The Official Newsletter of the SENECA NATION



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A message from President Matthew B. Pagels



Gagwe:göh sgë:nö,

I'm happy you are all well! As you can see, we are flying through the months. We are almost to the halfway point in the year which means summer is quickly approaching and children will be out of school soon, enjoying the nice weather.

The month of May starts the busy season for many. On Friday, May 20th we commemorated the signing of the Buffalo Creek Treaty of 1842 at our traditional ceremony at the West Seneca Community Center due to inclement weather. The event is usually hosted at the beautiful Burchfield Nature and Art Center in West Seneca. This is near the Banks of Buffalo Creek.

This treaty is of most importance and secures our homelands. Our ancestors were steadfast as many attempts were made to relocate the Seneca people from our homelands to territory in Kansas. They preserved our territories and defended our sovereignty.

We were able to stay strong and grow our great Nation through strong leadership and governance. We shaped the very fabric of this region and became an integral part of Western New York. Challenges continue to be aimed at our success, our way of life and our very existence. We continue to fight just as our ancestors showed us to defend our land, identity and our sovereignty.

We continue to gain support across Indian country for our recent fight over our gaming compact. I just returned fromw presenting to the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians mid-year convention in Washington state, where we had much support for our demands for a fair compact. We will continue to seek support from other tribes as we move forward with our negotiations.

Memorial Day is also quickly approaching. Please join our Veterans at the Seneca Allegany Administration Building on Monday, May 30th to recognize the bravery of those who served and defended our freedom with their ultimate sacrifice.

I'd like to address the tragedy that occurred

in Buffalo earlier this month. We witnessed a heinous event of hate and racism which left a community grieving. The Seneca Nation continues to offer our prayers for the victims and their families. We stand by as they call for immediate action by governmental officials at all levels so other cities do not have to go through such tragedy. Racism is endemic to society and change needs to happen. We will stand together with Western New York and support one another.

The Department of Interior released its initial report on the Indian Boarding school movement. The report identifies 408 schools, operating at 431 sites across 37 states under the direction or with the support of the federal government for a period of 150 years. Thomas Indian school was included in this report. We are thankful to our Congressman for their leadership and for Secretary Deb Haaland for recognizing the importance of including our schools in the report.

This report recognizes the federal governments targeted mission to culturally assimilate Native Americans, which served the broader purpose of taking land from tribes. I hope this is only the beginning of a healing path and atonement is coming.

Lastly, COVID 19 numbers continue to rise. The death toll in the United States has (Continued on the next page)

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President's message continued...

topped 1 million people. Please continue to follow COVID protocols, get tested when symptomatic and get vaccinated and boosted. Contact Seneca Health System for vaccinations and Seneca Fire for Bluestone testing. For more information contact 716-220-2442.

Have a happy Memorial Day and be safe!

Stay strong, Dah ne'hoh dih ae' Matthew B. Pagels

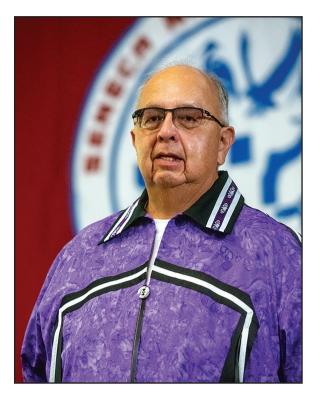
business practices within the boundaries of our territories. The event was well-attended and included a barbeque lunch to go for all those in attendance.

Highbanks Campground camping season will officially begin Friday, May 27th, 2022. The first 100 check-ins will receive a free gift. Then, on Saturday, May 28th, from 11a to 1p, they will have hotdogs, prizes and fun at the lodge. Highbanks Campground is planning a few other events throughout the month of June, which you can learn more about by checking their website at: camphighbanks.com.

Also, on June 14th, from 4p-6p, our H.E.R.O. Committee will be hosting their annual Father's Day event at the gazebo behind the ACC, which will include a cookout, a 4-wheel excursion, corn hole, horseshoes, music and food.

For those interested in getting their COVID-19 vaccines or booster shots, you may call Teri Cowles at (716) 945-5894 (Allegany); or Kim Bradley at (716) 532-5582 (Cattaraugus). Please help to reduce the spreading of this virus in our communities.

Respectfully, Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.



Greetings,

We've had a little rain and we've had some sunshine. This is the time of year I like to be outside as much as I can - whether I'm fixing something, doing yard work or watching a lacrosse game. This is also the time of year for graduation celebrations for our area high schools and those that are graduating from college. Congratulations to all of our graduates!

Last Friday, May 20th, 2022, the Seneca Nation commemorated the Buffalo Creek

Treaty of 1842, at the Burchfield Nature and Arts Center in West Seneca, NY. The Master of Ceremonies was Becky Bowen and Ansley Jemison delivered a speech about the history of Buffalo Creek, on behalf of his father, Pete Jemison. The Men's Ceremonial and Women's Ceremonial departments performed the welcome dance, as well as a few social dances. The Buffalo Creek Treaty of 1842 is also known as the Third Treaty of Buffalo Creek, which restored title back to us for the Allegany, Cattaraugus and Oil Spring territories. This treaty holds particular significance for us because it is the only one of the three Buffalo Creek treaties which specifically addresses the issue of taxation. Article IX of this treaty provides an assurance by the federal government to intervene on behalf of the Seneca, by stating: "The parties to this compact mutually agree to solicit the influence of the government of the United States to protect such of the lands of the Seneca Indians, within the State of New York, as may from time to time remain in their possession from all taxes and assessments for roads, highways, or any other purpose until such lands shall be sold and conveyed by the said Indians, and the possession thereof shall have been relinquished by them." To this day, we do not sell any of our land to non-Indians within our territorial boundaries and we assert our right to freely engage in tax-free

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**

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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MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED UPON ENTRY TO ALL SENECA NATION BUILDINGS

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!

SIXTEEN (16) ADDITIONS TO THE SENECA NATION ROLL – MAY 14, 2022 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

1.	Lucas Lloyd Barber	-	Hawk
2.	Lovelee Rae Barreno	-	Turtle
3.	Anthony Edward Becton	-	Wolf
4.	Vylet Jean Conant	-	Hawk
5.	Stone Thomas Cameron Garlow II	-	Wolf
6.	Elijah Lee Helton	-	Wolf
7.	Dakota Sage Henkels	-	Snipe
8.	Abner Allen John	-	Turtle
9.	Zeighleigh Sage John	-	Hawk
10.	Journey Evelyn Johnson-Lawson	-	Wolf
11.	Tanner Louis Prichard	-	Bear
12.	Amara Wren Printup	-	Turtle
13.	Adelynn Ivy Sawyer	-	Hawk
14.	Serrani Ann Silvernail	-	Wolf
15.	Sloan Callaway Spruce	-	Wolf
16.	Weslyn Lee Williams	-	Wolf

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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 <u>May 31, 2022.</u> 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

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

EIGHTEEN (18) DELETIONS TO THE SENECA NATION ROLL – MAY 14, 2022 REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

1.	Toni Lynn Biscup	-	Turtle
2.	Cordelia Grace Redeye Bowen	-	Beaver
3.	Bethany Lee Huff	-	Wolf
4.	Deanna John	-	Deer
5.	Martin Wallace John	-	Bear
6.	Harley James Jones	-	Deer
7.	Jean Marie Jones	-	Deer
8.	Ryan Denison Lerke	-	Hawk
9.	Nicholas James Macey	-	Wolf
10.	David Mohawk	-	Wolf
11.	Barry W. Parker	-	Wolf
12.	Doris Ann Patterson	-	Snipe
13.	Clarence R. Seneca	-	Hawk
14.	Georgette Jolene Shoemaker	-	Deer
15.	Sharon Halftown Tallchief	-	Wolf
16.	Timothy J. Thompson	-	Wolf
17.	Levi Twoguns	-	Wolf
18.	Mark R. Wroblewski	-	Turtle



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.

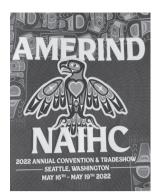
Interested individuals are invited to submit a letter of Interest and a resume to the Nation's Clerk. The Council plans to schedule interviews once Seneca Holdings, LLC has completed its background check and both Seneca Holdings, LLC and the Nation's Clerk have certified that the individual is an eligible 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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AMERIND National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) - Annual Convention and Tradeshow



Councillors Arlene Bova (Allegany), Presley Redeve (Cattaraugus) and Lisa Maybee (Cattaraugus) traveled to Seattle, Washington May 16-19, 2022 to attend the Amerind **NAIHC** Annual

Convention and Tradeshow. Their mission is "to effectively and efficiently promote and support American Indians, Alaska Natives and native Hawaiians in their

self- determined goal to provide culturally relevant and quality affordable housing for native people."

