



The Official Newsletter of the SENECA NATION



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A message from President Matthew B. Pagels



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It is a great start to summer! We have exciting events happening this month. Our high school seniors will soon be high school graduates. Banquets honoring their accomplishments were held on both Territories last week. I was honored to be able to speak to our youth as they venture out into their future. We are very proud of their accomplishments and wish them well after graduation.

We are also proud of our athletes as some of our teams competed for the division

championship and others successfully moved forward into State championships. The Lake Shore/Silver Creek boys' lacrosse team won the Far West Regional Championship. Good luck Eagles as you move on to the NYS Semi Finals! Their hard work and dedication to their sport has paid off. Congratulations athletes, coaches, parents and fans for supporting each other!

The Seneca Nation Environmental Department recently contracted an agency to begin aerial spraying of the spongy moth (gypsy moth) on both Territories. As you may have noticed this invasive species is rather high this year and could cause major defoliation if left untreated.

We would like to send our prayers to the families in Uvalde, Texas. Although all mass shootings are horrific, it is extremely heartbreaking when young children are targeted. The Nation will review our policies and protocols to protect our Learning Centers and children.

Moving on to COVID 19

update, we continue to have an elevated number of COVID cases on both Territories. Please continue to get vaccinations and boosters to protect our community. While breakthrough cases occur, the symptoms are much less severe with the vaccination.

At home test kits are available at the Community Centers and Administration Buildings lobbies. Please contact the health centers or with EMS at (716)-220-2442 for an appointment.

**Have a great week and stay safe,
Matthew B. Pagels**



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

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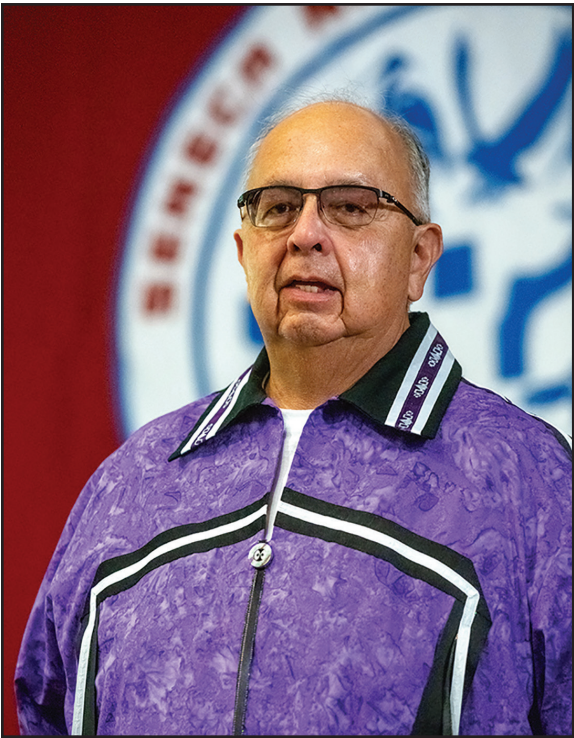


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Greetings,

I'd like to say an early Happy Father's Day to all of our fathers, grandfathers, uncles and mother's doing double duty. Being a father, a grandfather and a great-grandfather has been one of the most rewarding privileges I've had. Check the SNI website at sni.org for information about all of the upcoming events planned for celebrating Father's Day.

If you've been outside in the past couple of weeks, chances are you've been the victim of the gypsy moth caterpillars. Technically they don't bite, but the tiny hairs can cause a reaction on human skin which resembles a red bug bite. You've probably also seen the helicopters flying low over the territories. They are providing a treatment for the gypsy moth caterpillars to reduce the amount of damage they inflict on the surrounding foliage. I heard they were so bad last year - you could hear them chewing up the leaves on the trees. We're hopeful the spraying will help to control them.

The National Lacrosse League (NLL), which is currently comprised of fifteen franchises from the U.S. and Canada, was founded in 1986 and is hailed as the premier world professional lacrosse league. The playoff season for the 2022 NLL Cup, which began in early May, is the first finals to be played since the 2018-19 season. Playing in the 2022 east meets west finals, are the Buffalo Bandits, who finished their regular season with a 14-4 league best record and won their last NLL Cup in 2008 versus the Colorado Mammoth, who won their last NLL Cup in 2006. On June 4th, in the east meets west NLL finals, the Buffalo Bandits and the Colorado Mammoth squared off in game number one, at Buffalo. Even more exciting for all of us - we had two Senecas to root for! Frankie Brown from the Allegany Territory plays for the Buffalo Bandits and Zed Williams from the Cattaraugus Territory, plays

for the Colorado Mammoth. When it's all said and done, I know only one team will come out on top, but I was still rooting for both Seneca players! The Buffalo Bandits won game one with a score of fifteen to fourteen and the contest will continue on Saturday, June 11th, in Denver, CO.

