbook lounges located on Nation Territory inside Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino, Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino and Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino. The company's sportsbook betting counters are open daily and self-service kiosks are available 24/7. Since opening in late 2019, the sportsbook lounges have exceeded our expectations, and the response and excitement from our guests have been tremendous.

Since New York licensed operators for mobile and online sports wagering earlier this year, most of us have seen the barrage of advertisements from those companies. We understand that this new competition could impact our revenues and operations. However, the New York bid process did allow us to secure a revenue sharing agreement with one of the strongest consortiums bidding for New York licenses, consisting of FanDuel, DraftKings, BetMGM andBally Bet. Under our agreement, SGC will receive payments based on the revenue generated by this consortium. It is important to note that our business agreement is with these four companies. It is in no way an agreement with New York State, nor does it obligate us to New York in any way.

It is also important to note that, although we will receive revenue share payments under this business agreement, these companies remain our competition. SGC continues to encourage our guests to come wager with us in a fun, social environment, where they can interact with other sports betting fans and enjoy all the games in real time on dozens of screens. Additionally, we pay winnings in cash instantly and believe this - along with all of our other gaming options and resort amenities - will continue to fuel our Seneca Sports Lounges for future success.

SPORTS LOUNGE
AT SENECA RESORTS & CASINOS

In regard to SGC's ability to provide mobile and online gaming outside Nation Territory, federal law is currently the most significant obstacle for the Nation and all of Indian Country to participate in this space. Simply put, federal law currently limits SGC's ability to take bets from patrons who are physically located off-territory. The issue of off-territory mobile and online sports betting is currently subject to legal challenges in Florida, and we are closely monitoring those developments. Legislative fixes have also been proposed at the federal level, but have not yet been successful. SGC will continue to plan and position ourselves to take advantage of other gaming opportunities as they become available to us.

visit us on-line @sninews.org

Seneca Nation Puts City Of Olean On Notice For Clean Water Act Violations

Notice Letter Triggers 60-Day Waiting Period For City To Rectify Ongoing Dangerous Discharges from Waste Water Treatment Plant

ALLEGANY TERRITORY, SALAMANCA, N.Y. – Continuing its long history of protecting the health and safety of its citizens and defending Mother Earth from environmental harm, the Seneca Nation recently notified the City of Olean of its intent to take legal action to address a dangerous pattern of harmful discharges from the City's waste water treatment plant into the Ohi:yo' (Allegheny River), which runs through the Nation's Allegany Territory.

The Nation sent a notice of intent to initiate civil action against the City pursuant to Section 301 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a) for discharging pollutants, including enterococci, among other things, in excess of the effluent limits on a regular and continuing basis. According to the Nation's letter, the discharges are either still occurring or are likely to occur in the future.

"Ohi:yo' is part of our Nation, part of our lives and part of our heritage, and we will not allow our people and our future generations to be put at risk," said Seneca Nation President Matthew Pagels. "Our connection to and dependence on our natural resources and important life-giving and life-sustaining resources like Ohi:yo' must be protected from harmful actions. We will not turn a blind eye to this situation, and we demand our neighbors do the right thing and protect the river and the people impacted by their actions."

The City operates the Olean Waste Water Treatment Plant at 174 S. 19th Street. The plant discharges sewage, stormwater and/or wastewater into the river pursuant to a State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit. The most recent discharge in excess of the limits specified by the permit occurred on March 7, 2022. On that date, approximately 48,000 gallons of untreated sewage was discharged into the Allegany River from a sewage lift station located at 411 S. 4th Street, Olean, New York. Effluent from the discharge contained 310 CFU/100mL of enterococci, which exceeds the reporting limit of 61 CFU/mL. In addition, E. coli, fecal coliform and nitrates were detected in effluent samples.

Because of the chronic nature of the City's violation of its discharge permit, the Nation believes it is more than reasonable that the illegal discharges will continue, impacting the health, safety and well-being of countless people who utilize and depend upon the river, which is a source of drinking water for millions of people, from the Southern Tier of New York down to Pittsburgh.

The Seneca Nation intends to sue for all Clean Water Act violations and is seeking civil penalties for any additional violations discovered in the future – including during the course of litigation – as well as any that might occur subsequent to the notice delivered to the City. In addition, the Nation intends to seek injunctive and remedial relief to halt the continuing illegal discharges, as well as costs, attorney and expert witness fees, and such additional relief as the court determines may be appropriate.

In 2021, the Nation took similar action against Clean Water Act violations by the Village of Portville to address persistent sewage discharge violations. The Nation was also a vocal opponent of a controversial proposed wastewater treatment facility for fracking water at the headwaters of the river near Coudersport, Pennsylvania in 2018. Plans for the facility were voted down.

"Clean, safe water is a basic human right, which should never be put in question," President Pagels said. "The river must be preserved so that it can sustain lives in the Seneca Nation and in neighboring communities for generations to come."

Come celebrate Onöndawa'ga:' Gawë:nö' students as they demonstrate their knowledge of our beautiful language in a

Gaedzëönyök Quiz Bowl

May 19th, 2022

Steamburg Community Building

4:30 to 6pm

Individual sign up before **May 16th** by contacting:
Salamanca Onöndawa'ga:' Gawë:nö' Teacher
Seneca Nation Allegany Education Department
Email: Jschapp@salamancany.org

Prizes

Questions Bank from Topic Reference Guide

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Must be turned in to the Education Department by 4:30 pm,

Seneca Leadership Program is an internship program designed for Seneca High School and College Students. These internships will provide Seneca students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills, job skills, learn tribal history, governance and the operations of the Seneca Nation

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- 14-25 years old
- Enrolled Seneca Nation Member
- Must have a "C" average (70% or 2.0 GPA)

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Department of Education
Cattaraugus Territory
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Seneca Nation of Indians starts new solar installation branch

By Kelsey Misbrener | April 28, 2022

Seneca Solar, the energy solutions division of Seneca Holdings, announced a new partnership with Alternative Energy Development Group (AEDG), a developer of commercial- and industrial-scale clean energy projects. Together, the companies will collaborate on their Earth-healing work in service of Indigenous communities in the United States and around the world. Seneca Solar, certified under the National Minority Supplier Diversity Council (NMSDC), is the energy solutions division of Seneca Holdings, an enterprise wholly owned by the Seneca Nation of Indians. Seneca Holdings businesses deliver over $250 million in projects annually. On a mission to profitably and equitably deliver innovative renewable energy solutions that heal the Earth, Seneca Solar delivers solutions such as onsite renewables, community solar, electric vehicle charging infrastructure and other innovative technologies.

Seneca Solar has established a Certified Partnership Program (CPP) that will enable the company to rapidly deploy solutions at scale around the world. Certified Partners share Seneca Solar's vision and values, are committed to values-based collaboration, and provide products and/or services that align with the overall goal of healing the Earth.

"Seneca Solar is an extension of the Seneca Nation's commitment to healing the Earth. To maximize the positive impact we can have on the environment and do the most good, we will need trusted partners that share our values and extend our capability to deploy solutions for our customers," said Jeffrey Ellis, CEO of Seneca Holdings. "We are thrilled to formalize our partnership with AEDG, a values-aligned organization that shares our passion for collaboration and exceptional service. They are the perfect organization to be our first Certified Partner."

Income from Seneca Solar projects directly supports the on-territory needs of the Seneca Nation of Indians, including education programs, cultural centers, medical facilities, childcare, broadband access, critical infrastructure and career development. In all of its business activities, Seneca Solar is committed to workforce and skills development for Indigenous communities as a foundational priority.

Source: https://www.solarpowerworldonline.com/2022/04/seneca-nation-of-indians-starts-new-solar-installation-branch/

Library News – Allegany Branch

Submitted by Glenda Grey

Spring is here and we had our first Gardening Workshop presented by Tamara Bacho, Master Gardener Volunteer with Cornell Cooperative Extension and she will be back on May 25th for second class. Call to sign up – 716-945-3157.