NAIHC | AMERIND hosted over 800 tribal leaders, housing professionals, and private and public sector partners to attend this vear's Annual Convention & Tradeshow. Over the three days, convention attendees heard from local speakers, Congressional and federal agency officials, panel discussions that highlighted tribal housing programs, and access over 70 breakout sessions as well as special events like a golf tournament and local service project. Also,

this year, NAIHC celebrated 25 years of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) with special programming at each of its events.

"Our people need more housing. We need more information on funding opportunities beyond Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grants and leveraging funds to increase housing opportunities for our members. We need to network with other agencies and Native housing authorities beyond our current scope if we want to provide healthy homes," explains Councillor Bova.

Allegany **garbage tickets** will now be distributed at the Clerks Office located in the SAAB effective July 1, 2022. In order to be added to the residential pick-up trash list you must: (1) be an enrolled member and submit proof of enrollment; (2) live in the residence; (3) provide a copy of a utility bill in your name. Thank you for your cooperation. Nya:weh, Allegany DPW & Allegany Clerk's Office.

Next Newsletter Deadline:

May 31st, 2022 Next issue to be dated: June 10, 2022

Moving? Call us at 716-945-1790

IMPORT/EXPORT Monthly Commissioners meeting: June 23, 2022

1pm William Seneca Building

Council Chambers



Join us for the 2022 Annual Membership Meeting of the Seneca Nation Credit Union

Tuesday, June 14th, 2022 - 4:00 pm

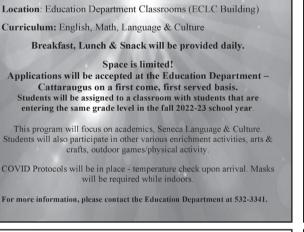
Allegany Council Chambers Seneca Allegany Administration Building

This meeting is open to Credit Union members only. Each year we host an annual meeting to give all our members the opportunity to come and learn about what is happening at the credit union. There will be a review of the past year's financial

Irving Office

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Seneca Nation Department of Education – Cattaraugus S.E.A.R.C.H Program 2022 Summer Enrichment Academic Recreation Culture Health (S.E.A.R.C.H) Eligibility: Students entering Grades K - 8 2022-23 school year Program Dates: July 5 – August 11, 2022 Program Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 3:00pm Location: Education Department Classrooms (ECLC Building) Curriculum: English, Math, Language & Culture Breakfast, Lunch & Snack will be provided daily. Space is limited! Applications will be accepted at the Education Department -Cattaraugus on a first come, first served basis. Students will be assigned to a classroom with students that are entering the same grade level in the fall 2022-23 school year. This program will focus on academics, Seneca Language & Culture. Students will also participate in other various enrichment activities, arts & crafts, outdoor games/physical activity





PUBLIC NOTICE

The Seneca Nation is currently accepting letters of intent for those

HUMAN RESOURCE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (HRQC)

2 - CATTABAUGUS TERRITORY

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

- a) Adjudicating employees' conflicts that may arise under the Nation's Human Resource Policies and Procedures or Conflict Resolution Program. Neviewing, 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

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

> Or Email: mkettle@sni.org



DISABILITY SERVICES

WILL BE MOVING!

AS OF JUNE 1, 2022, WE WILL BE **LOCATED AT:** 83 WILDWOOD AVENUE

SALAMANCA, NY 14779 FRIDAY'S- 10AM-2PM AND EVERY 3RD

WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH FOR SSI REP AS ALWAYS, IF YOU NEED ANYTHING,

> CALL 716-532-4900 EXT 5151 **NYA:WEH**



Seneca Resorts & Casinos Properties Shine In Annual Best Of Dining & Nightlife' Awards From Casino Player

Magazine - Seneca Allegany and Seneca Niagara combine for ten First Place awards

SALAMANCA, NEW YORK-NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK: (May 10, 2022) The readers have spoken and Seneca Resorts & Casinos properties have once again stood out for serving up the best dining and nightlife options in the gaming industry.

Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino and Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino combined to win an impressive ten First Place honors in the annual "Best of Dining & Nightlife Awards" presented by Casino Player magazine. Every year, Casino Player asks its readers to vote for their favorite casinos around the country and across an enormous range of categories. Categories include everything from the very best in steakhouses and coffee shops to happy hours, lounges and more.

Among New York casinos, Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino took the top honors in six categories, including: Best Italian Dining, Patria; Best Place to Celebrate, The Western Door Steakhouse; Best Late Night Dining, Seneca Café Express; Best Lounge, Fire Lounge; Best After-Hours Spot, The River Bar; and Best Bartenders, The River Bar.

Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino was recognized as the best in four categories, including: Best Asian Dining, Koi; Best Burger Joint, Blues Burger Bar; Best Desserts, Tim Horton's Café & Bake Shop; and Best Place for Cocktails, Lounge 101.

"We get our greatest satisfaction from knowing that we've met and exceeded our guests' expectations," said Kevin Nephew, President & CEO of Seneca Gaming Corporation. "We're honored that our team and our properties have continually stood out among the best in the annual Casino Player awards because it means we've stood out where it matters most – in the hearts and minds of the guests who visit us."

In all, Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino, Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino and Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino offer guests 20 delicious dining destinations and 12 exciting bars to help give each visit its own unique flavor. Beyond exceptional dining and exciting nightlife, guests can enjoy more than 5,100 slot machines, 125 table games, luxurious spas & salons, high end retail outlets, and over 1,000 deluxe rooms and suites at two AAA Four Diamond Award-winning hotels.



RICK SPRINGFIELD: LIVE

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2022

8:00 PM | Tickets start at \$25.



MAGIC OF MANILOW & MIDLER

TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022

2:00 PM | Tickets start at \$39.

A statement from Seneca Nation President Pagels regarding the tragic shooting that took place in Buffalo:

"The Seneca Nation shares the sorrow, anger and disbelief expressed by so many following the heinous mass shooting in Buffalo this weekend. We offer our prayers for the victims and send our thoughts and support to their families, friends and everyone impacted by this tragedy. A community is built of people of all races and backgrounds living and sharing together. Hate and racism cannot continue to divide us as a community or a country. We are confident that all Western New Yorkers will recognize and strengthen the bonds of community that make this a special place and come together to make our community even stronger."

"As we continue to support and grieve with our neighbors in Buffalo following this weekend's tragic events, the Seneca Nation will lower flags on our territories to half-staff as a sign of respect for the victims and their families," President Pagels said.

Flags will remain at half staff until all victims have been laid to rest.

Public Notice: Seneca Nation Department of Transportation Iroquois Drive/Broad Street Roundabout

The Seneca Nation Department of Transportation (SNDOT) has identified a safety improvement project to address the

Iroquois Drive/Broad
Street intersection. SNDOT
has been working with
consultants Qk4 to design a
roundabout to improve the
intersection and will hold a
public meeting at 5pm
on Wednesday, June
22. in the Salamanca



Highschool's LGI Room. Qk4 and SNDOT staff will provide a brief presentation and follow with a Q&A period. Anyone interested in the project is encouraged to attend.

Comments will be taken by email, phone, or in person from now until **July 1**, **2022**. All questions and comments should be directed to:

Benjamin Anderson, SNDOT Special Projects Planner/ Manager, 90 Ohi:yo' Way, Salamanca, NY 14779; (716)-945-1790 ext. 3088; Benjamin.Anderson@sni.org

Sharon Ray, SNDOT Director, 90 Ohi:yo' Way, Salamanca, NY 14779, (716) 945-1790 ext. 3137, sharon.ray@sni.org

Seneca Allegany Department Of **Education Honor Rolls**

Southern Tier Catholic School 3rd Marking period 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

High Honor Roll 95+ average

Grade 6: Hayden John Grade 4: Jayla Redeye

Honor Roll 90 - 94 average

Grade 11: Kara Valandra Grade 8: Emerson Ortego Grade 7: Lovella Kalyan

Grade 6: Ashton Ortego, Kurryn Glowacki, Charli Hill, Emma Domres

Grade 5: Mahnex Harjo

Grade 3: Ariella John, Meah Harjo, Chevenne White Pigeon

Merit Roll 85 – 89 average

Grade 9: Chloe Stanczykowski Grade 7: Juliana Smith, Chad Hill, Maxamillion Kalyan