In some lacrosse news even closer to home, I'd like to congratulate the Salamanca Warriors Varsity Boys for playing hard all season and making it to the Class D Championship game. The Warriors faced off against the Akron Tigers on June 1st, in West Seneca. In the second quarter, Salamanca had a five goal run, creating an 11-6 lead. They played their hearts out in the rain, but Akron took the win with a 22-18 victory. The team has two attackmen whom are Seniors and will be leaving the team soon, continuing on with their higher education goals. Austin Maybee had 65 goals, 19 assists, with 84 total points; while Tre Turner had 47 goals, 28 assists and 75 total points. Both have lacrosse commitments at their respective colleges. I'm very proud of our Salamanca Varsity Boys Lacrosse program and the hard work they continue to display each season!

Our area schools will be getting out soon for the summer break and it will be time for our Summer Recreation programs to begin.

For information and details about the ACC Summer Recreation Program, please call Ruth Atwood at (716) 945-8119; for the CCC Summer Recreation Program, please call Grant Stevens at (716) 532-850; and for the SCC Summer Recreation Program, please call Rachel Frank at (716) 354-4665.

Respectfully,
Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.



Zed Williams and Frank Brown ahead of Saturday's big game. Bandits will head to CO to advance. Photo credit - Buffalo Bandits

NEWS FROM THE CLERK'S OFFICE



Marta Kettle, Clerk
CATTARAUGUS 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:wěh!



Bethany Johnson, Deputy Clerk
ALLEGANY TERRITORY

Office will be set up the weekend of the Pow-Wow, July 15-17 for anyone who needs to complete their In-Person Registration.

EVENTS
• The Clerk's Office will be working in conjunction with AOA for the upcoming Elder Resource Fair on June 21, 2022 from 11-2 to be held at the Cattaraugus Fire Hall. We will have Clerks Office forms available and annuity cloth available for distribution. Please stop by to get your In-Person Registration completed.

• The Clerk's Office will be set up the weekend of the Pow-Wow, July 15-17 for anyone who needs to complete their In-Person Registration.

**Hours: Friday, July 15; 4-8 p.m.
Saturday, July 16; 10-7 p.m.
Sunday, July 17; 10-5 p.m.**

If your department has an event you would like the Clerks Office to attend, please reach out to Allegany Office: Lexus McClune @ 716-945-1790, ext. 3072 – Lexus.McClune@sni.org or Cattaraugus Office: Ashley Warrior @ 716-532-4900, ext. 5038 – Ashley.Warrior@sni.org

MASKS ARE ENCOURAGED UPON ENTRY TO ALL SENECA NATION BUILDINGS

Both the Allegany and Cattaraugus Clerk's Office have re-opened our doors with 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.

We are happy to announce the Allegany & Cattaraugus Clerk's Office are now accepting Credit/Debit Cards as a form of payment for ID's, utility bills, business & fishing licenses, etc.

ANNUITY CLOTH
ANNUITY CLOTH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP ANYTIME IN BOTH ALLEGANY & CATTARAUGUS CLERK'S OFFICES.

William Seneca Building – Cattaraugus Territory – (716) 532-4900

Cattaraugus Clerk's Office Staff
Marta Kettle – Clerk
Geraldine Huff, Executive Assistant (Notary Public)
Kelly Mohawk, Deeds Recorder
Leslie Cooke, Executive Secretary (Notary Public)
Tammi Stafford, Administrative Assistant (Notary Public)
Ashley Warrior, Administrative Assistant
Lori Waterman, Administrative Assistant
Dana Maybee, Business Permit Officer
Kayla Huff, Business Compliance Officer
Sarena Seneca, Receptionist

Seneca Allegany Administration Building - Allegany Territory – (716) 945-1790

Allegany Clerk's Office Staff
Bethany Johnson, Deputy Clerk (Notary Public)
Charisse Ground, Executive Secretary
Sue Case, Enrollment Officer
Kathleen “Yomie” Hill, Enrollment Assistant
Lexus McClune, Administrative Assistant
Amos Vogle, Administrative Assistant
Elizabeth John, Receptionist

The Buffalo Office Staff & Location - (716) 845-6304 or (716) 951-7555
Buffalo Office works in Conjunction with the Clerk's Office

Ramona Marion – Director
Stephanie Maybee – Administrative Assistant
Judson Logan - Tutor

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

VIRTUAL COUNCIL SESSIONS

The Seneca Nation will be utilizing the virtual online platform “GoToMeeting” for

the Council Sessions for enrolled members to have safe access to each Council meeting.

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

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

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

SN IDENTIFICATION CARDS
In order to update your photo on your Seneca Nation Identification Card, you must appear in person. All cards issued must have a current photo upon issuance.
\$7.00 per card
\$3.00 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 Clerk's 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. 5046.

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.

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

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

Seneca Nation and Dreamcatcher Foundation Host Bike Rodeo and Giveaway

The Seneca Nation partnered with Dreamcatcher Foundation to host a youth bike rodeo and safety fair at the Cattaraugus Community Center on May 25th and at the Allegany Community Center on May 26th. The Dream Catcher Foundation donated 100 youth bicycles (50 for each territory) in an effort to give back to Indigenous communities. The Seneca Nation Council Office purchased 100 helmets to go with the bikes to ensure safety. It was a great turn out with all bikes distributed to elementary-school-aged children.