Book Club met for the first book discussion and our new book is; The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. We meet on the last Wednesday of the month, if you would like to read the book and join the club stop in or call to reserve your book.

Coffee hour is every Thursday morning from10am – 11am. Come in to talk about events, read a book or check with one of us for a book selection.

On May 4th we had Mother's Day craft night! We will be adding those photos to our Facebook page – so check us out.
Oceans of Possibilities Summer reading program is getting put together and is going to be a great time reading, crafting and playing. We will begin registration first week of June. So, call with your questions and to learn more about this fun program.

In June, we have author(s) coming to speak on their books. More coming on the books and the author(s). We have more book signings coming up this summer too. Please stop in we are open until 7pm on Wednesday and hope to add Tuesday evening soon.

Hope to see you soon!

NOTICE - Lampricide Application

Allegany - Environmental Protection

US Fish & Wildlife will be working with SNI Fish & Wildlife to treat Cattaraugus Creek with lampricide from May 24th through June 2nd in order to control sea lamprey. Sea lamprey is a parasitic fish native to the northern and western Atlantic Ocean that has invaded the Great lakes and their watersheds. Lamprey have a disc-shaped, suction-cup mouth, ringed with sharp, horny teeth that latch onto fish and feed on their blood and body fluids. One lamprey kills about 40 pounds of fish every year.

The application of lampricide requires a dye to mark where the product is flowing. So if you are seeing yellowish color streak in the waters of Cattaraugus Creek during this time, it is completely normal. Studies have shown that no adverse effects result from contact with lampricides and the water is still safe for recreation.

Please contact SNI Fish & Wildlife if you have any questions.

Don't miss Heritage Day!

"The Onöhsagwë: de' Cultural Center is hosting the 5th annual Heritage Day festival. This is the museum's largest event of the year. It is free and open to the public. This year, we are happy to announce our expanded ages groups for the smoke dance competitions. An artisan market and food market will take place during the event. More details will be announced in the coming weeks. Stay up to date on this and other museum events by following us on social media, or subscribing to our e-newsletter list. For questions or more information call (716)945-1760. Smoke dance payouts are below:

Tiny tots dance contest (ages 0-4) – Candy

Youth girls smoke (5-12) – 1st place - $125 , 2nd place - $100, 3rd place - $75
Youth boys smoke (5-12) – 1st place - $125, 2nd place - $100, 3rd place - $75

Teen girls smoke (13-17) – 1st place - $200, 2nd place - $150, 3rd place - $125
Teen boys smoke (13-17) – 1st place - $200, 2nd place - $150, 3rd place - $125

Jr. Adults (Women) (18-35) – 1st place - $300 , 2nd place - $225, 3rd place - $200
Jr. Adults (Men) (18-35) – 1st place - $300, 2nd place - $225, 3rd place - $200

Sr. Adults (Women) (36-49) – 1st place - $300, 2nd place - $225, 3rd place - $200
Sr. Adults (Men) (36-49) – 1st place - $300, 2nd place - $225, 3rd place - $200

Golden age (Women) (50+) – 1st place - $300, 2nd place - $225, 3rd place - $200
Golden age (Men) (50+) – 1st place - $300, 2nd place - $225, 3rd place - $200"

New Queen Bee Colonies Arrive at Gakwi:yo:h Farms

With the arrival of 30 NEW queen bee colonies, staff at Gakwi:yo:h Farms have been busy! On the morning of Saturday, April 23rd, youth workers Nathan Warrior and Dustin Mohawk volunteered to assist with unloading the bees to their new homes at 7am sharp. Conner - Gakwi:yo:h Farms Laborer, and Jack – Gakwi:yo:h Farms Agriculture Coordinator, explained how to maintain, care for and transport the beehive boxes and informed them of what roles the queens, worker bees and drones jobs are in each colony. Nathan and Dustin loved the experience and are excited to come back and work with the farm again.

Prior to the arrival of these new colonies, Gakwi:yo:h Farms had 24 hives on site, with the addition of these 30 new hives, that brings their total to 54 on-site hives.

When asked if this is the best time of year to transport the bees, Gerry Fisher, Gakwi:yo:h Farms Project Manager said "You can transport them any time but the best time to transport bees is in the evening, when the bees are back in the hive or early in the morning. If they are traveling via transport for a long distance, their entrance should be blocked and they need proper ventilation so the hive does not overheat. Therefore the time of day is very important regarding transport, not the time of year."

Gerry also noted that the staff at the farm is **excited to launch the sale of honey this season at Gakwi:yo:h Farms Market! Stay tuned!**

Seneca Nation ECLC visits JT Waugh

Cattaraugus Territory
April 29, 2022 | Lake Shore Schools Native American Programs Facebook Page

Students from the Seneca Nation ECLC visited JT Waugh last month. The tour was led by Mrs. Klemens and Mrs. Jimerson.

ECLC students and their teachers were shown all of the important places in the building such as the library, gym, and nurse. They met kindergarten teachers, some saw their brothers and sisters, and learned what school will be like for them next year!

The district treated them to pizza for lunch and they got to practice going through the lunch line! The kids also got to listen to a story read to them by 3rd grader, Robbie Hummel. Finally, they were given a new book and a goodie bag for their families too.

Welcome to Lake Shore, Class of 2035!!!

Iroquois Post 1587 Memorial Day Message 2022

By Ron Cook Jr. Iroquois Post 1587 Post Commander

Memorial Day is a time to remember and pay tribute to our fallen military service members who have joined the great spirit Army of Warriors in Skyworld. Many of our community members across both Territories will observe this solemn occasion by visiting cemetery sites and decorate Veterans' graves with flags and flowers. In fact, Memorial Day started as Decoration Day where the tradition of adorning service member graves with flags and flowers originated at Waterloo, New York. (The town was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1966.)

After the First World War, Decoration Day was renamed Memorial Day and became a time to honor the lives lost in all armed conflicts, not just the Civil War. In 1968, Congress passes a law declaring Memorial Day a federal holiday to be observed each year on the last Monday of May.

This year's observance will begin with encouraging community members to return to this fading tradition of honoring our Warrior's by visiting and decorating gravesites. Iroquois Post 1587 will begin to venture out for this annual activity to visit our cemeteries starting from the Post on Sunday May 22, 2022@10am – 3pm and we invite anyone interested to join us in this honorable activity. The Post will continue to visit and decorate graves on May 23rd, 24th, and 25th or until all graves are decorated starting each day at 10am.

A Sunrise Service is scheduled for Sunday May 29, 2022, starting at Good Shepard Church in Irving at 8:30am with additional salute honoring's in Newtown Cemetery- Lawtons, Pinewoods Cemetery - Gowanda, Indian Hill Cemetery – Perrysburg. This will cover the four-directions as we will conduct a final Sunrise Service and salute at the SNI Cemetery at 11am.

The Seneca Nation along with Iroquois Post 1587 invites Veterans and family members to attend a Memorial Day ceremony on May 30, 2022@11am at the Seneca Allegany Administration Building (SAAB) as we pay tribute and honor Warriors who paid the ultimate sacrifice.

We ask the community to help us keep our Veteran Grave Registry current by letting us know if you need any assistance with obtaining a free Veteran grave marker, plaque, or headstone. We will need a copy of the service members discharge papers to process any application.

If a Veteran already has a headstone but not marked as a Veteran, we can help and process the same application with a copy of the service members discharge document(s) to add a Veteran plaque or marker. Please feel free to stop by the Iroquois Post 1587 or call if there are any questions you may have reference to your deceased Veteran service member that we may not have in our current grave registry documents and share their gravesite location.

You may contact the Post at 716-532-1587 and leave a detailed message with fallen Veteran's full name/location/address or email information to americanlegioniroquoispost1587@gmail.com.

Your help is greatly appreciated, Nya:weh!

'Morning for the Mama's at SALC

Submission By: Elizabeth Smith Parent Involvement Coordinator

On Friday, May 6th, as students arrived they received 3 "dollars" to treat their moms to a royal Mother's Day!