Grade 6: Gavin Kalyan

Randolph Jr. Sr. High School 3nd Quarter

Honor Roll

Grade 12: Mya Abrams, Ashley Crouse Grade 11: Clayton Crouse, Sterling Skye

Grade 10: Addison Beaver

Grade 9: Peyton McClune, Alyssa Milks,

Payton Morrison, Maverick

Schmeltz

Grade 8: Izaias Abrams, Myah McClune,

Delsin Tallchief

Grade 7: Lilly John, Davion Johnson,

Blake Milks, Skylar See

Merit Roll

Grade 12: Morgan McClune Grade 11: Lorelle Schmeltz Grade 10: Elial Bryan Grade 9: Iris Kaltenbach Grade 8: Rayn John

Big Picture

Honor Roll

Jasmine Anderson

Kit Brown **Brad John** Merit Roll

Reece Armstrong Junie Buffalo

Ellicottville Central School

High Honor Roll

Grade 12: Alexis Redeye Grade 10: Shelby Colburn Grade 8: Kalyn Crowley

Grade 7: McKenzie Green, Nora Santiago

Grade 6: Coleman Milks

Honor Roll

Grade 11: Tristen Bomberry

Grade 10: Mikaya Carney, Owen Pierc

Salamanca High School 3nd Marking Period

High Honor Roll 95+ average

Grade 8: Makenzie Crouse

Grade 9: Aubrey Domres, Skyla Dowdy, Izabella Milks, Abigail Murphy, Mikaela Tennity

Grade 10: Karina Mireles-Crouse, Bella Wolfe

Grade 11: Gahseni'de' Hubbell, Sydnie John, Quinton Jones, Alyssa Perkins

Grade 12: Riley Brown, Elijah George, Harley Hoag, Hayden Hoag, Tre Turner

Honor Roll 90 -94.9 average

Grade 8: Waylon Dowdy, Jorja Miller, Charli Ross

Grade 9: Lehman Brown, Ava Crane, Darry Jimerson, Lauren John, Maylina Massagli

Grade 10: Alleyana Abrams, Camden Farmer, Tayoni Galante, Marlee Maybee, Sunny O'Conner, Carmine Pierce, Marijah Skye

Grade 11: Aubrey Hogan

Grade 12: Emma Brown, Aliyah Lee, Jillian Rae, Meredith Wheeler, Laila

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Merit Roll 85-89.9

Grade 8: Carter Bucktooth, Ozzy Kennison, Anne Marie Rozler, Devin Snyder

Grade 9: Adam Clark, Ashton Clark-Sanford

Grade 10: Setha Brown, Kortney DeBoy, Kloe George, Keianna John, Lezly McComber, Karolina Mireles-Crouse, Jaxson Ross, Karson Schoening

Grade 11: Brandon John, Taylor Luke, Ethan Nephew

Grade 12: Morgan Maybee

Jamestown Community College (JCC) **Announcement:**

JCC Honor Society Inductee: Tyrone Bowen

JCC Academic Award: Angela Kennedy (Information Technology Award

Library News -Allegany Branch Submitted by Glenda Grey

June is coming up fast and that means our Summer Reading Program will be starting! Please stop by the Library to fill out registration and pick up first craft. We have lots of things planned for Oceans of Possibilities reading program and surprises too.

Join us on June 8th from 4-6 for our Father's Day craft night, open to ages 1-12 with adult and Dads are welcome to join in the crafts too.

We have coffee hour every Thursday morning from 10am - 11am and it's a great time to relax with a good book, newspaper or catch up with friends.

Book club meets the last Wednesday of the month and we are reading The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah this month. In June we will be reading Coldspring and Coldspring the Trial, so we are ready to ask questions on June 28th when Cheri Mancuso and John Scarano are here to discuss their books.

We are open until 7pm every Wednesday and after Memorial Day we will be open until 5pm on Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Friday.

Stop in and get your library card or renew your card, there are so many places you can go and so many things you can learn from reading a book!

There's more to come, road trip? Movies? Like us on Facebook, we share our news there too.

Happy Birthday! Submitted by Maryann Williams

If you see this HANDSOME man on June 2nd – wish him a Happy Birthday! Happy Birthday, Lafayette! ~ Love Maryann ~



Cattaraugus Education Department Honor Rolls

Gowanda Central School District

MERIT ROLL

Gabriel Cortes-4 Anyistin MacLeod- 4 Cora Scanlan- 4 Elise Stevens- 4 Shaaylyn Williams- 4 Colten Bennett-5 Ella Jimerson- 5 Anna Loving- 5 Carter Scott- 5 Draycelyn Smith-5 Gadeonosta' Wisniewski- 5 Laydin Hill-6 Degaswined John-6 Cora Luther- 6 Kane Stafford- 6 Taydence Stevens- 6

Nina Coulon-8 Corrina John-8 Jaxstin Johns- 8 **Dustin Mohawk-8** Alanson Stafford-8 Cole Gabel- 9 Karice John-9

Aziyah Washburn- 6

Mychal Williams- 6

Croix Snow- 9 Cianna Hidalgo- 11 Malorie McComber-11 Ruben Rivera IV- 11 Aurora Stevens-11 Keagan Fox- 12 Asia Lindgren- 12 Daunte Reims- 12

HONOR ROLL

Aailyah Stevens- 12

Scarlett John- 4 Zayley Nephew- 4 Gia Stafford-4 Clayburn Gates- 5 Kanden Woods- 5 Andrew Young Jr.- 5 Gavin Crooks- 6 Leona Henhawk- 6 Raelin Smith- 6 Donald Stevens Jr. -6 Rylee Yasurek- 6 Shia Lindgren-8 Cashis Montour- 8 Keaton Seneca- 9 Tyler Bouquin- 10 Gracie Carpenter- 10 Layla Gamble- 10 Kallan John-11 Lena (Gao:wisa:s) Stevens-11 Shelby Weston-11 Mavi Montour- 12

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Evelyn John-4 Isabella Gill-6 Maleina Moses-7 Alhanna Gabel- 10 Aubrie Heron- 10 Chloe Luther- 10 Emma Schindler- 11 Kavlee Baird-12 Mary Denea- 12 Adam Golden- 12 Logan Lukonaitis- 12 Cameron Nagel- 12

Lake Shore Central School District

MERIT ROLL

Ajay Jimerson-Kenjockety- 6 Wyatt Maybee- 6 Luis Soto Jr. – 6 Marty Wallace Jr. – 6 Zoev Fox- 7 Riyah Rodriguez-7 **Brody Himelein-8** Nevaeh Jimerson- 8 Payton Stevens-8 Asa Thompson- 8 Loyce Thompson-Jones- 8 Kiowa Haynes-9

Laelle Jimerson- 9 Marcellus Plain-9 Dakota Familo- 10 Eric Kushner- 10 Skilynn Halftown- 11 Ruth Keyes-11 Jayla Stafford-11 Aiyana Crouse- 12 Hunter Crouse- 12 Lane Thompson- 12

HONOR ROLL

Zaia Charbonneau- 6 Maddex Clarke- 6 Myles Conant- 6 Aubrey Goncalves- 6 Kaysen John- 6 Vivian Maybee- 6 Arilyn Nephew- 6 Ezra Dotgahdoh Nephew- 6 Jaden Rivera- 6 Brent Thompson- 6 Ciara Thompson- 6 Lennox VanAernam- 6 Asa White- 6 Lily Zaprzal- 6 Ayla Jimerson-7 Coltyn LeRoy- 7 Mason Snyder- 7 Tyla Thompson- 7 Kyrie Buffalo-8 Elliott Catalano- 8 Kate Kennedy-8 Lilly Kushner- 8 James Mecca-8 Kade Nephew- 8

Alexis Hummel- 9

Nina Thompson- 9

Aiden Button- 10

Morgan Huff- 10

Jacella Nephew- 10

Emilee Ramirez-10

Blavze Becker-11

Giana Corsaro-11

Riley Fleming- 11

Aquinnah Maybee- 9

Dallas Garlow-11 Alexandria Kennedy- 11 Nyla Rivera-11 Tianna Thuman- 11 Joiise John- 12 Madeline Maybee- 12 Shatan Mohawk-12 Ava Waterman- 12 Keely WhitePigeon- 12

Silver Creek Central School District

MERIT ROLL

Zalachi DeJesus- 6 Lucian Gunther- 6 Illianna Willis- 6 Kailie Rybij-8 Ray Cortes-10 Vavda Stevens- 10 Autumn Wolff- 10 Tory Cook-11 Sincere Becker- 12

HONOR ROLL

Jessie George- 6 Alexander Rubeck- 6 Gracelin Stevens- 6 Daniel Thies- 6 Benjamin O'Dell-7 Molly Shaw- 7 Jalyn Smith-7 Ella Austin-8 Skyla Gates-8 Shylor Maybee-8 Mason Maybee- 10 Timothy Williams- 10 Kayla Johns-11 Jakeb Millar- 11 Maya Monroy-11 Jackson Williams- 11 Genevieve Balestrieri- 12 Jayce Balestrieri- 12 Roger Williams- 12



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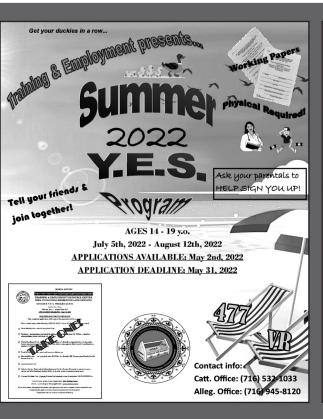
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Seneca Nation Higher Education Banquet

The annual Seneca Nation Higher Education College Banquet was held Thursday, May 19, 2022 with Trudy Jackson, Education Director presiding. Congratulatory words were given by President Matt Pagels and Councillor Tina Abrams.