The Dream Catcher Foundation was launched by professional racing cyclist Shayna Powless, Oneida, and her fiancé, professional football player for the Buffalo Bills Eli Ankou, Ojibwe. The Dream Catcher Foundation is committed to impacting the women and children of



Native American communities by providing resources and advocacy for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW). Their advocacy programs are intended to bring awareness to the fight against human trafficking and violence. The foundation is also an advocate for Indigenous youth programs. The Dream Catcher Foundation is part of Athletes + Causes, an umbrella for nonprofits that is based out of Florida.

Likewise, the Cattaraugus Marshals created the course at the CCC and coordinated safety for that event. Seneca One Stop convenience stores donated the Chiavetta’s chicken dinners for the public. Bike enthusiast Joe Thompson was on hand for manual checks and the Skatepark Project fundraiser group was on site at the ACC with an information table and donation jar.

Regarding the events, Councillor Josh Jimerson noted that “It was genuinely nice to see the kids smile and be happy. I want to thank everyone who helped make these events a success.” Councillor Jimerson also acknowledged the generosity of Eli Ankou and Shayna Powless: “We as a community need to recognize Eli and Shayna for their efforts. They did say that they would like to continue working with the Seneca Nation in the future.”



The Seneca Nation Education Department facilitated the giveaway and the Allegany Education Department donated 12 additional bikes for pre-school aged children. The Allegany Marshals set up the bike course at the ACC complete with cones, obstacles and traffic rules. Shay Smith, Allegany Marshal, guided the children through the course and instructed them on the importance of safety on the road.



Seneca Nation Engages In Information Campaign With Native Nations And State Legislators



Seneca Nation Councillors recently have been engaging in an information campaign to garner support from Native Nations, as well as from New York State legislators, to ensure that the state engages in good faith compact negotiations pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians (ATNI) Convention: In mid-May, Councillors William Canella and Presley Redeye,

along with President Pagels, attended the ATNI 2022 Mid-Year Convention in Ferndale, Washington, where they explained the Nation’s

recent conflicts with New York State over gaming issues. ATNI membership received our Nation officials favorably and passed a resolution that reads, in part, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Seneca Nation must now dialogue with [New York] state to obtain a new or amended gaming compact by December 2023, but is concerned that in light of the recent history between

the parties, the state may not negotiate in good faith; and WHEREAS, the Seneca Nation may need assistance from the Department of the Interior in order to take the state to court for a determination regarding the state’s lack of good faith negotiations; and

WHEREAS, a state should not be able to use its Eleventh Amendment immunity to violate IGRA without any recourse available to Native Nations; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ATNI demands that states negotiate in good faith with Native Nations for new or amended gaming compacts, as required by IGRA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

that the Department of the Interior establish guidance that can be used by Native Nations as a resource for establishing whether a state is acting in bad faith; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, to the extent that states fail to negotiate in good faith, ATNI urges the federal government



to work with Native Nations to ensure that Native Nations are able to continue to engage in class III gaming activities consistent with IGRA.

The 2022 Reservation Economic Summit (RES)
Councillors Angie Kennedy and Presley Redeye were speakers on the Federal Legislative Policy panel at RES on May 24th . They spoke on the Seneca Nation gaming compact issues, informing many Native Nation leaders of the Seneca Nation’s compact struggles with New York State. Councillor Redeye provided the background of the issue and events leading up

to today. Councillor Kennedy urged tribal leadership in attendance to submit their comments on the draft Part 293 Class III Tribal State Gaming Compact regulations by the June 30th deadline. Councillor Kennedy informed the audience, “The Seneca Nation is not the only Native Nation struggling with Interior’s existing regulations governing gaming compacts. You don’t realize how important the regulations are until you run into a problem or fight with the State.”

Councillors Arlene Bova, Eliot Jimerson and Robert Jones were also in attendance at RES.

They attended numerous panels that would help the Seneca Nation make connections to business opportunities and expand its potential market.

Albany Meetings with State Legislators
On May 24th, Councillors Tina Abrams, Ross John, Tim Waterman, and Josh Jimerson had meetings in Albany with Sen. Joe Addabbo, Sen. Sean Ryan, Assembly Majority Leader Crystal Peoples-Stokes, and Assemblyman Gary Pretlow. The Council also met with the Assembly Republican Conference (including Assemblymen Joe Giglio, Angelo

Morinello and Andy Goodell) and with the Senate Republican Conference (including Senators George Borello, Rob Ortt and Pat Gallivan). During their meetings, the Councillors stressed the Seneca Nation’s massive economic impact on the western New York region, as well as the rest of the state. Gaming compact issues also were discussed including the requirement that New York negotiate a new or amended compact in good faith. Additionally, Councillors raised the subject of treaty hunting and fishing rights.

Pride flags raised in Cattaraugus & Allegany In honor of Pride Month

#PrideMonth is celebrated the month of June in honor of the Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, recognized as the birth of the Gay Liberation Movement
The LGBTQ+ community has faced historical discrimination and violence, and #Pride is a way to counter the narrative of oppression while also continuing to educate and advocate.



Last year, in 2021, a record 26 bills that were identified as anti-LGBTQ+ were enacted into law across ten states. In 2022, at least 320 anti-LGBTQ+ bills are already pending in state legislatures, more than half of which specifically target transgender youth and ban them from being able to fully participate in everyday life.