They first visited the SALC Flower Shop where the children "purchased" a flower of their choice for their mom! Next stop, The "We Love You Mom! Photo Booth" which cost the children one "dollar"! Last on the agenda, taking mom to breakfast at SALC "Starbucks" where they cashed in their last "dollar" to fill mom's tummy the way she fills our hearts with a mouthwatering breakfast option buffet of muffins, donuts, danishes, juice and water!

The children really seemed to love this experience and the empowerment of using their own "money" to spoil their moms!

Happy Mother's Day to our absolutely wonderful SALC moms and all of the moms out there!

Seneca Nation Awarded Two “Built to Play” Skatepark Grants

Cattaraugus Territory, Seneca Nation – The Seneca Nation announced it will soon be home to two new concrete skateparks as the result of two distinct grant awards from the Built to Play Skatepark Grant fund. These awards, secured by the Seneca Nation Department of Transportation (SNIDOT) in cooperation with the Community Planning & Development Department (CPDD), will provide for permanent concrete skateparks on the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories of the Seneca Nation. The newly funded parks will be located at the Cattaraugus Community Center in Irving, NY, while a second park location will be determined through community meetings and fundraising efforts on the Allegany Territory.

“As a Nation focused on our seventh generation, we put a tremendous amount of our heart and soul into our Seneca youth. We can all easily recognize the importance of access to engaging outdoor activities. Since 2019, community members have been pursuing a Built to Play Skatepark Grant from The Skatepark Project. Today’s announcement is a win-win for skateboarders and BMX riders in our communities, as well as our leaders here today. This administration is thrilled to see this vision come to fruition.,” said Seneca Nation President Matthew Pagels.

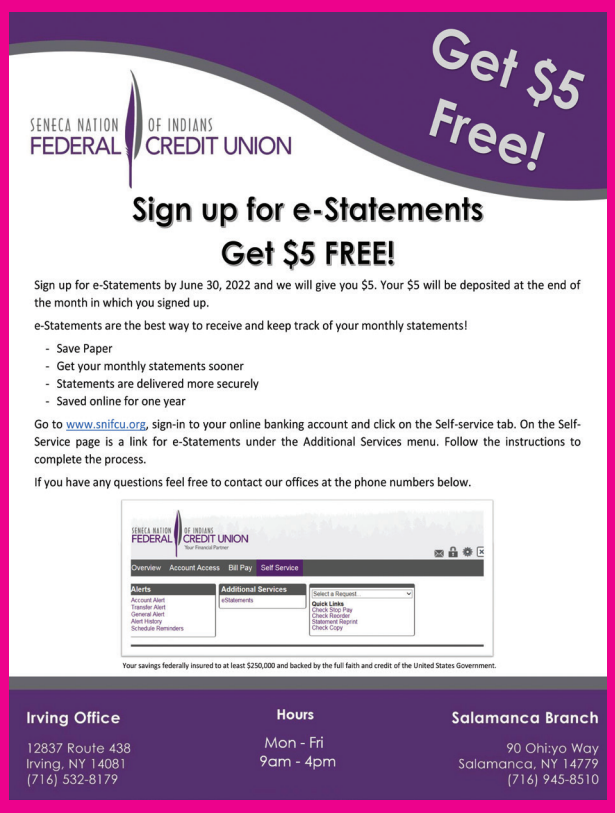
For the past four years, we at The Skatepark Project have been working alongside the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation to help communities throughout southeast Michigan and Western New York. This partnership with the Seneca Nation is the Built to Play program’s first sovereign government project. The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation has seen the need for public skateparks in the region, and

routinely provides funding for those communities that wish to work to develop them,” said Trevor Staples, Built to Play Skatepark Manager.

Following this announcement, fundraising will begin immediately to reach the $250,000 goal set for the Seneca Skatepark located on the Allegany Territory in Salamanca, NY. These funds must be finalized by January 10, 2023 in order to proceed. Funds allocated for the Seneca Skatepark on the Cattaraugus Territory will fully cover the cost of construction. Construction is anticipated to be complete by the Fall of 2022 at the Cattaraugus Territory Seneca Skatepark, while construction will wrap up in the Fall 2023 at the Allegany location.

“We are committed to creating a fun and safe place where our youth can get involved with skateboarding and help build healthy and active lifestyles. These skateparks will be an exciting addition to our communities,” said Seneca Nation Tribal Councillor William “Billy” Canella.

In order to move this project from concept to reality, the Seneca Nation will host two community input meetings in May 2022.The first meeting will be held on May 17 at the Allegany Community Center (ACC) on the Allegany Territory at 6:00 p.m. The second will be held the following evening, May 18, at the Cattaraugus Community Center (CCC) in Irving, NY, also at 6:00 p.m.



The Longhouse build at the Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center is underway!

SALAMANCA, NY- The Onöhsagwë:de' Cultural Center is building a Longhouse on the Ohi:yo' Territory. The project will be headed up by Rod Pierce, Seneca. Pierce and Carson Waterman built the first Longhouse in the former Seneca-Iroquois Museum located on Broad Street back in the 1970's. On April 26th, Pierce, Darcy Scott, Bucky Bray, Blaine Tallchief, Chris Tallchief and Keith Spruce raised a Hiawatha Belt flag prior to inserting the main posts for the structure.

Once completed, the Longhouse will serve as a center for the Hodinöshö:ni' community in an effort to bring back traditions and give opportunities to educate visitors about our culture. In our language, Hodinöshö:ni' means "People of the Longhouse." Our Longhouse is not only a dwelling, it is also represented as a symbolic structure for all Hodinöshö:ni' Nations under one roof as one family.

We are known as "Keepers of the Western Door," Mohawks are "Keepers of the Eastern Door" and Onondagas are "Keepers of the Fire," where the central fire continues to burn. The Tuscarora Nation, the Cayuga Nation and the Onieda Nation are considered our "Younger Brothers" and occupy Territories between the "Elder Brothers;" Senecas, Mohawks and Onondagas across New York State. These Nations shaped the Iroquois Confederacy after forming an alliance and burying their weapons under the Great Tree of Peace inspired by the Peacemaker's vision.