Each graduate in attendance received well earned gifts presented by President Pagels, Councilor Abrams and Councilor Kennedy.

Ja:goh to all the Associates, Bachelors, Masters, PHD, and Juris Doctorate degree holders! A salad bar, dinner and cake were enjoyed by all attendees before the award ceremony



Ao'esad Hosashä:hoh!

Seneca Arts and Learning Center opened their doors 6 years ago! Wishing a happy 6 years from all our children and staff at the SALC!!!









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"

What is the Surrogate Court? | By Luana Jimerson

It is the judicial forum of the Nation that oversees the administration and settlement of a decedent's person's estate and resolves issues related to the administration of the estate.

Here are some questions that come up often with responses:

- 1) How do I begin an Estate?
- a. Fill out an intake form
- b. Provide a certified death certificate, copies of any deeds that the decedent may have
- c. Provide a family tree and copy of the Will if there is one, and
- d. Pay filing fee of \$25.00
- 2) What if I can't afford to pay the fees to begin an estate?

If you are unable to pay the filing fee plus \$45.00 additional fee for administration papers, person(s) are considered for a waiver of court costs if found indigent with an approved

application.

- 3) What if distribution by Seneca Nation Customs and Traditions ("Ten Day Feast") happened for the decedent?
- A "Ten Day Feast" form is submitted with the intake form and all necessary documents mentioned above.
- 4) Who should I call to begin an estate?

MEAKA GARLOW, COURT CLERK, Ext. 5486 between 7am and 3:30pm OR NADINE JIMERSON, COURT CLERK, Ext. 5492 between 8:00 am and 4:30pm @ (716)532-0024

The Surrogate Court conducts its hearings on Monday and Friday afternoons. The Peacemaker's Court conducts its hearings on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. The courtroom is reserved for the Court of Appeals on Wednesdays. Evening hours for court may be arranged on a case by case basis. Court fees may be paid with cash or credit card.

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Vocation Rehabilitation Update:

My name is Gail Kennedy and I am pleased to be the Seneca Nation Vocation Rehabilitation Intake Technician. I look forward to working with our program participants as I strive to provide superior customer service as we work together to complete the application process.

Through enhanced educational and employment opportunities, our participants can look forward to improved personal and financial self-reliance and exemplify the importance of learning and effort within their families.

If I can be of assistance, please feel free to contact me at 716-532-1033 ext. 5421. Nya:wëh!









Gaedzëönyok Quiz Bowl

On Thursday, May 19th the first Gaedzëönyok Quiz Bowl took place at the Steamburg Community Center sponsored by the Allegany Education Department, Seneca - Iroquois National Museum, Title IV Parent Committee and various artists in the community.

Bill Crouse emceed as Autumn Crouse, Sandy Dowdy and Mike Jones judged answers from contestants. Nine youths ranging from pre-school age to high school competed against each other in three different rounds. Music was provided by Old Bridge Singers during intervals and Ganönyok was given by Jake George.

The event was an effort to support and encourage Seneca Language in a fun family setting. Sponsors hope to hold more events that spur and foster a love of learning our language.

Dylan Maybee, age 7, walked away as the top winner with an iPad, his younger sibling Skye, age 6, came in at 2nd with a Google chrome book and Naressa Stahlman, age 5, chose markers as her winnings. "It's truly inspiring to see the youth learning and speaking the language. It brings me joy to see how much it means to our elders," says Brett Maybee.







National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week, Rising to the Challenge

The Seneca Nation recognizes National Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week, May 15-22. EMS Week is an opportunity to honor those frontline heroes dedicated to providing emergency services that saves so many lives everyday.

Seneca EMS was formed in 2019 to provide the highest level of care outside the pre-hospital setting. On staff paramedics give the highest level of

medical care and treatments outside of a hospital setting. Care and technology provide coverage to patients while en-route to cardiac or stroke facilities. With both territories located in rural areas that do not have immediate access to a hospital, Seneca EMS Chief Michelle Redeye wanted to provide 24 hour care. To date, Seneca EMS has served over 5,000 patients between the Cattaraugus and Allegany territories with numbers continuing to grow daily.

"The future of Seneca EMS on Seneca Territory is always having an ambulance available when people need it. That's the biggest issue we see now. When the call volume climbs, we need to meet that demand," shares Councillor Presley Redeye, Fire Chief.

Many local fire halls and EMS services are dependent on volunteers whom work during the day, Seneca EMS is ready and always on call for not only members on territory but for the surrounding communities as well. "It takes Seneca EMS 90 seconds or less to respond. Our crews are upstairs making it possible to get to our patients in a timely manner," explains Joni Jackson, Operations Manager.

Dr. Joe Bartz, Medical Director Seneca EMS, ECMC, who has been

Seneca Fire Members Get Certified - Allegany Territory

Submitted by Rory Crouse

During the week of May 9th, seven (7) members from Seneca Fire – Allegany Territory, became certified in two different safety courses. Lead by New York State Fire Instructors, the training was held at the South Dayton Fire Department. In total, 40 members from various Cattaraugus County fire departments attended and became certified. They obtained certification in the following:

Traffic Incident Management System

All emergency response personnel who respond to incidents on

the roadway are eligible to earn this certification to demonstrate that they have obtained the knowledge, skills, and abilities required to properly discharge duties like positioning blocking



vehicles, setting up a traffic incident management area, deploying and removing temporary traffic control devices, and conducting manual traffic control.

Highway Safety for Emergency Responders

Learn to recognize the potential and existing hazards while operating on or near a highway. Participants learned the elements of a safe work zone while understanding the need for multi-agency incident command.



involved with developing the program says "Seneca EMS exceeds the scope of the surrounding organizations. I use the word 'exemplary' because Seneca EMS is following along the standards and the expectations that other medical organizations would want to make an example for themselves."

Sandy Jemison, EMS patient, suffered a heart attack in the middle of the night. While in excruciating pain, her family

came to her aid and called for help. By the time Ms. Jemison was able to make to her way to her living room, Seneca EMS was already on-site. Paramedics supported her emotionally, mentally and physically which she credits to saving her life. "Having the ambulance there and going when I did really saved my life," says Ms. Jemison.

"I'm proud of the team I have. They're highly trained individuals that do what they have to do in a timely manner and provide the highest level of care to patients on our territory" says Ms. Redeye, EMS Chief.

** The stories of those impacted by the Seneca EMS team are many, and prove just how crucial their service is to our community. Seneca Media & Communications Center spent some time talking to these heroes and listened to the powerful testimonies of those helped by Seneca EMS. Nya:wëh every day to our Seneca EMS squads. Please check this link on YouTube to learn more

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQIiroiLS-Y



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Call for artists!

@asiwny is inviting artists to submit proposals for a public art mural project to be placed on view at Niagara Falls State Park. Interested applicants can find proposal details as well as application requirements at the link: https://www.asiwny.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Niagara-Falls-State-Park-CALL-FOR-ARTISTS.pdf



Seneca Nation Commemorates Signing of Buffalo Creek Treaty of 1842 Treaty restored Seneca lands, affirmed Nation's sovereignty



WEST SENECA, N.Y. – Leaders from the Seneca Nation and other dignitaries and guests gathered today to commemorate the historic significance of the Buffalo Creek Treaty of 1842 at a commemoration event in West Seneca.

The treaty forever shaped the history of the Seneca Nation, and that of Western New York.

Signed between the Seneca Nation and the United States at a location in what is now known as West Seneca, the Buffalo Creek Treaty of 1842 restored Seneca possession of the Nation's Cattaraugus and Allegany territories after an earlier, manipulated treaty attempted to stake claim to all Seneca lands and relocate the Seneca people to present day Kansas. The Buffalo Creek Treaty of 1842 further affirmed that the Seneca Nation will never be subject to taxation on Indian-owned lands.

This year marks the 180th year of the treaty, and Seneca Nation President Matthew Pagels found significance in that number.