The Seneca Nation recently passed a resolution to recognize #PrideMonth and reaffirm the rights of our LGBTQ+ community members. Discrimination is intolerable, and it is our duty to embrace and uplift each other as Seneca people. To kick off #PrideMonth, Seneca Nation Leadership and community members gathered across the territories to raise the Pride flag.

***Watch the recap: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFHibXcZXBo>**

Council Expresses Gratitude to our Foster Families | Photos by Seneca Media

In recognition of Foster Parent Appreciation Month in May, the Seneca Nation Council donated gift cards to thank foster families in our community. These families selflessly open their homes and lives to children that would not otherwise have the opportunity for support and guidance.

Child and Family Services is always seeking Native American Foster Families. By becoming a foster parent, you will restore hope for Native American children, keep siblings together, keep our youth close to their culture, and allow time for families and children to heal. If you're interested in becoming a foster parent or family through Child and Family Services, contact Home Finder/Educator MacKenzie Swiech at (716) 945-5894 ext 3752.

Child and Family Services would like to thank foster families, kinship families, and the community for continuing to support their efforts. Lastly, a HUGE thank you to Council for supporting Child and Family Services and the families who are a source of strength for our children.



Seneca Gaming Corporation Stepping Forward To Support Neighbors, Community Impacted By Tragic Shooting In Buffalo

Donations of food, personal items will be collected at Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino



NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK-SALAMANCA, NEW YORK-BUFFALO, NEW YORK: (May 20, 2022): As the City of Buffalo and Western New York continue to search for understanding and healing in the aftermath of Saturday's horrific mass shooting, Seneca Gaming Corporation is stepping up to assist residents whose community was attacked.

The corporation will host a community donation gathering at Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino on Wednesday, May 25 from 11am-7pm. The public is encouraged to drop off donations of non-perishable food items, toiletries, hygiene products, infant and child care products, and other daily necessities at the casino, located at Michigan Ave. and Perry Street, downtown.

Seneca Gaming Corporation is working with FeedMore WNY to organize the donated items and ensure they are delivered to residents in neighborhoods most impacted by the shooting. Among the items most in need are: cereal; peanut butter and other nut butters; canned tuna and chicken; canned soups, stews and chili; canned fruits and vegetable; canned or dried beans; boxed macaroni & cheese, pasta and rice; pasta sauce; and baby food, formula and diapers.

"We are one community, and when one of us hurts, we all hurt," said Kevin Nephew,

Seneca Gaming Corporation President & CEO. "I'm sure the generous spirit of Western New York will continue to shine through these dark times as we lift up and support our neighbors in their time of need."

Individuals who bring a donation of five or more items to Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino on

May 25 will receive a voucher good for \$10 in free play.

In addition to the community donations, Seneca Gaming Corporation is organizing donation efforts for its more than 3,000 employees across its three locations - Seneca Allegany Resort & Casino in Salamanca, Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino in Niagara Falls, and Seneca Buffalo Creek Casino. Items donated by the company's employees will also be delivered to FeedMore WNY for distribution.

"Our employees, our Board of Directors and the entire Seneca Gaming Corporation family is heartbroken for the victims, their families, friends and neighbors," Nephew added. "Helping to fill their cupboards is a small way to express our friendship and support and to show that racism and hate cannot divide a community as strong as Western New York."



THE INSIDE SCOOP WITH DR. LORI QUIGLEY



JUNE 2022

On a Personal Note...

Nya:wèh Sgè:nö'! On April 23, our board held its annual meeting and officer elections. I am pleased to announce the following appointments for 2022 - 2023.

SGC Board Officers

Dr. Lori V. Quigley, Chairwoman
John Y. Waterman, Jr., Vice Chair
Allie R. George, Treasurer
Geneva A. Locke, Corporate Secretary

Audit Committee

Dr. Lori V. Quigley, Chair
Allie R. George
Natalie N. Stahlman
John Y. Waterman, Jr.

Compensation Committee

Geneva A. Locke, Chair
Allie R. George
Terry L. Nephew
John Y. Waterman, Jr.

I would also like to thank outgoing director, Jay John, for his dedication and service to our board.

Save the date for our Stakeholders Meeting on July 23. We'll have more details in our next issue. Until then, stay well!



Chairwoman, Board of Directors
Seneca Gaming Corporation

STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

JULY 23, 2022 • 10 AM



HAVE YOU MET NIKKI?

Nikki Seneca, our SGC Outreach Specialist, is here to help you learn why working for Seneca Gaming Corporation is a rewarding experience. 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

Walk-ins are welcome, or you may make an appointment by contacting Nikki direct at NSeneca@SenecaCasinos.com or (716) 807-2704.



WE'RE ON A ROLL!

Casino Player Magazine's readers have spoken: Seneca Resorts & Casinos are #1... ten times over! In all, properties scored 10 First Place Wins in the magazine's 2022 **Best of Dining & Nightlife Awards**. Ja:goh, Team SGC, for putting us in the winner's circle!