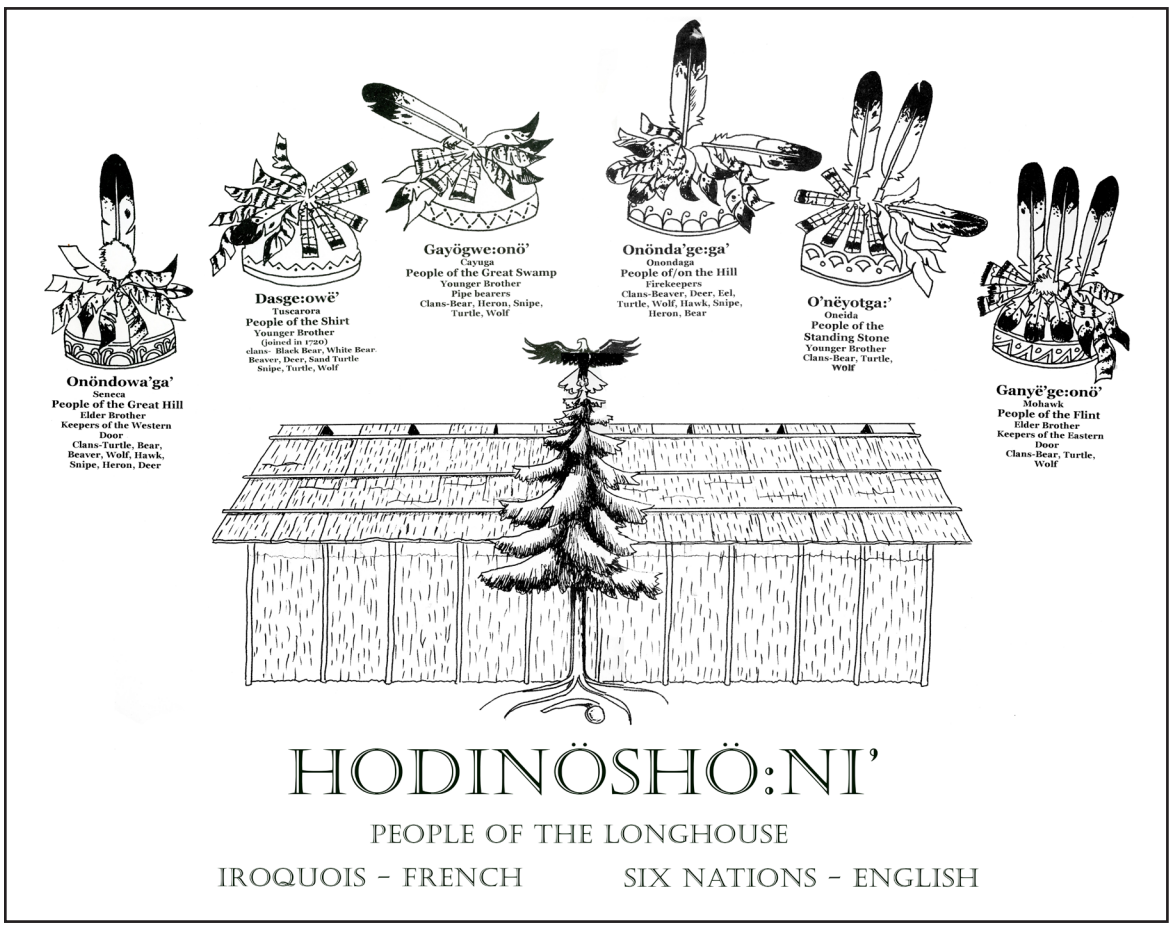
Drone shots courtesy of Seneca Media

Hayden Haynes, Business Manager, hopes to see the Longhouse come to life through the community, "this structure is for the community - by the community. We hope to see everyone come together to get the project done and hope to hold socials and cultural activities in the future."

The structure will emulate the traditional rustic Seneca dwelling from the precolonial period with two doors on each end, smoke holes for fires and dual level bunks. The 20'x40' build is what would have been the size of a storage shed for harvesting meat and produce. Pierce has said there is room to extend the structure if and when needed. Traditionally, the lower level was for sleeping and the top level was used for storage. Each family had their own section across the Longhouse, which could be as long as 200 feet depending on the size of the family. Elm trees are used for the frame and the bark is wrapped around the outside as protection or siding.

The crew intends to make significant progress over the next couple months and is seeking volunteers to make this goal a reality. If you like to help, please call the museum at 716-945- 1760.

A volunteer schedule to help with the build will be out in the near future. Follow the Seneca-Iroquois National Museum on Facebook and Instagram to stay updated on the call for volunteers, and updates on progress.



Crime Victims Services recognizes Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women #MMIW

Seneca Nation Crime Victim Services held a series of events to honor and recognize Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women between the Allegany and Cattaraugus Territories. More than 100 community members came out for the Community Social and Dinner at the Cattaraugus Community-Center (CCC) on May 5th. A 5K walk/run was held on May 6th, also at the CCC. A coloring sheet was shared with the community and displayed at the event. Staff also handed out lawn signs for community members to display in solidarity and awareness.

"Skirts of Unity" were worn during the social as the community came together as one. "The skirts were hand crafted and traded as a joint healing effort from five different Nations throughout Hodinöshö:ni Territory. The Tonawanda Seneca Nation, the Tuscarora Nation, the Onondaga Nation, the Mohawk Nation - Akwesasne Territory and the Seneca Nation of Indians came together in a show of unity, solidarity and support. We are in this fight together to keep our women safe, " explains Sharon Francis, Program Coordinator, Crime Victims Services.

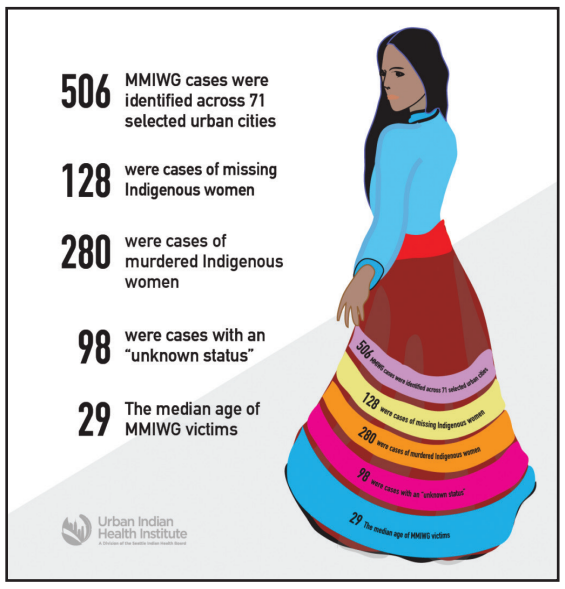
MMIW began as a grassroots effort due to the high rates of missing and murdered women of Turtle Island. This movement brings awareness to the many missing mothers, daughters, sisters, nieces, cousins and friends that didn't make it home and hopes to end violence against Indigenous women.

As Hodinöshö:ni' people, we are a matrilineal society and it is our tradition beginning with the Creation Story and Sky Woman, to honor women as sacred beings and life givers. Women are the heart and soul of our communities; they provide life, love, education, warmth and of course laughter. They form our identity early on from a long line of strong resilient ancestors.

Red is a powerful color, and is worn by the movement to bring attention to the crisis of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Red shirts were given to participants that danced in the social. Music was provided by the Old Bridge Singers.

On May 5th, Seneca Nation Executives, Councillors and employees wore red in observance of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's Day of Awareness.

"Countless Indigenous women, mothers, daughters and sisters across the United States and Canada have gone missing or have fallen victim to violence. Many have been murdered or remain missing to this day. In fact, in the United States, Indigenous women are more than twice as likely to experience violence than any other demographic. Nya:wëh for gathering with us as one community to raise awareness for those Indigenous women taken from their families, their homes and their communities. Nya:wëh for showing your support in the on going fight to protect Native people everywhere," shared President Matthew B. Pagels.



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POLICY INITIATIVES AND LANDMARKS

May 5, 2019 - The White House proclamation officially designated as the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls.

2019 - Executive Order 13898, a/k/a Operation Lady Justice, creates a task force for missing and murdered AI/AN peoples that will address the concerns of Indigenous communities in the U.S., such as data collection, policies, establish cold-case teams, and improve investigative responses.

2020 - Savanna's Act became law and requires the Department of Justice to review, revise and develop policies and protocols to address MMIP cases.

2021 - Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo) announced the formation of the Missing and Murdered Unit that will focus on analyzing and solving missing and murdered Indigenous peoples (MMIP) cases.

Whitcomb Named Rookie of the Week | *UALBANY Men's Lacrosse*

April 25, 2022 | ualbanysports.com

BOSTON – University at Albany men's lacrosse freshman Amos Whitcomb has been named America East Rookie of the Week, the conference announced Monday. He was named alongside Offensive Player Kevin Mack from Stony Brook and Defensive Player Tommy Burke from Vermont.

Whitcomb, an attack from Salamanca, N.Y., has previously been named America East Rookie of the Week on two occasions, on March 7 and April 4. Last week, Whitcomb tallied six total goals, including four at NJIT to help the Great Danes clinch their spot in the 2022 America East Tournament, and two at then-#10 Yale.

UAlbany closes its 2022 regular season at home on April 30 against #13 Penn in the first-ever meeting between the two programs. The team will host a brief ceremony honoring the members of the 2022 senior class.

Seneca Warchiefs 9th Annual Golf Tournament

New Format This Year:

4-Person Shamble

Submitted by Adrian Stevens

When: **Monday, June 20th, 2022**
Time: 9am Shotgun Start
Where: Tri-Country Country Club

- $500 Per 4-Person Team • Prizes For 1st Place Team
- Mens, Womens and Mixed (2 Men & 2 Women)
- Prizes for Individual Score, for Mens and Womens AND for Elders (62+)
- Closest to the Pin - M & W • Longest Drive - M, W & Sr
- Individual Skins • String Mulligans • Other Hole Prizes also!
- Lunch to follow w/awards afterward

For more information or to sign up, contact Adrian Stevens via email at mileblock@yahoo.com OR TEXT: 716-425-9702.