"Things could have gone 180 degrees in another direction for the Seneca people, Onondowagah, as we are known in our traditional language," he said. "Had others gotten their earlier wish, the Seneca Nation – the Seneca people – wouldn't even be here. The Seneca people would have been whitewashed out of Western New York. What would this region look like today without us? Instead, our Seneca ancestors stood firm. And here we are today, 180 years later, because of their strength."

Today, the Seneca Nation consists

of five distinct territories: the Allegany Territory, 31,095 acres along the Allegany River, including the city of Salamanca; the Cattaraugus Territory, 22,011 acres of land along Cattaraugus Creek near Lake Erie; the Oil Spring Territory, one square mile in Cuba, New York; the Niagara Territory, 50 acres of land in downtown Niagara Falls, New York, where Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino is located; and the Buffalo Creek Territory, nine acres of land in downtown Buffalo, where Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino is located.

The Nation has made countless contributions to the history, culture and economy of Western New York, and today stands as one of the region's most significant economic engines, employing thousands of workers among its business enterprises and government operations.

Article 9 of the Buffalo Creek Treaty of 1842 clearly states that the United States agrees to "protect such lands of the Senecas with the state of New York as may from time to time remain in their possession from all taxes, and assessments for roads, highways and other purposes until such lands shall be sold and conveyed by said Indians and possession thereof shall be relinquished by them."

Seneca Nation Councillor Tina Abrams acknowledged, and reminded all in

attendance, that,
despite the promises
made in the Buffalo
Creek Treaty of 1842
and other treaties
and agreements
signed throughout
history, and despite
the many indelible
contributions the
Nation has made, the
challenges brought
against the Seneca
Nation and all Native
Nations in the United

States continue

to this day.

"The fight that our ancestors fought — for our identity, our land and our sovereignty — is a fight that we still fight, and will always fight," she said. "History, as we know, has a way of repeating itself. From Buffalo Creek to the Kinzua Dam, attempts at illegal taxation to the unconscionable freezing of our bank accounts, the attacks against our people, our way of life and our very existence have never stopped. But, just like the waters of Buffalo Creek, we are still here, we are still



strong and we will never relent."

The commemoration ceremony also included traditional Seneca music and dancing. Today's event was the first commemoration ceremony held since 2019, before the coronavirus pandemic forced the event's cancellation in 2020 and 2021.

President Pagels offered a message of hope that future generations of Seneca will continue to gather and commemorate the treaty as a reminder of its meaning and significance, of the strength and perseverance of the Seneca people throughout history, and as a collective obligation to always defend their sovereignty.

"Our presence will stand as testament that our treaties and agreements are living history, rooted in the recognition of our sovereignty," he added. "Because of our ancestors, and through those of us here today and those who come after us, Onondowagah will live on across the generations - forever."



SPORTS

Ja:goh Ezra Stahlman

Photo credit: Mark Murphy

Ja:goh Ezra Stahlman (Allegany Territory, Seneca Hawk clan), a Freshman at Herkimer College who was named All Mountain Valley Conference! Ezra, midfielder for the Generals, had 7 goals and 4 assists for 11 points. He added 20 ground balls and won 22 faceoffs.







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 **Tri-Country Country Club** Where:



- \$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
- 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.



SIX NATIONS AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY **GOLF FUNDRAISER**

SUNDAY, JULY 31, 2022

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

11:00am **Registration Opens**

Lunch available 11:30am

1:00pm **Shotgun**

Dinner 6:00pm

\$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.





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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

Ja:goh Miya Scanlan May 14, 2022 | Jacksonville Women's Lacrosse

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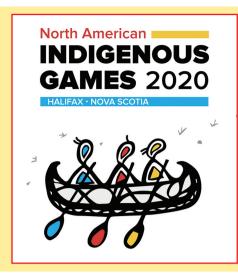
Ja:goh Miya Scanlan (Cattaraugus Territory, Seneca Wolf clan) and the Jacksonville Dolphins who played in the NCAA Women's Lacrosse Championship on Friday, May 13.



Miya scored a behind the back goal; which landed her on ESPN's SportsCenter TOP 10 in the #4 spot.

View the play here: https://twitter.com/JAX_WLAX/status/ 1525465549790228482?fbclid=IwAR3zVJahi8FkmSqF6HgBEV w9eaHYHgww65AOdlhQClmC1z34Z4KJzk-di-o





Refund Notice: Attention NAIG athletes who paid their registration fee for the 2020 games! | Submitted by Mary Jacobs

A refund has been received and refunds will be issued on June 22, 2022 from Noon to 6pm at the Stanley Huff Heritage Center. Please bring your copy of receipt if you're able to. If for any reason you cannot locate your receipt, please be advised we do have a copy of all paid registration fees. A future NAIG meeting TBA for July 2022 - Stay tuned!

PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD.



Seneca, Onondaga groups gather at WVDP for Earth Day | May 10, 2022 | salamancapress.com

WEST VALLEY — The Cattaraugus Creek Water Walkerz and Onondowaga' Water Protectors began this year's Earth Day event at the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) in Ashford.

This annual Earth Day event pays tribute to Mother Earth and brings attention to the importance of protecting the Cattaraugus Creek and Lake Erie watershed for future generations.

The WVDP is an appropriate starting point due to its proximity to the Nation Territory and ongoing cleanup efforts to reduce environmental risks.

Walkers from the Seneca Nation, local community and visitors gathered to participate in a sunrise ceremony to kickoff the event.

"Water is life," said Maria Maybee, Seneca Nation tribal member and event coordinator. "It is so important to us as a people, as well as every living thing on Mother Earth. Each step taken today is a prayer for healing of the waters as we come together as one to protect our environment. This event reminds us that we only have one environment; and therefore, it is up to all of us to do our part in protecting it for future generations."

As the sun started to rise, Maybee asked everyone to make a circle as a symbol of togetherness. Tobacco was distributed to everyone, which was used to communicate one's prayers to the spirits. After the initial prayer, each person in the circle used their own words and prayer to thank Mother Earth for all that she provides.

This included prayers for employees at the WVDP to be safe as they continue their mission to reduce the legacy nuclear risks at the site. A traditional water song welcomed the sun as it rose in the sky shedding its light upon everything that is good.

After the ceremony, participants walked several miles to the overlook bridge where some spread their tobacco and prayers to Mother Earth.

The next leg of the water walk was then continued back on the Seneca Territory with a larger

group of participants.

On May 1, participants from the Nation and surrounding communities conducted a clean on the Cattaraugus Creek using kayaks and rafts in the water and other volunteers on the shoreline.

"We enjoy the many offerings Mother Earth provides; from the water we drink, the fish, deer, and vegetables we eat. It is important that we protect these natural resources from harm, especially for future generations so they too can benefit from these offerings, Water is Life," Maybee said

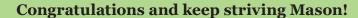


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Ja:goh Mason Snyder!

National Junior Honor Society Inductee Photo credit: Mason's family

Ja:goh Mason Snyder, son of Megan Torres and Shadow Snyder of Cattaraugus Territory. Mason was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society at Lake Shore Middle School. Mason maintains his grades as well as participating in various sports in and outside of school.







Nearly New Boutique adds large Native New section

By Kellen M. Quigley | May 8, 2022 | salamancapress.com





Left: Volunteer Flip White stands by a display of unique, one-of-a-kind handmade purses on display in the Native New section of the **Nearly New Boutique on Center Street**. <u>Right</u>: Native New occupies half of the shop with Nearly New on the other side.

Photo credit: Deb Everts, Salamanca Press

SALAMANCA — Nearly New Boutique has evolved into something more and keeps growing. Located at 197 Center St. in the Center Street Plaza, Native New has recently been added and occupies half of the shop.

The store is owned by Agwadeyësta' Do:gë:h, "We learn together" in Seneca, a nonprofit group of community volunteers dedicated to revitalizing the Seneca language and culture. The majority of proceeds go directly toward the future of the Faith Keeper School and its Montessori Seneca Language Nest.

Officially opening as a nonprofit store in August 2018, Nearly New is a community-based initiative that has been providing a selection of affordable clothing, accessories and home goods that have been generously donated for a cause. The Native New section has enhanced the store's merchandise with new products created by Native American artists.

Volunteer Flip White said the majority of proceeds from sales on both sides of the store are distributed to the Agwadeyësta' Do:gë:h organization to help support the Seneca language and culture projects.

"We always wanted to have a Native section in the store so we recently added Native New. Everything is new on that side of the store," he said. "We buy this merchandise new. It's not donated."

Consultant Emily Cooper of the Allegany Territory works with the nonprofit organization and has been instrumental in the store's public appeal. She said her main objective is helping to modernize the store and change it around to bring people in, because it's so much more than a store.