Seneca Allegany

- Best Italian: Patria
- Best Place to Celebrate: The Western Door Steakhouse
- Best Late-Night Dining: Seneca Café Express
- Best Lounge: Fire Lounge
- Best After-Hours Spot & Best Bartenders: The River Bar

Seneca Niagara

- Best Asian: Koi
- Best Burger Joint: Blues Burger Bar
- Best Desserts: Tim Horton's Café & Bake Shop
- Best Place for Cocktails: Lounge 101



REMINDER:
Seneca Nation Offices
closed
June 15th
President's Day

Seneca Nation Library – Allegany Branch

Submitted by Glenda Grey

Road trip...Stop in and pick up your map and passport and visit all 38 Libraries in the Chautauqua - Cattaraugus County Library System beginning in June through August. There are prizes for designated stops while you get to know the libraries in our area. If you don't have a library card now is a great time to stop in and get one, find a good book, pick out a DVD, or audio book. There is more coming up for the summer, stay tuned for more information.

On June 28th at 5pm meet the authors, John Scarano and Cheri Mancuso. Please call to reserve your seat. They will be discussing their books – Coldspring and Coldspring the Trial. Light refreshments will be available.

Oceans of Possibilities begins in July, please call for more information 716-945-3157, or stop in to register.

Our 43rd anniversary is July 8th. We have another book signing in July and more news to come.

Financial Literacy Program

Graduation season is here; CONGRATULATIONS! Just a reminder to those young adults who are ready to complete the Financial Literacy Program (Seneca Cents) and apply for the Release of Minors Trust. The process is as follows:

1. Complete and submit the Financial Literacy Application to your respective Education office. Applications are available online at the link below or in person at both the Education and Clerks office.
<https://sni.org/app/uploads/2021/08/Financial-Literacy-Application.pdf>
2. Complete the course online at the below link:
(<http://seneca.cm3solutions.com/index.aspx>)
3. Once completed you must notify the Education De so that we can send an embossed certificate along with a letter of completion.
4. It is then the individual’s responsibility to submit all required documents to the Clerks office for Release of Minors Trust Fund.

If you have any questions please call The Education Department at (716)532-3341

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WE'RE MOVING!



SENECA NATION

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

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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.

COVID Protocols will be in place - temperature check upon arrival. Masks will be required while indoors.

For more information, please contact the Education Department at 532-3341.

PAINT NIGHT

Get your creative on!
Hummingbird Painting

The Buffalo Office
533 Amherst Street
Buffalo NY 14207
To reserve your spot, call :
Stephanie Maybee
(716)845-6304

MONDAY JUNE 20TH @ 5PM

\$15 includes all supplies Adults Only

Instructed by Sandra Warrior

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("You will give them food.")

TURN YOUR RECIPES INTO REVENUE

when you become a Haudenosaunee traditional food vendor with Seneca Gaming Corporation.

You'll have an opportunity to provide traditional foods such as corn soup, frybread and other culinary creations at various events throughout the year at all three properties.

Please submit your menu & price list to
Devonne Gardner no later than June 30, 2022.

Email | DGardner@SenecaCasinos.com Phone | (716) 255-4427

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SNIEDC

Seneca Nation of Indians Economic Development Company

Public Notice

SNIEDC Board of Directors Vacancy

The Seneca Nation of Indians Economic Development Company ("SNIEDC") is currently accepting letters of intent for those interested in serving on the SNIEDC Board of Directors.

The Seneca Nation of Indians Economic Development Company ("SNIEDC") is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization chartered by the Seneca Nation of Indians Tribal Council. As of December 2013, SNIEDC is a certified Native American Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) through the Department of Treasury. SNIEDC has been providing financial assistance to Seneca businesses since 1993 and in that time has funded loans over \$6 million to Seneca entrepreneurs.

SNIEDC Board of Directors typically meets the week after Tribal Council on Tuesday at 2 pm.

1 Vacancy
2 year term expiring in May 2023

Board Member Requirements:

Each Director shall be at least twenty-five years of age. Individuals who are non-Seneca may be Directors; however, the majority of all existing members on the Board must at all times consist of enrolled Senecas. The membership of the Board overall shall be representative of the enrolled Seneca community at large and may meet one or more of the following criteria: representative(s) from banking/financial institutions, legal and accounting professions; representative(s) from tribal government institutions (i.e. executive, council, cabinet and directors); representative(s) from civic and community organizations; representative(s) from business/corporate institutions; and representative(s) from community development and housing organizations.

If interested, please mail your letter of intent and resume/qualifications to:

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

Or email to:
Mkettle@sni.org

Deadline: June 30, 2022

IMPORT/EXPORT

Monthly Commissioners meeting:

June 23, 2022

1pm

William Seneca Building

Council Chambers

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.

TERC (Cattaraugus) helps get participants certified

By E.Crouse, TVR Counselor/Transition

Please help me Celebrate these two Lovely Ladies!

With some hard work, time, dedication and focus, these ladies are on their way with more knowledge AND are certified in their choice of learning. The tasks and challenges exist in everything we do in life. I'm happy to see these ladies take charge of their opportunities and keep moving forward for their families and most importantly themselves. I'm so proud to see the success; one is now working using her training and the other is continuing her education. Keep Shining ladies.