Salamanca Warriors - 2021-2022 Spring Scholar Athletes | *salamancany.org*

At the end of each sports season, the NYSPHSAA honors those teams and individuals that excel in the classroom. Those student-athletes, teams, and schools work very hard throughout the year and deserve to be recognized for their academic success.

To receive Scholar-Athlete team recognition with a certificate, the team's average GPA for 75% of the roster must be greater than or equal to 90.00. If a team DOES NOT meet the Scholar-Athlete Team Criteria, the individuals on that team with a 90.00 or above GPA are still eligible to receive a pin and will be considered an *Individual Scholar-Athlete*.

2021-2022 Spring Scholar Athletes: Ja:goh!

Girls Lacrosse:

Alleyana Abrams 92.77
Ava Crane 94.82
Karina Crouse 97.85
Aubrey Hogan 90.08
Jorja Miller 94.62
Marijah Skye 91.93
Laila Zolner 92.58

Team Scholar Athlete Award with team average of 93.54

Boys Lacrosse:

Lehman Brown 90.62
Darry Jimerson 92.46
Camden Farmer 91.08
Tayoni Galante 93.23
Tre Turner 95.08

Golf:

Quinton Jones 95.8

Team Scholar Athlete Award with team average of 92.42

Softball:

Skyla Dowdy 96
Alyssa Perkins 98.07
Emma Brown 93.54
Gahsëni'de' Hubbell 96.13

Team Scholar Athlete Award with a team average of 90.56

Girls Track and Field:

Aliyah Lee 92.82
Isabella Milks 97.54
Jillian Rae 93.17

Baseball:

Harley Hoag 95.85
Hayden Hoag 97.4

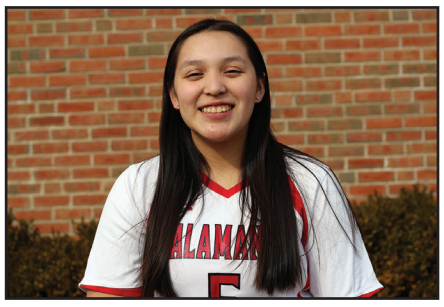
Team Scholar Athlete Award with team average of 93.01

Lady Warriors Varsity Softball Senior Recognition Night | *May 7, 2022 | salamancany.org*

The Lady Warriors Varsity Softball team played their last regular season home game on Saturday, May 7th against Ellicottville. The girls never gave up and played a nail biter of a game, played with their hearts and took home the win by one (11-10), with Morgan Maybee sliding in to win the game.

Since this was their senior recognition night game, clinching the win was extra special for the class of 2022 gals. They all received gifts, picture boards and flowers. We are so proud of ALL their hard work. Ja:goh, girls!

Shout out to this year's seniors: (L to R)
Emma Brown (11) & Morgan Maybee (14)



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SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022

Seneca Hickory Stick Golf Club
4560 Creek Road, Lewiston, NY 14092

11:00am	Registration Opens
11:30am	Lunch available
1:00pm	Shotgun
6:00pm	Dinner

$150 per person or $550 per foursome includes golf, lunch, dinner, player gift bag and prizes

Scramble format with prizes for the following:
- **Top Team Men, Top Team Women, Top Team Coed**
- **Longest Drive Men, Longest Drive Women**
- **Closest to the Pin Men, Closest to the Pin Women**

Registration fee is non-refundable. Payment received after July 30, 2022 is $200 per person or $650 per foursome.

FOR QUESTIONS, SPONSORSHIP OR FOR REGISTRATION FORM CALL 716-553-9950 FOR SANDY or EMAIL AGSOCIETYGOLF1924 @GMAIL.COM

SENECA HICKORY STICK GOLF

The Six Nations Agricultural Society promotes agriculture throughout NYS tribes/nations and operates the Indian Village at the New York State Fair. All funds raised from this event will be used toward improvements of the Indian Village.

Varsity Softball with the Win on Senior Day!

May 7, 2022 | Salamanca Warrior Athletics

Varsity Softball with a big 11-10 win over Ellicottville on senior day! Senior Rylee Grant hit a 7th inning triple and then scored the tying run, while senior Morgan Maybee scored the winning run on a walk off double from senior Kierstyn Klahn.

Senior Emma Brown pitched and senior Myra Breazeale caught a complete game for 7 strike outs. The Warriors combined for 20 hits today. Getting hits for the team was Emma Brown (3), Rylee Grant (1), Morgan Maybee (2), Jaelynne Brown (4), Kierstyn Klahn (4), Myra Breazeale (3), Alyssa Perkins (1), Makenzie Oakes (1), and Gahseni'die Hubbell (1).

The Warriors finished off the regular season on the road earlier this week. Stay tuned! Updates will be posted in the next issue.

The lead changed hands several times in the final few innings, but it changed for the last time on this play. Morgan Maybee shown sliding into home for the win (11-10)!

Highbanks Campground JUNE Promotions!

Submitted by Judy Farmer, General Manager, Highbanks Campground

UB Pathway Summer Program For High School Students | *Submitted by Dean Seneca & Councillor Tina Abrams*

UB's School of Public Health and Health Professions is offering the Pathways Academy to introduce public health and the health professions to rising 12th grade students of color. This program is free for all attendees, w/the option to receive 1 college credit.

See flyer below for details:

Seneca Nation EPD is donating 50 Eastern White Pine Trees to the Community

In celebration of Arbor Day, the Seneca Nation EPD is giving away Eastern White Pine Trees to the community, encouraging you to plant them for this secular day of observance. Email the Environmental Protection Department at epd@sni.org with subject line "Arbor Day," and include your name, phone number, and address.

Common Ground Health launching listening tour w/ Indigenous Populations

Photos courtesy of Seneca Nation of Indians Media & Communications Center and SNI Archives.

The COVID-19 pandemic didn't create health disparities, it simply laid bare those that were already existing, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the federal COVID response architect is famously quoted as saying.

It also made plain for public health workers where they lacked relationships and collaboration.

As Common Ground Health worked to reach out to populations in 2021 to share work about COVID vaccines, staff found there were groups living locally with whom they didn't have existing relationships. For instance, they didn't have any leaders of local Indigenous communities in their databases and no Indigenous community representatives were taking part in existing coalitions and workgroups.

In assembling a group of Indigenous professionals to help inform and guide outreach, Common Ground staff began identifying how much they didn't know about health outcomes of people indigenous to the land that now makes up the United States. Staff also learned about some of the historical traumas experienced by Indigenous populations from government agencies through boarding schools, forced relocations and forced sterilizations, to name a few. It became clear that more work to address Indigenous health disparities locally needed to be done, outside of the initial focus on COVID-19.

For instance, during the first 7 months of the COVID-19 pandemic,
Indigenous populations were sickened with COVID at 3.5 times the rate of Whites, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But locally, statistics on Native populations during the pandemic have been hard to find due to a lack of data and reporting stemming from a lack of systems to accurately account for this information.

In response, several local Native advocates have generously given their time to help improve collaboration and address the needs of Native populations. Next the group will be taking part in a listening tour, where they will interview local Indigenous stakeholders and residents to better understand the factors affecting Indigenous health outcomes in the Finger Lakes region. Long term, the advocates have called for the launch of an Indigenous Health Coalition if there is interest from local Native populations.

"At the very least, this work is overdue," said Native advocate Ronalyn Pollack, CHHC, AADP (Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation/Six Nations of the Grand River). Pollack, along with

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Reminder: Princess Wanted!

Deadline to apply is May 20, 2022

Reminder: 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

Common Ground Health launching listening tour w/Indigenous Populations - CONTINUED

Dean Seneca, MPH, MCURP, (Seneca) CEO and founder of Seneca Scientific Solutions, and Todd Michel Waite, BA, MA (Seneca), Program Officer at Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation, have been advising Common Ground in its outreach with Native populations. They also served as panelists for an Indigenous forum around the COVID vaccines.