Cooper is the connection between the store and the artists who have their work on display on the Native New side. Through her marketing and advertising skills, she's been promoting the new section and working to give exposure not only to the artists, but also to the store and the cause.

"I explain what we are, what we do and why we want to bring them onboard," she said. "I try to convince them to bring their art into our community and to the store."

As with the Nearly New portion of the store, proceeds from the Native New merchandise also go to the same cause to help fund Seneca language and culture projects, mostly at the Faith Keepers School.

WHITE SAID the

Agwadeyësta' Do:gë:h group applied for a grant to benefit the Faith Keepers School and they were awarded a large, five-year grant. He said the goal is to provide teacher assistants to take over the classrooms in the afternoon, so the teaching staff can go into an immersion language class to learn more of the Seneca language. The grant allows them to fund two more teachers who have Montessori certification.

"We are trying to increase the amount of time that our language is spoken in the classroom. The goal isn't to just speak Seneca; we also want the kids to learn subjects like math, science and history in the Seneca language," he said. "It's a five-year project, so each year there's an incremental increase that we have to achieve. We are ending our second year in June."

Current enrollment at the Faith Keepers School is 18 to 20 students that are age 3 to 6, White said. He said, after the five-year grant, they'll be able to expand and have classrooms for kids age three to 12 years old.

White said the nonprofit, language program and related projects are much larger than the school itself. He said language nests are being developed to include those at the Cattaraugus Territory that has made remarkable progress.

"There are maybe 35 to 40 people who speak the Seneca language fluently, but that's where the immersion comes into play," he said. "We are trying to get more and more people to a proficient level. There are eight stages of language lost and we are in the last stage, next to basically losing it."

White said the organization recently started a scholarship program. He said people can apply for small, startup (Continued on next page)



The Nearly New, Native New store has a vibrant new look as shown by the wall mural.

Nearly New Boutique - CONTINUED

scholarships up to \$1,000 as long as they have funding. In return, they ask the recipient to volunteer 24 hours of their time at the store over the next year.

To thank the community for their support, White said the Agwadeyësta' Do:gë:h members do a soup and biscuits dinner at the store in the fall around Thanksgiving. He said it's free

and they provide about 250 servings of all kinds of soups, biscuits, treats, cookies and candy for the kids. There is also a money give-away.

"We want people to come down and see what we've done. We are doing what Salamanca needs," he said.

The store is open Thursday

and Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To donate items, stop by the store during open hours. All donations should be gently worn or used and fairly priced. Corn soup can be purchased at the store most weeks on Saturdays.

To find out more, call (716) 244-0431. Additional

information about Agwadeyësta' Do:gë:h can be found online at agwadeyestadogeh.com. Learn more about the Faith Keepers School online at faithkeepermontessori.com.

Source: https://www. salamancapress.com/news/nearlynew-boutique-adds-large-nativenew-section/article_218779d8cf92-11ec-9072-d363dedabd73.html

Congratulations Alyana!

Submitted by Lesley Zurek

Ja:goh Alyana Leighann Jimerson, (Allegany Territory, Seneca Wolf clan), graduated on May 13, 2022 with her Juris Doctor from Michigan State University College of Law.



She is the daughter of Shannon (Dustin) George and Jared John. Alyana is the granddaughter of Judy and the late Ronald D. Jimerson, Marilyn and Chad George and Nancy and Steve Frank.

Alyana also received an **Indigenous Law Certificate** from MSU Law's Indigenous Law and Policy Center, a nationally recognized program. She served on MSU's Native American Law Students Association (NALSA) Executive Board and on the



National NALSA Executive Board. Alyana served as a mentor for first year Native law students.

Alyana is scheduled to take the New York Bar Exam in July. She is



actively seeking her next role as a Practicing Attorney. She is looking forward to serving Indian Country in the near future. She would like to thank her family, friends and community for their support and love during her educational path.



Reminder: Highbanks Campground JUNE Promotions! Submitted by Judy Farmer, General Manager, Highbanks Campground

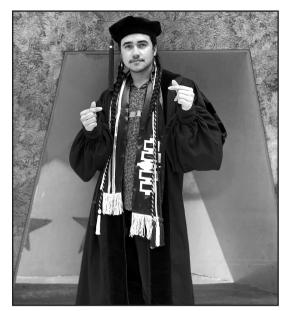






Congratulations Elias Fox Schmidt!

Submitted by David Bova



Elias Fox Schmidt, grandson of David Bova, graduated from the University of Buffalo School of Law with a Juris Doctor. He won the Lavender Gavel award for leadership in the LGBTQ community and was inducted into the order of the Coif, which is an academic honor society denoting top 10% of class. He graduated with a 3.93 out of 4.0 GPA. He was President and founder of the Native & Indigenous Law Student Association. He was selected for a Reproductive Justice Fellowship with If/When/How and will be working at Spark Reproductive Justice Now in Atlanta, GA starting in September. He is the son of Fawn and David Schmidt of Amherst, NY. Well done. Ja:goh!

New Board of Education Members

Ja:goh to all the candidates that ran and those that won a seat on the following Districts Board of Education:

Gowanda District - John Y. Waterman, Jr.: elected with 197 votes and Barbara Weston: elected with 191 votes.

<u>Salamanca City</u> - **Donald (Flip) White**: elected with 199 votes, will serve a term beginning May 18, 2022—June 30, 2023.

Pine Valley - Josh Howard: Re-elected with 138 votes, sitting until 2025.





L to R: Barbara Weston, John Waterman, Jr., Donald 'Flip' White, Josh Howard.

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.**



NATIONAL MUSEUM

EVERY FRIDAY STARTING JUNE 24TH - AUGUST 26TH 11AM-2PM.

VENDORS WILL SETUP IN THE SINM PARKING LOT

FOR ALL VENDOR INQUIRIES PLEASE CALL FALLON SNYDER 716-945-1790 X3114

Reminder Seneca Nation Offices & Buildings will BE CLOSED:

Wednesday, June 15th for Seneca Nation President's Day.

NO EMPTY CHAIR: Prom Safety Event - Gowanda High School

Rebekah Moraites, Gowanda High School Principal along with Gowanda High School hosted a **NO EMPTY CHAIR**: Prom Safety Event during the school day on Thursday, May 12, 2022. Prom is an exciting event, and GHS wants to ensure that their students prioritize health and safety during prom season. Cattaraugus County Deputy Shields, Gowanda P.D Officers Fitzpatrick & Kehr, Seneca Fire, Seneca EMS, Gowanda F.D. and Gowanda Special Ops recreated an accident scene and performed an extrication demonstrating the various tools used during rescue and recovery. The purpose of this event is to minimize underage drinking and potential DWIs after prom and also demonstrate the consequences of a bad decision.

Gowanda Thespian Society students portrayed scene actors, moulage makeup by Seneca EMS Joni Jackson, GHS Counseling Department was on hand to provide

emotional
support as
needed, and
Just Tow It
coordinated,
delivered, and
retrieved two
cars for use
during the
event.





NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ESTATE OF VERNA NEPHEW

Administrator: Renee L. Jimerson, P.O. Box 198, Versailles, NY 14168 ~ Allegany Territory - 1st Notice ~

ESTATE OF BARBARA HUFF

Co-Executors: (3 listed) Julie Jimerson - P.O. Box 25, Versailles, NY 14168, Roberta Jones - P.O. Box 35, Versailles, NY 14168, Wendy Huff - 11915 Burning Springs Rd., Perrysburg, NY 14129 ~ Cattaraugus Territory - 1st Notice ~

ESTATE OF BETHANY HUFF

Administrator: Leigh Snow, 12133 Van Vleck Rd., Perrysburg, NY 14129 ~ Cattaraugus Territory - 1st Notice ~

ESTATE OF CHERYL A. REDEYE

Administrator: Nakida Redeve, 5653 Humphrey Rd., Great Valley, NY 14741 ~ Allegany Territory - 1st Notice ~

ESTATE OF DEANNA WATERMAN

Administrator: Amber Lewis, 67 Wilson St., Salamanca, NY 14779 ~ Allegany Territory - 2nd Notice ~

ESTATE OF MICHELE A. WILLIAMS

Administrator: Lauryn Williams, 11900 Brant Reservation Rd., Brant, NY 14027 ~ Allegany Territory - 2nd Notice ~

ESTATE OF DANIEL HUFF

Administrator: Dorcus Mohawk, 13732 Route 438, Gowanda, NY 14070 ~ Cattaraugus Territory - 2nd Notice ~

Seneca Nation of Indians SURROGATE'S COURT

Cattaraugus & Allegany Territory

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

Administrator/Executor or the Clerk, and the estate may pay only those claims presented. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Grandparents' Club

Upcoming Events:

COLD PLATE SALE

Date: Friday, June 3, 2022 | Time: 11am - Sold Out Location: In front of Cattaraugus Indian Reservation Health Center, 36 Thomas Indian School Drive, Irving, NY

\$10.00: Hotdog or cheeseburger or hamburger, baked beans, potato salad or macaroni salad, fruit cup, desert, and ice-cold bottled water

BAKE & YARD SALE

<u>Date</u>: **Saturday**, **June 11**, **2022** | <u>Time</u>: 9am – 3pm Location: 12665 Route 438, Irving, NY (Nearest crossroads are Route 438 & Brant-Reservation Road)

Treat yourself to some treats and find fantastic treasures from a wide variety of items.