Nancy Scott successfully completed her Landscaping Maintenance Course. She is currently working on a certificate in Heavy Equipment.

Destiny Rodriquez successfully completed her Phlebotomy Course. She will be using these skills to become a nurse.

You are invited to Contact us at TERC (Training & Employment Resource Center) to see what you may want to pursue. It is never too late to explore opportunities. You are Always worth your time when advancing the mind and reaching goals. All services are confidential and individually planned.

Save the Date: Cattaraugus ECLC Head Start & Pre-K Moving Up Day



The Seneca Nation Early Childhood Learning Center will be hosting their Head Start & Pre-K Moving Up Day on Friday, June 17, 2022. Save the Date! Classroom times and details provided to parents/guardians.

Celebrating the end of the pre-school year with a ceremony marks a special achievement in a child's life. It is an inspiring way to help build students' confidence, acknowledge their achievements, and encourage them to keep learning for the years to come. It is also an opportunity for parents and teachers to recognize the amazing job they have done to help their child build important skills needed for school success.

For more info contact ECLC at 716.532.0505.

PFIZER COVID-19 BOOSTER AUTHORIZED

FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-11

All children ages 5-11 years old are eligible for a booster dose at least 5 months after the completion of the two-dose primary series.

For an appointment at the Lionel R. John Health Center (Allegany Territory, Salamanca) please call Teri Cowles at 716-945-5894

For an appointment at the Community Health and Wellness Center (Cattaraugus Territory, Irving) please call Kim Bradley at 716-532-5582

Call today to make your appointment!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Seneca Nation Library Catt-Branch

Father's Day Lunch

"Taco in a Bag"

June 17th 2022 @ 12pm

For more info call

716-532-9449

COMMUNITY SURVEY

TO BEGIN UPDATING THE C.E.D.S. (Community Economic Development Strategy)

MAY 31-JUNE 30

The Seneca Nation's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) is an 'economic roadmap' used to strengthen and diversify the Nations economy. A CEDS is required in order to qualify our Nation for future funding. The Planning Department has prepared a brief 10 question survey to help us begin this process. The priorities in this survey will help form the foundation of future development for the Nation. Your responses will help guide the changes made to updating the CEDS.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Scan the QR code or enter this address: <https://arqg.is/1THzbe0>

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!

For more information please call Ardent Solutions at 585-593-1738

NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY CERTIFICATION

Mobility Across the Life Span

Funded by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration with a grant from the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Committee

PFC Leland Lay

SAFE SUMMER FUN

DRIVE THRU DISTRIBUTION

June 27, 2022 | 4:00 - 6:00 pm
OR UNTIL GONE

Cattaraugus - Saylor Building - 12861 Route 438, Irving, NY 14081
Allegany - Seneca Strong Building - 983 R.C Hoag Drive, Salamanca, NY 14779

Come join the Community Service Teams from the Seneca Nation Health System for a DRIVE THRU Safe Summer Fun information Distribution to keep you and your family safe this summer!

SENECA NATION HEALTH SYSTEM

SENECA STRONG

NATIVE CONNECTIONS

Child and Family Services Behavioral Health Unit Care Collaboration Team

Questions? Contact us at:
Catt - 716-532-8223 Allegany - 716-945-5894

Free Community Tilling for Cattaraugus and Allegany Territory Community Members

12' x 12' plots.
Please mark your plots with visible stakes prior to Tillage.

Considerations - Please make sure area is clear of utility lines, septic and hazardous debris that will be harmful to you, farm employees and equipment.

Start Date- May 23rd

To register please contact Tekahentake Regis 716-572-1963

Cattaraugus Education Department High School Senior Dinner

Seneca Media



Congratulations to our high school graduates from the Cattaraugus territory! This year's Seneca Nation Department of Education High School Graduation Banquet was held at Seneca Fire on Friday, June 3rd. Seneca Nation President Matthew Pagels and Seneca Nation Treasurer Rick Armstrong gave congratulatory speeches. Ja:goh to all the graduates and families!

Maybee (LS)

Iroquois Post #1587 & Aux. Awards:
Gowanda: Kaylee Baird & Logan Lukanaitis
Lake Shore: Madeline Maybee & Joiise John
Silver Creek: Genevieve Balestrieri & Roger Williams

Education Department's Native Success Scholarship:
Genevieve Balestrieri (SC) , Kaylee Baird(GOW), and Madeline

Marlene E. Jimerson Award:
Aaliah Stevens

Allegany Education Department High School Senior Dinner

Seneca Media

Area graduating Seneca Seniors from Allegany Limestone, Archbishop Walsh, Ellicottville Central School, Randolph Central School, Research Laboratory, River Side Indian School, Salamanca Central School, and West Valley were invited to the Seneca Allegany Casino to celebrate this milestone accomplishment.

Nation President's Office, Treasurer's Office, Clerk's Office, Council Office, Seneca Media & Communications Center, Holly Hollamby, and all the individuals who helped make this night a memorable success.

Special thanks to the Allegany Education Department, Seneca

Ja:goh to our graduating Seniors and good luck to you in your futures!



Memorial Day Warrior Tribute 2022

By Post Commander Ron Cook Jr.