Common Ground Health is seeking input from the Indigenous community in the development of the forthcoming survey to update the 2018 My Health Story survey; community members are reviewing questions for cultural appropriateness and relevance.

The advocates note that the work will not just be specific to the Haudenosaunee people, (who are the original residents of the Finger Lakes region) but will encompass all people with Indigenous heritage who are living in the area.

"We are reaching out to find those Indigenous people living throughout the community who are interested in improving the health of Indigenous families in the community," Seneca said.

Dean Seneca is uniquely qualified to advance this work; he previously was a senior health scientist at the CDC's Center for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support and he is an adjunct professor of the SUNY University at Buffalo's School of Public Health and Health Professions where he teaches a course on Indigenous health disparities. In addition to being part of the team of advocates leading the work, Seneca is serving in a consulting role with Common Ground Health to identify available data sets that can shed light on Indigenous health. Seneca also provided a training on Indigenous health disparities to Common Ground's staff in June of 2021.

A big part of the work is building trust by following through with commitments, the Indigenous advocates say.

"This comes with humbleness," Waite said. "It's by us for us. Common Ground is there as a willing partner to help grow this."

"So many times throughout history, similar initiatives have been promised, and then do not come to fruition. Building trust with and learning from our local Native communities is our top priority," said Hannah Shippee, a program coordinator with Common Ground Health, who has been the organization's key liaison with the Indigenous community. She noted that Common Ground is committed to maintaining relationships for the long term, and understands how important listening to Indigenous families' experiences and recommendations for change will be to informing this work.

The group also hopes to reach out to the more than 13,000 people with Native heritage who live in the Finger Lakes region, the majority of which live in Monroe County. The goal of the work is to make the Indigenous community visible to ensure it isn't left behind or forgotten by others. The advocates also note that traditional ways can and must be an asset to the movement towards health equity, including rediscovering language, cultural practices and traditions that lead to healing.

Common Ground officials say they are committed to supporting these efforts long term.

"Common Ground is committed to learning from and walking alongside the Native peoples, so we can leverage Common Ground's expertise in collaboration, alongside the cultural expertise of our Native partners, to support them in achieving the best health outcomes possible," said Wade Norwood, CEO of Common Ground Health.

If Indigenous people want to learn more or take part in the listening tour, they should reach out to Hannah Shippee or call 585-224-3152.

Food Truck Vendors Needed

Do you own or operate a Food Truck? Do you work with a Food Truck? Do you love a special Food Truck? Let us know. **Now forming calendars for Food Truck Fridays.**

April Kiwanis Terrific Kids: Ja:goh Rayah Sidow Stafford

Prospect Elementary School | May 4, 2022 | salamancany.org

As April comes and goes, Kiwanis would like to recognize 2 students for their terrific choices outside of school. Rayah Sidow Stafford from Mrs. Coustenis's 2nd grade was nominated for being so very helpful with her younger brother on a daily basis. Also, she is responsible when caring for the family pets. She shows consideration to others and loves to share whatever she has with those around her. Let's give a big shout out to such great leadership qualities.

A monthly award sponsored by the Kiwanis Club is the "Terrific Kid" award. Parents write what their child did outside of school that is deserving of recognition and The "Terrific Kid" of the month is selected from these written nominations. The student chosen receives a T shirt and a pin and their parent gets a "Terrific Kid" bumper sticker.

Read about all our Terrific Kids online: https://www.salamancany.org/o/elementary-school/page/terrific-kids

Seneca Nation Offices & Buildings will BE CLOSED:
Monday, May 30, 2022 for Memorial Day.

National Honor Society Inductees | *May 5, 2022 | Lake Shore Schools Native American Programs Facebook Page*

Ja:goh **Joiise John**, **Blayze Becker**, **Nyla Rivera**, and **Riley Fleming**, Lake Shore's newest members inducted into National Honor Society!

Four Native Students make SCCSD Class of 2022 Top 10! - *Salamanca City Central School District | May 6, 2022 | SCCSD Facebook Page*

Ja:goh to Jillian, Riley, Harley & Hayden as their high school years of hard work have paid off. All four have landed a spot in the Top 10 of the Class of 2022 at Salamanca High School:

#5 with an average of 96.14 **Jillian Rea**
#6 with an average of 95.03 **Riley Brown**
#8 with an average of 93.80 **Harley Hoag**
#10 with an average of 92.77 **Hayden Hoag**
(Pictured below from left to right)

Birthday Wishes!

Submitted by Bethany Johnson

Happy Birthday wishes for all my beautiful April & May grand-babies and my lucky lady Adrianne who gets to share her birth month with her daughter.

Tyler Pete - turned 2 on April 28th!
Somiya June - turned 2 on May 1st!
Coraline May - turns 3 on May 13th!
Adrianne Logan - Happy birthday on May 19th!

All my love and more: Mom, YaYa & Mama

Land for Sale

Looking to buy land in the Irving area on the Cattaraugus territory. **Please call 716-387-1830 or email halftownk@gmail.com.**

Newsletter Deadline:

The deadline for the next edition of the SNI Newsletter will be **Tuesday, May 17, 2022**.
Next issue to be dated May 27, 2022.

Watch D.O.G.S. Newest Member

Jordan Cooke

Pictured here are Mara and Phoenix Cooke with the newest member of J.T. Waugh's Watch D.O.G.S.: their dad, Jordan, who teaches Seneca language and coaches lacrosse at the High School.

To learn more about joining the Waugh Watch D.O.G.S. **(Dads of Great Students)**, contact the school at 716-926-2370.

Statement By Mothers of The Seneca Nation

In Support of National Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness Day

Submitted by Leslie Logan

(CATTARAUGUS TERRITORY, Irving, NY, May 5, 2022) — Today the Mothers of the Seneca Nation stand in solidarity, and express support, of the national day of awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. President Joe Biden signed a proclamation declaring May 5, 2022 as Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons Awareness Day.

On the Cattaraugus territory, Seneca community members, including the Mothers of the Nation, are gathering for a "Skirts for Unity Day" event, where women and girls will be wearing red. Red graphically signifies the blood of assaulted and murdered indigenous women.

In the late summer of 2021, the case of a missing young, attractive white woman, Gabby Petito captured the headlines almost daily for weeks. A detailed timeline of the case was posted by CNN, from the time Petito embarked on her fatal cross-country trip, to her disappearance, and then the subsequent discovery of her fiancee's body and journal— in which he confessed to her murder.

The case generated widespread media attention and sparked criticism from Natives, and other minority communities, about the disparities in coverage of cases involving missing brown and black women. The wall-to-wall breaking news coverage of Petito displayed the comparative lack of value attributed to missing indigenous women and girls.

Figures from the Department of Justice reports on violence against Native women are jarring: American Indian and Alaska Native Women experience higher rates of domestic violence and sexual assault than any other population of women in the U.S. Further statistics indicate that Native women are stalked and murdered at higher rates than all other populations of women in the country. Four out of five Native women experience some form of violence in their lifetime; and Native women face murder rates more than 10 times the national average. Homicide is the third leading cause of death among Native women and girls ages 10-24.

Today the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) movement seeks to prevent girls from going missing with education efforts and to hold the justice system accountable.

The Mothers of the Nation contend that part of the problem has to do with the intentional erasure of indigenous peoples, their voices, stories and narratives.

The Mothers of the Nation are dedicated to actively defending the Nation's sovereignty, protecting the Nation's assets and resources— including, and especially, the life and livelihoods of Seneca women, the very life givers and perpetuators of the Seneca people and our future.

Introducing Joanne Israel, finalist for the 2022 ATHENA Young Professional Leadership Award | *thepartnership.org*

For more than 30 years, the Buffalo Niagara Partnership has been honored to produce the annual ATHENA Awards® to support, develop, and honor women leaders in Western New York.