The Grandparents' Club, a grassroots community-based organization, whose goals and objectives promote positive relationships between elders and youth, particularly in the areas of fitness and affirmative life skills. We always welcome new members to our group. For more information, please call Mrs. Marguerite Haring at (716) 549-4710.

Newsletter Deadline:

The deadline for the next edition of the SNI Newsletter will be Tuesday, May 31, 2022.

Next issue to be dated June 10, 2022.

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

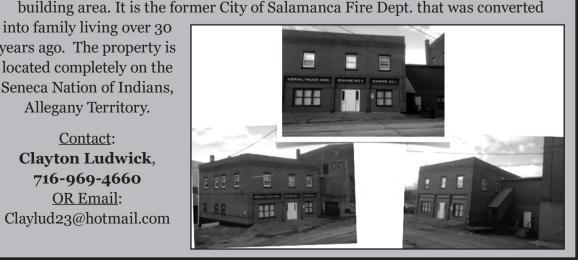
RAYMOND & ELLA JIMERSON

JULY 4th | 12PM - 5PM FOOD | GAMES | MUSIC

EVANGOLA STATE PARK PAVILLION 4-A

For info Contact: Treet: 716.984.6784

Irene: 716.449.4993 Lisa: 716.949.9492 FAMILY FRIENDLY | NO DRUGS | NO ALCOHOL years ago. The property is located completely on the Seneca Nation of Indians, Allegany Territory. **Contact:** Clayton Ludwick, 716-969-4660 OR Email:



Simply HR ~ April

New Hires

Colleen Nephew

Clinical Nurse, CIRHC April 4, 2022

Dora Jacobs

Child & Family Services Admin. Assistant, LRJHC April 18, 2022

Jesse Armstrong

Part-time Driver, LRJHC April 25, 2022

Vanessa Mayer

Part-time Certified Coder, LRJHC April 25, 2022

Transfers

Jessica Prior

Per Diem Nurse, CIRHC March 14, 2022

Samantha Mohawk

Patient Benefits Specialist, CIRHC Transfer Date TBD

Welcome to the health system team!



REMINDER:

Seneca Nation Health System will be closed:

Monday, May 30th Memorial Day

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

Nya:weh



Don't forget to visit our website!



senecahealth.org



All vaccinated people ages 12 and older should get vaccine boosters.



COVID vaccines continue to work very well at preventing severe illness, hospitalization, and death. A booster shot is an extra dose that helps keep up your protection.

Get your 1st booster as soon as you're eligible:

- · 2 months after your single dose of Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine
- 5 months after your 2nd dose of Pfizer-BioNtech or Moderna vaccine

Certain people can get more than 1 booster. Learn more at cdc.gov/coronavirus.

Remember to bring your CDC COVID Vaccination Record card when you go for your booster shot.

Find free vaccines near you:

- Visit vaccines.gov
- Text your ZIP code to 438829
- · Call 1-800-232-0233
- Scan the QR code



Quick Tips for Your Health

Reduce Stress—Everyone feels stressed from time to time. Stress can give you a rush of energy when it's needed most. But if stress lasts a long time—a condition known as chronic stress—those "high-alert" changes become harmful rather than helpful. Learning healthy ways to cope with stress can also boost your resilience.

To help manage stress:

- **Get enough sleep.** Adults need 7 or more hours each night, school-age kids need 9–12, and teens need 8–10.
- Exercise regularly. Just 30 minutes a day of walking can boost mood and reduce stress.



- **Set priorities.** Decide what must get done and what can wait. Say no to new tasks if you feel they're too much.
- **Show compassion for yourself.** Note what you've accomplished at the end of the day, not what you didn't.
- Schedule regular times for a relaxing activity that uses mindfulness/breathing exercises like yoga or tai chi.
- **Seek help.** Talk to a mental health professional if you feel unable to cope, have suicidal thoughts, or use drugs or alcohol to cope.

Source: https://www.nih.gov/health-information/emotional-wellness-toolkit

HEALTH May 27, 2022

SNHS Employee Spotlight

Lori Koniak is a prevention specialist for the prevention department in the Behavioral Health Unit. Her office is located at the Lionel R. John Health Center. She worked for Child and Family Services for 17 years and has been with the prevention team for 1 year.

We asked what she likes best about her job and what her job duties are. She says, "I feel that we have a really great Prevention team. Duties include community outreach, education, and family fun events. We are currently

working to open our Allegany Clubhouse for teens as well as a Daughters of Traditions Group."

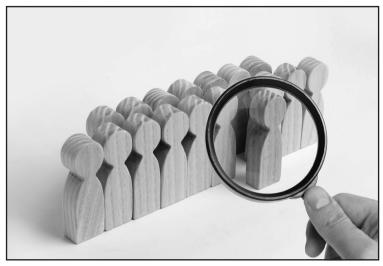
What is the most beneficial/ inspirational part of her position? She says, "Hosting our family events and working with kids on character education and the dangers of drugs, alcohol and tobacco use. There are always new ideas and upcoming projects to look forward to."

Lori grew up in Salamanca and graduated from Salamanca High School. She went to Genesee Community College for an associate of applied science (A.A.S.) in human services. Then ten

(A.A.S.) in human services. Then ten years later she completed a bachelor of science (B.S.) degree in human services through SUNY Empire College.

> We asked what she likes to do in her spare time. She says, "Crafting, working out, golfing, kayaking, camping, and spending time with my family and friends."

> Is there a favorite quote or words/advice she lives by? "I have 2 quotes that I try to live



by. 1. "Be somebody that makes everyone feel like somebody" and 2. "Strive to be the best you can be...at your own pace."

We asked her if there is something interesting or extraordinary about herself that she would like people to know: She said "I like to sing karaoke which I am really bad at it; and when I retire, I want to travel overseas and go RV'ing around the United States."

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

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!!

AOA Elders Corner | Submitted by Melissa Shaw, SNI AOA Outreach Coordinator

AOA Elders Resource Fair

Tuesday, June 21st, 11am-2pm

Seneca Fire Hall - 12879 Route 438, Irving, NY

<u>Valuable Information and Resources for Elders & Caregivers</u>: Medicare, Healthy Living, Legal, Financial, SNI and Government Resources

- Free Weidner's Chicken BBQ & Azalia's Juices.
- Awesome Giveaways.
- Tons of Free Raffle Prizes.
- Free Chair Massages.
- Free Gift for first 50 Elders.
- For Elders age 60 & up and their caregivers.

For more information, please call Melissa Shaw at (716)532-5777.



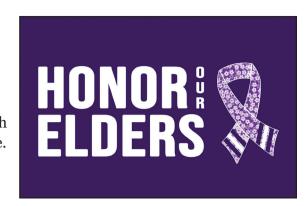




Wear Purple June 15th - For Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Elders are an important part of our community. They are our wisdom keepers and first teachers. Elders deserve our respect and protection. Sadly, elder abuse most often occurs at home and by family members or caregivers. Most cases of elder abuse are undetected, under-reported, and unresolved.

On June 15th, show that you care by wearing purple. Help raise awareness of this important and often overlooked issue. Reach out to elders in your life. Show that you cherish and appreciate them. If you or someone you know is experiencing



abuse, neglect, or exploitation - please reach out for help:

- In cases of immediate danger call 911.
- To report abuse or neglect at home: Call NYS Adult Protective Services (844) 697-3505
- To report nursing home abuse or neglect: Call NYS Long-term Care Ombudsman Program (855) 582-6769
- Seneca Nation Crime Victim Services: (716) 532-8339 or email sncvservices@sni.org
- 24/7 Victim Services Hotline: (716) 532-8185

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Eat Healthy, Be Active Workshops at SNI AOA Elder Centers

What is it?

A 3-week nutrition series where participants learn the skills needed to make healthy eating part of their lifestyle.

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Geneca Nation Disability Geroices & 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. igible for in-home care, from some

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	<u>Cattaraugus</u>		
83 Wildwood Ave	533 Amherst St	210 TIS Ext		
Salamanca, NY 14779	Buffalo NY 14207	Irving, NY 14081		
6/23/22 <i>@</i> 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!