On Monday May 30, 2022, the Iroquois Post 1587 & Auxiliary along with the Seneca Nation, co-hosted a Memorial Day tribute in recognition to Warriors who paid the ultimate sacrifice at the Seneca Allegany Administration Building fallen warrior outdoor monument.

The tribute began with ringing the “Bells of Peace” by Iroquois Post 1587 Auxiliary member Julie Snow. Post Commander, Ron Cook Jr. (US Army Veteran) and master of ceremonies, introduced Al George (US Army Veteran) who gave the Thanksgiving Address along with an opening prayer by Post Chaplain Marvin Abrams (USMC Veteran). Post Commander Cook welcomed everyone and words of deep gratitude was given to support the observance of our fallen Warriors by Seneca Nation Treasurer Rickey L. Armstrong Sr. (US Air Force Veteran). Post Auxiliary member Julie Snow conducted a Roll Call of the fallen as Al George tolled the drum for each Warrior named.

The Seneca Nation Treasurer Rickey L. Armstrong Sr. along with Post Commander Ron Cook Jr. placed a wreath in solemn appreciation for the Warriors who paid the ultimate sacrifice followed by Post Auxiliary members Nadine Pierce and Sue Anne Gates with their wreath of gratitude. The customary 21-gun salute was executed by the Iroquois Post 1587 Honor Guard directed by Post Sgt@Arms Markey Jimerson (USMC Veteran) and TAPS played by Post Adjutant Annette Repicci (US Navy Veteran), which concluded the outdoor tribute.

The Warrior Tribute resumed



indoors with a Flag Song by Al George and posting of the Colors by the Iroquois Post 1587 Color Guard Team. Patrice (Beck) Neyman of the Beaver Clan gave an excellent rendition of the Canadian and National Anthems, which transitioned into honoring this year’s fallen warriors Tech Sergeant Harold E. Rogers (US Army Air Corps WWII), PFC Leland Laye (US Army Paratrooper WWII), and Specialist Timothy P. Jones (US Army Vietnam War Veteran).

On behalf of fallen warrior Timothy P. Jones, a special eagle feather heirloom along with a Vietnam War Commemoration Certificate with label pin was presented to Jared Jones by Seneca Nation Tribal Councilor Tina Abrams. Closing remarks were presented by Post Commander Ron Cook Jr. and Al George sang a Veteran’s Song to close out the tribute as the Iroquois Post 1587 Color Guard Team retired the Colors.

In addition, Post member Jennifer Helie (US Air Force Veteran) from the Veteran One-Stop Center of WNY provided an informational resource table and made herself available to answer any Service Officer

questions. A delicious lunch was catered and all remaining packaged meals were delivered by Post Commander Cook and Post Judge Advocate Bella Cook to local Veterans in Allegany and Steamburg.

This annual event gives the Seneca Nation an opportunity to pay tribute to our fallen Warriors and share brief biographies read by Post Judge Advocate Bella Cook (US Army Veteran), Post Treasurer Josette “Nini” Wheeler (US Air Force Veteran), and Post Commander Cook respectively for Tech Sergeant Harold E. Rogers, PFC Leland Laye, and Specialist Timothy P. Jones.



Tech-Sgt Harold E. Rogers

Tech-Sgt Harold E. Rogers joined the Army Air Force in May 1942 and would receive orders to be forward deployed with the 8th Army Air Force in England and assigned as a tail gunner on a B-17 Flying Fortress Heavy Bomber aircraft, which was very effective during World War II as strategic bomber of German industrial targets. He would be accompanied by his dog “Mister” a half Chow and half Police dog mascot companion. After completing over 25 bombing missions with

one emergency bailout in the North Sea, Tech-Sgt Rogers would return state-side and would be assigned to perform instructor duties.

By June 1944, Tech-Sgt Rogers received orders to return to Europe with the 15th Army Air Corps in Italy without his mascot companion “Mister.” He would be assigned to conduct combat operations with the 456th Bombardment Group, 744th Bombardment Squadron unofficially known as the “Steed’s Flying Colts” in support of wartime efforts against the Germans.

On July 2nd, 1944 after conducting a bombing mission over German-occupied Hungary, Tech-Sgt Rogers’ B-24 plane came under attack by several German Focke-Wulf FW190 (nicknamed: Wurger/ Shrike-Bird - Butcherbird) fighter planes when his plane became critically disabled. After making an assessing of the aircraft’s condition, the uninjured crew members agreed to conduct an emergency bailout knowing that the aircraft would not make it back to home-base in Italy.

As agreed upon, the uninjured crew members executed bailout procedures and left the aircraft while uninjured Tech-Sgt Rogers without fear of own safety decided to stay back with his wounded crew members and a few moments after the emergency bailout the plane exploded in mid-air. Tech-Sgt Rogers would be awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross Medal for his heroic actions to remain in the disabled B-24 Liberator aircraft to care for the wounded crew members despite the dire combat situation. Tech-Sgt Rogers other awards and decorations include the Air Medal with nine oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Service Cross, and later posthumously awarded the Purple Heart medal by the President of the United States. Honoring Tech-Sergeant Harold E. Rogers killed in action July 02, 1944 who paid the Ultimate Sacrifice.