The Buffalo Niagara Partnership is pleased to introduce you to 1 of 10 finalists in the ATHENA Young Professional Leadership Award® category – Joanne Israel, V.P./ Assistant General Manager – Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino, Niagara Falls, NY.

Meet ATHENA Young Professional Leadership Award® Finalist: Joanne Israel

Joanne Israel is V.P./Assistant General Manager at Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino in Niagara Falls, NY. She has held various positions with the company including Corporate Director of Finance Operations and General Manager of Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino. She helps to oversee all departments of the Seneca Niagara Casino including hotel resorts, spa & salon, table games, promotions, human resources, and environmental services among other areas.

Joanne grew up on the Tuscarora Indian Reservation and graduated from Niagara University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Business Administration- Accounting. She also earned her Master's degree in Business Administration-Strategic Management from Niagara University. Joanna worked in public accounting for 5 years before starting her tenure with Seneca Gaming Corporation in 2011.

Joanne serves as a board member for Native American Community Services, and is a former Board Member for Inter-Community Services. She has also served as a basketball coach for St. Peter's Lutheran School in Sanborn, NY.

We asked Joanne a series of questions to get to know her better. Here is what she said About Being an Athena Finalist: "*I am absolutely honored to be a finalist for the ATHENA Award. The caliber of professional women that have made the finalist list is extraordinary. To be included with this group is an honor. The ATHENA Awards have always represented women empowerment to the highest level. They have supported and recognized undisputable talent across the Buffalo Niagara Region.*"

Check out more Q&A's at https://www.thepartnership.org/blog/women-in-business/introducing-joanne-israel-finalist-for-the-2022-athena-young-professional-leadership-award/

visit us on-line @sninews.org

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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67 Wilson St., Salamanca, NY 14779
~ Allegany Territory - 1st Notice ~

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~ 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.

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.

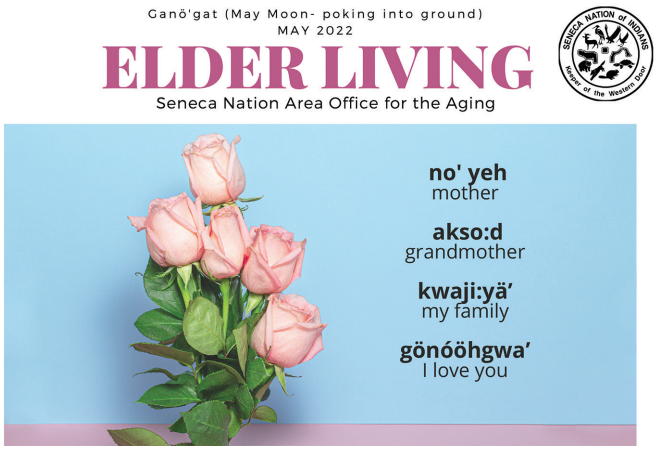
Contact: **Clayton Ludwick**,
716-969-4660 | Email: **Claylud23@hotmail.com**

Native American Heritage Night - *Buffalo Bisons*

Submitted by Irma Cortes, Cattaraugus AOA

Attention Enrolled Seneca Elders: Stop by AOA to sign-up for the **Buffalo Bison's -VS- St. Paul Saint's Baseball Game on Saturday, June 25th - Native American Heritage Night.** Includes suite ticket to game, food and non-alcoholic beverage's.

Game time 6:05pm. Bus leaves AOA at 4pm.



View the May AOA Newsletter online | *Find out what we are up to this month!*

https://sni.org/app/uploads/2021/08/May-22-AOA-Newsletter.pdf

If you'd like a copy mailed to you each month please call or send us a message.

Allegany Office: (716) 945-8414 | Cattaraugus Office: (716) 532-5777

Venture Forthe
PERSONALIZED HOME CARE SERVICES

Seneca Nation Disability Services & Venture Forthe Inc. Presents

Please Join Us for An important informational session.

Mellissa Peck, in-take coordinator for Venture Forthe will be joining us on each territory

Allegany, Buffalo & Cattaraugus to speak with interested members on how you may can qualify for the services they provide.

You may be eligible for in-home care, from someone you trust or a family member, to be paid to look after you in your time of need.

(Medicaid eligibility Required)

Allegany	Buffalo	Cattaraugus
83 Wildwood Ave	533 Amherst St	210 TIS Ext
Salamanca, NY 14779	Buffalo NY 14207	Irving, NY 14081
6/23/22 @ 12pm	6/9/22 @ 11am	6/14/22 @2pm

If you should have any questions, please call our office

716-532-4900 Ext. 5152

Light refreshments served! Door prize!

INDIGENOUS & RURAL
PATIENT NAVIGATION

Seneca Nation Disability Services & The Center for Indigenous Cancer Research Presents:

Community Patient Navigator Miss. Marissa Haring, & Mr. David Silverheels will be joining us to discuss their program and possibly discuss with you in private the type of care you need on a personal level. One on One is available.

Cancer care is not an easy journey, but we can help clear the path and walk alongside you. Our Indigenous & Rural Patient Navigation Program is a free, non-clinical service to help you get the cancer care you need — from cancer screenings to survivorship services. A patient navigator is like having a personal cancer guide, someone who understands cancer healthcare, who can connect you with services and resources, and who will be a neighborly voice checking in on you and supporting you during this difficult time.

Allegany:	Buffalo:	Cattaraugus:
83 Wildwood Ave	533 Amherst St	210 TIS Ext.
Salamanca, NY 14779	Buffalo, NY 14207	Irving, NY 14081
6/7/2022 @ 1pm	MAY 24, 22 @ 1pm	MAY 23, 22 @ 2pm

If you have any questions or cannot make it please call our office

716-532-4900 Ext 5152

Please Join us! There will be light refreshments and door prize!

View the 2022 Seneca Language Newsletter online

https://sni.org/may-2022-seneca-language-newsletter/

visit us on-line @sninews.org

Counselor's Corner

Submitted by Behavioral Health Unit

The month of May celebrates mental health awareness. To honor this, we are doing a series entitled *Counselor's Corner*. We have compiled some questions to present to our counselors. To begin this series we are going to meet the Allegany Behavioral Health Unit Supervisor Nichole "Nicki" Burritt, LPC, LMHC, who is new to the BHU group.

A little background history on Nichole. She attended the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford receiving a BS in Psychology. She then took a year off before graduation. She received her Master's in Education for Clinical Mental Health Counseling. While attending the Master's program she worked as an ER crisis counselor at Olean General, then in drug and alcohol counseling at ADAS. Nichole went on to work at UPMC Chautauqua chemical dependency and inpatient psychiatric, before coming to LRJHC.

When asked why she became a counselor, she had this to say; "I remember my first psych class in undergrad and just falling in love with mental health. Working with people that society may place a stigma on and advocating for their equality in treatment and being treated as any other human quickly became my passion. Becoming a supervisor was never my intent or plan, but, I realized that I enjoyed helping guide and mentor other clinicians. I had an amazing mentor at UPMC and I strive daily to instill at least 1 thing she taught me in others."

Her clinical specialty is mental health along with substance abuse. She firmly believes that the two are combined, which is why she chose to treat both. Nichole stated some of the challenges that counselors face today is that there will always be new and developing challenges in the field. She states, "However, as a counselor, the first thing you are taught is how to assess and work around each challenge that life presents." While she is aware of these challenges, she believes that the more light is shed on the importance of mental health treatment, and the less stigma that there is, the easier it will be to meet those challenges.

Nichole balances her work and personal life by practicing a lot of self-care. She focuses on work ONLY while at work. She stated that she turns her work self "OFF" when at home by not taking work calls or work emails. She believes in boundaries when it comes to the balance of work and personal life and the two should never overlap.

Nichole describes incorporating culture into counseling sessions by assessing the client's needs. She says "It depends on the client. I always try to honor the client's culture and what they need during session. I've held meditations, smudging, spiritual music, dancing, and prayer during sessions before. It truly depends on the need and the client."