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 @ lpm	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!

What will I learn?

- · Healthy Eating Patterns that reduce the risk of chronic disease and obesity.
- · Reading your food packages
- Making quick and healthy meals
- Eating healthy on a budget
- Cooking for a 1-2 person house

Who should attend?

Residents of Chautauqua, Cattaraugus and Allegany County or the Seneca Nation territories who are 60 years of age or older, and their families.

Seneca Allegany Elders Center Workshops- 3644 Administrative Drive, Salamanca, NY

- Wednesday, June 1st at 2pm
- · Wednesday, June 8th at 2pm
- Wednesday, June 22nd at 2pm

Wini Kettle Senior Center Workshops- 26 Thomas Indian School Drive, Irving, NY

- Tuesday, July 5th at 1:30pm
- Tuesday, July 12th at 1:30pm
- Tuesday, July 19th at 1:30pm
- Tuesday, July 26th at 1:30pm



CORNING MUSEUM OF GLASS

FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH BUS DEPARTS BOTH AOA'S AT 8:30 A.M.

Approximate return time is 6 p.m.

Admission and glass blowing are pay on your own (Approximate cost is \$55) Bag lunch and drinks provided

Sign yourself up at AOA. Space is limited to 15 Elders from each Territory



JUNE 2022 Activities - Seneca Allegany Elder Center

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ELDER CENTER HOURS MON-FRI 8:30-AM-7PM SAT-SUN 10AM-3PM	FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT NANCY OR DORSIE AT 716-945-8990	SUBJECT TO CHANGE	1 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-1 NO CARD CLASS 2-3 NUTRITION WORKSHOP 5-7 Computer Room	2 9-10 Coffee Hour 12-1 LUNCH 1-3 BINGO 4-7 Computer Room	3 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-1 Coloring 2-4 Scrabble 5-7 Leisure Time	4 10-11 Coffee Hour 12-2 FATHER'S DAY TILE ART
5 10-11 Coffee Hour 12-2 Computer Room	6 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-12 Coloring 1-3 Scrabble 5-7 Computer Room	7 9-10 Coffee Hour 11–12 Seneca 1-3 Puzzle Books 4-6 MAXE CRAZE	8 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-1 CARD CLASS 2-3 NUTRITION WORKSHOP 5-7 Computer Room	9 9-10 Coffee Hour 12-1 LUNCH 1-3 BINGO 4-5 Leisure Time	10 9-10 Coffee Hour 11-1 Scrabble 2-4 FATHER'S DAY CRAFT 5-7 Computer Room	11 10-11 Coffee Hour 12-2 Scrabble
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June 2022

AOA Nutritional Menu AOA Daily Trips Allegany Territory **AOA Daily Trips** Cattaraugus Territory

USDA Schedule

	Menu	Allegany T	Cattaraugus Territory		
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday Thursday	
	AOA Menu	Allegany Trips	1 Philly Steak & Cheese	2	3 Grilled Chicken
For Allegany: Call 716-945-8414 For Cattaraugus: Call 716-532-5777 to make a reservation or		SATURDAY Trip • June 11th Allentown Art Festival Buffalo, NY	Sliders, Potato Wedges Green Beans Healthy Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting	Roast Pork w/Gravy Dinner Roll Roasted Potatoes & Peas Cookie	Strawberry Poppyseed Salad Carrot Sticks w/Hummus Dinner Roll, Ice Cream
	ancel a meal by 3:30pm the day prior to the meal.	Depart at 10:30am • Trips Depart Elder Center	BINGO - Irving Fire Hall Depart at 5:15pm	Kings Green House Olean, NY	The "BIG" Walmart Hamburg, NY
	Menu subject to change Enjoy a 1/2 pint of milk	at 2pm unless otherwise noted	Wegmans - 1pm	Quaker Crossing - 1pm	Red Lobster - 1pm
s	served w/each meal	• Sign-up by 9am the day of: 716-945-8414	Call in Order 9am - 3:30pm	Call in Order 9am - 3:30pm	Call in Order 9am - 3:30pm
6	Pepperoni & Vegetable Pizza Side Salad Cinnamon Peaches	7 Ranch Chicken Green Beans Brown Rice Mandarin Oranges	Sloppy Joe on a Bun Buttered Corn Potato Salad Fresh Fruit	Father's Day Meal Chicken BBQ Broccoli Apple Salad Biscuit & Strawberry Cake	Italian Sausage Sandwich w/Grilled Onions & Peppers Macaroni Salad Watermelon
	Home Depot Olean, NY	Food Truck Tuesday Buffalo - Depart at 3:45pm	Beads Beads Beads Irving, NY	Pet Smart Jamestown, NY	Corning Museum of Glass \$55 fee - Depart at 8:30am
	Scenic Ride 1pm	Bison Billards Pool Hall 12:30pm	Wal-Mart - 1pm	Sunset Grill - 1pm	Corning Museum of Glass Depart at 8:30am
	cattaraugus - call to place our order for timely delivery	Delivery to Oaktree & Newtown	Delivery to Indian Hill & Pinewoods	Delivery to Ozarks, Gowanda & Dayton	Delivery to Irving
13	Fettuccine Alfredo Broccoli tDinner Roll Oatmeal Cookie	Breaded Crispy Fish Sandwich Sweet Potato Wedge Coleslaw Fresh Fruit	Sites CLOSED	Traditional Meal Green Bean Soup Roll Watermelon Strawberry Juice	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Tossed Salad Dinner Roll Cinnamon Peaches
	Aldi's & Big Lots Bradford, PA	Out to Movies - Jamestown 1/2 Off Popcorn & Drinks	Seneca Nation	Outback Steakhouse Depart 3:30pm	Peaches N' Cream Randolph, NY
	Teds Hotdogs 1pm	Regal Movies 12:30pm	President's	Galleria Mall - 1pm	LongHorn Steak House 1pm
	llegany - call to place your order for timely delivery	Delivery to Sr. Complex & Salamanca	Day	Delivery to Jimtown	Delivery to Steamburg & Kill Buck
20	Crispy Chicken Fingers Sweet Potato Wedges Steamed Asparagus Ambrosia Fruit	Teriyaki Pork Wild Rice Blend Roasted Vegetables Lime Jell-O	Macaroni & Cheese Stewed Tomatoes Zucchini & Squash Blend Cinnamon Pears	23 <u>Birthday Party!</u> Oven-Baked Pork Chop Applesauce, Baked Potato Steamed Spinach Dinner Roll, Birthday Cake	Baked Parmesan Tilapia Sweet Potato Fries Corn Bread, Cabbage Apple Slaw, Cookie
	Brigiotta's Jamestown, NY	Elder Resource Fair - Catt Fire Hall - Depart at 10am		Niagara Fashion Outlets & Savor Rest Depart 10am	Cuba Gaming & Cheese Shop - Cuba, NY
	No Trip	Savers 1pm	Wal-Mart 1pm	Local Shopping 1pm	Local Shopping * 1pm
	Delivery to Olean	Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm	Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm	Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm	Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm
	Green Bean Casserole Glazed Carrots Biscuit Raspberry Sherbet Joe's Deli - Hertel Ave.	Pancakes with Fresh Berry Topping Greek Yogurt Bacon Wegmans - % Off Sr.	Manicotti w/Marinara Sauce Garden Salad Dinner Roll Chocolate Pudding BINGO - Irving Fire Hall	Broiled Fish Steamed Mixed Vegetables Coleslaw Yogurt Berry Parfait Reid's Food Barn	Cattaraugus Trips SATURDAY Trip • June 25th Buffalo Bison Ball Game • All passengers mus be Signed-up by 9am the day of trip
	Buffalo, NY Riders Choice	Discount - Jamestown, NY McKinley Mall Area	Depart at 5:15pm Wal-Mart	Olean, NY Local Banking	USDA
	1pm Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm	Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm	Call-in Order 9am - 3:30pm	No Distribution Inventory Day	210 TIS Ext., Irving Call 716-532-1028 , Ext 5446
			- Jam - J. Jopin -	Inventory Buy	UTT~



Onödowa'ga:' Gawë:nö' Pronunciation Key

a.....father **e**.....th<u>e</u>y **ä**......c<u>a</u>t **ë**.....m<u>e</u>n **i**.....pol<u>i</u>ce **o**.....n<u>o</u>te **d**.....dog **ö**.....own **u**.....tune **w**.....wash n.....not y.....yes **t**.....<u>t</u>ail g.....girl **k**.....kite **j**.....job **h**.....hat **s**.....<u>s</u>it š.....show tš.....chalk dz....adze :long vowel 'glottal stop



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