What does Nichole do for fun and to unwind? She is an avid hunter of all forms of game to provide a more organic way to feed her family. She also raises chickens and loves to drink coffee in the coop with them. Nichole is also a huge horror fan, specifically the 70's/80's movies.

Thanks Nichole!!

SENECA NATIVE CONNECTIONS CALENDAR MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 Teen Event Night Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	4 Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	5 Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	6	7
8	9	10 Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	11 Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m. DIY Family Candle Making 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	12 Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	13	14
15	16	17 Clubhouse Cinema 5:30 p.m. Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	18 Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	19 Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	20	21
22	23 Explorer's Club Call for times	24 Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	25 Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	26 Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	27	28
29	30	31 Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Open clubhouse hours are at the Cattaraugus location only until further notice. Space is limited so call to RSVP!		Questions? Want to RSVP? Contact: Jennifer Stebbins 716.532.8190 JStebbins@senecahealth.org	

Event Color Codes:

Purple: 24 and under and their families
Green: Open to the community
Teal: Ages 12-17
Pink: No programming/holiday
Yellow: Youth ages 10-12
Blue: Open clubhouse hours
Orange: Ages 18 and up

NATIVE connections
Seneca Nation Health System

NOTICE:

Seneca Nation Health System will be closed:

Friday, May 20th
Onondowa'ga' Day
&
Monday, May 30th
Memorial Day

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

Nya:weh

Child Abuse & Neglect: What You Should Know

Child abuse, also known as maltreatment, is common. It is important to understand and reduce the risks of abuse for your child and be familiar with the signs of abuse and neglect.

Types of Abuse/Neglect:

Physical abuse occurs when a child's body is injured as a result of hitting, kicking, shaking, burning or other show of force.

Sexual abuse is any sexual activity that a child cannot understand or consent to. It includes acts such as fondling, oral-genital contact and genital and anal intercourse. It also includes exhibitionism, voyeurism, and exposure to pornography.

Child neglect can include physical neglect (failing to provide food, clothing, shelter, or other physical necessities), emotional neglect (not providing love, comfort, or affection), and medical or educational neglect (not providing access to needed medical care or education) or supervisory neglect (failure to appropriately supervise). Psychological or emotional abuse results from all of the above, but also can be associated with verbal abuse, which can harm a child's self-worth or emotional well-being.

Signs & Symptoms:

Behavioral and mental health changes that raise concern about possible Child Abuse, Sexual Abuse or Neglect

(It is important to remember that the following changes are seen in many children as a result of many different kinds of stressful situations and are not specific to child abuse and neglect. The reason for the appearance of these behaviors should always be investigated)

1. Fearful behavior (nightmares, depression, unusual fears)
2. Unexplained abdominal pain, sudden onset of bed-wetting– or regression in toileting
3. Extreme Sexual Behaviors that seems developmentally inappropriate for the child's age

Physical Signs

1. Bruises to the torso, ears, or neck in a child less than four years of age—Any injury (bruise, burn, fracture, abdominal or head injury) that is not consistent with the way the injury is said to have happened, that cannot be adequately explained, or that is inconsistent with the child's developmental capabilities)
2. The child discloses abuse or neglect
3. Failure to gain weight (especially in infants) or sudden dramatic weight gain

Sexual Abuse Signs/Symptoms:

1. Thinks of self or body as Repulsive, Dirty, or Bad
2. Resist removing clothes when appropriate times (bath, bed, toileting, diapering)
3. Develops new or unusual fear of certain people or places

Emotional Abuse Signs/Symptoms:

1. Clingy and Forms indiscriminative attachments
2. Displays other signs of Emotional Turmoil (repetitive, rhythmic movements, rocking, whining, picking at scabs)
3. Is unable to perform normal learned functions for a given age (walking/talking) exhibits developmental delays, particularly with verbal and non-verbal skills

Know Who You Can Contact:

Behavioral Health Unit
Allegany location: 716-945-9001
Cattaraugus location: 716-532-5583

Allegany Child & Family: 716-945-5894 x3233
Cattaraugus Child & Family: 716-532-4035 x5453
Allegany Marshals: 716-945-2779
Cattaraugus Marshals: 716-532-3040

NYS Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-342-3720

The true character of a society is revealed in how it treats its children.

— Nelson Mandela —

The way we talk to our children becomes their inner voice.

In order to continue the mission to combat Child Abuse and Neglect in the Seneca community, Child and Family Services on both territories works closely with many internal and external entities.

Child and Family Services would like to thank all the entities that collaborate with CFS throughout the year for this mission; as well as the community members who generously donate clothing, coats, boots/ shoes, diapers, etc.

We would also like to give a special "Nya:weh" to the Seneca Gaming Corporation and the local non-profit "Cousin Brownie" for their generosity to the Child & Family Services families during the 2021 holiday season.

Again, the importance of the all these various entities coming together and partaking in this mission is crucial to help reduce the risk of neglect, abuse and mal-treatment in our community! Together we can make a difference!

Sources: stopitnow.org; americanspcc.org; healthychildren.org

SENECA NATION HEALTH SYSTEM

Tips for Your Health

"5-2-1 Almost None" Adds Up To Healthier Life

5 — Try to eat at least 5 vegetables and fruits every day.

Try to eat vegetables at least three times a day, and eat at least two fruits a day. Eat a variety of fruits and vegetables, including green leafy vegetables. Fruits and vegetables are high in healthy nutrients and low in calories, providing a steady source of energy throughout your day. Eat fresh and local when you can, but frozen or canned vegetables are also good.

2 — Cut down on television watching and other screen time.

Work toward a goal of no more than 2 hours a day of television watching. This is especially important for children and youth. Avoid snacking and try to be as active as possible while watching television. When you're done watching a show or event you really want to watch, turn off the TV and be more active. Do house or yard work, work on hobbies, go for a walk or bike ride, work out at a gym, garden, spend quality time with family, or engage in any other activity you enjoy.

1 — Try to get at least 1 hour a day of physical activity.

Current guidelines for physical activity recommend that all children and youth get at least an hour day of physical activity, at least five days a week. This is a good goal for adults as well, especially if you are overweight. If you haven't been active, start with 10 or 20 minutes of activity a day, and gradually increase your activity until you reach your goal.

Almost None — Avoid all sugar-sweetened beverages.

Sugar-sweetened beverages, such as sodas, sweet tea and fruit-flavored drinks, are high in calories and sugar and contain almost no nutrients. Just four sugar-sweetened drinks per day could be half of your recommended calorie intake. Eliminating these drinks can reduce calories and help you maintain or lose weight. People with diabetes or pre-diabetes should completely eliminate sugar-sweetened drinks. Try to substitute more water, flavored water, or unsweetened juices.

Source: https://dhss.delaware.gov/dph/dpc/521almostnone.html

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Koh näh hegähgwë'sgwa' hagöya'tga'wëh Aki:sod Hadiwënodaje's.
Oio:wanëh hadiwayëndahgöh dënöëdziyak'ta' shadinohe:ta' ganegada:nyo'

Deyéthinö:nyo:h ...

Aki:sod Hadiwënodaje's

& he placed Our Grandfather Thunders in the west
They have something great of a responsibility to cut across the lands to replenish waters
We acknowledge/give thanks to
Our Grandfather Thunders
(Main message from a version of Ganö:nyö:k)

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Ëyéthiyashä'se:g.
(We will continue to remember them.)

*Picture borrowed from internet source

Deyéthinö:nyo:h ...

WE ACKNOWLEDGE/ARE THANKFUL FOR THEM...

-Akino'ëh *shö'öh*	Our Mothers
Akno'ëh	My Mother
-Ethiso:d *shö'öh*	Our Grandmothers
Akso:d	My Grandma
-Ethi:hak *shö'öh*	Our Aunties
Age:hak	My Auntie
-Sö:di'gwah Deyökisnye's	Whoever Takes care of us
Deyögesnye's	She takes care of me

Onödowa'ga:' Gawë: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' Ögwawënö'**, is to promote conversational Seneca language use at the Seneca Nation.*

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