Private First Class (PFC) Leland Laye: Seneca from the Cattaraugus Territory served in the U.S. Army was born on July 4, 1918 in New York. His





PFC Leland Lay

parents Percival and Glennie were also both born in New York. They were both Seneca form the Cattaraugus Territory. His father worked as a farmer. Leland had one older brother named Harlan. Their mother died in 1920. The two brothers were raised on their maternal grandfather's farm, cared for by their mother's sister. Their father remarried and had four more children. It appears he passed away in 1939. By 1940 Leland had completed one year of high school and was living with his grandfather while working as a laborer. His older brother Harlen was also still living at home after completing four years of high school.

Leland was drafted into the U.S. Army on March 07, 1942. After Basic Infantry Training, he volunteered for airborne training and became a U.S. paratrooper and was promoted to Private First Class. He received follow-on orders assigned to Company H, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division.

Leland deployed to North Africa and would make a combat airborne parachute jump into Sicily with the 505th Airborne Regiment on the night of July 10th, 1943, in support of wartime operations against the Germans in the European theater. He and Corporal Warren “Pappy” Lyons were assigned as a Bazooka “Tank Killer” Team were engaged in heavy fighting, which ensued throughout the night and into the next day where PFC Leland Laye along with CPL Lyons were killed in action when they moved ahead of their unit to engage a German Mark VI Tiger tank in heavy combat operations near Ponte Dirillo, Sicily. By the end of July 11, 1943, the paratroopers of the 3rd Battalion, 505th Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne

Division were able to push the German tank forces from the Biazza Ridge. A monument with Leland’s name along with 38 other paratroopers’ names still stands today in Ponte Dirillo, Sicily in recognition for the “Heroism and from the sacrifice of these men has created the new history of Europe.” Leland posthumously received the Silver Star for his heroic actions and his Citation reads...

“The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Silver Star (Posthumously) to Private First Class Leland Laye (ASN: 32252291), United States Army, for gallantry in action while serving with Company H, 3d Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division, in action on 11 July 1943, five miles west of (Ponte Dirillo)*****, Sicily. Private First Class Laye placed his rocket launcher in a position of vantage well in advance of his own forces. Although exposed to heavy enemy fire and regardless of the ineffectiveness of his own rocket fire, Private First Class Laye held his position and continued to operate his launcher against a Mark (VI Tiger I) ** ***** tank until the tank, at a distance of fifty feet, fired its 88-mm main turret gun and killed him. His gallant actions and dedicated devotion to duty, without regard for his own life, were in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army.”

Honoring our fallen Warrior PFC Leland Laye killed in action July 11, 1943 who paid the Ultimate Sacrifice.



Specialist Timothy Jones

Specialist Timothy Paul Jones born August 27, 1947, enrolled



member of the Seneca Nation of Indians and of the Turtle Clan. Timothy grew up on the Allegany Territory and struggled with completing formal education but knew the importance and acknowledging his responsibility of becoming a productive member of his community. Timothy received a draft notification and was inducted on April 25, 1967 to join the U.S. Armed Forces in support of escalating War efforts in Southeast Asia in the Republic of Vietnam. Timothy reported to the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) in Buffalo, NY and sent to Basic Training and received advanced Infantry Training.

Shortly after Infantry training, Timothy received orders to deploy to Southeast Asia and would be assigned to Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion, 39th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division in support of the War efforts in the Republic of Vietnam. Timothy’s unit had a prestigious history and were nicknamed the “OLD RELIABLES” first established during WWII. However, the North Vietnamese enemy forces quickly viewed them as fearless warriors as they conducted numerous combat missions from the Mekong Delta to the DMZ bringing intense bloody fighting capabilities and decimated their foes at each major engagement. These engagements included numerous victories over Main Force Viet Cong and North Vietnamese units with a lethal rapid deployment Mobile Riverine Force and with an Airmobile (helicopter) Calvary capability.

Tim’s unit was prepared for a new kind of war, where U.S. helicopter gunships dominated the air transport corridors and used heavily armored assault boats with a multitude of diversified fire power platforms to pursue the enemy in remote

ground and water hideaways. His mission was to assist the South Vietnamese military from the communist pacification effort who were trying to endorse the independence and sovereignty of the South Vietnamese government. Timothy would completed his draft service obligation and was honorably discharged on April 25, 1969 and returned home to the Allegany Territory.

Timothy’s awards and decorations are many and commendable to name a few: Purple Heart; Warriors Medal of Valor; Combat Infantry Badge; National Defense Service Medal Vietnam War Service Medal; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 device Unit Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Medal; Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Medal Timothy Jones was a dedicated member of American Legion Iroquois Post 1587 for 27-years. Honoring our fallen Warrior SPC Timothy P. Jones who past away unexpectedly at the age of 74 due to health related complications.

The Seneca Nation of Indians and Iroquois Post 1587 would like to thank everyone who volunteered to decorate Veteran graves with flags on both Territories and to everyone who join the Memorial Day Warrior Tribute in Allegany.

The Seneca Nation and Iroquois Post 1587 paid tribute and honored our fallen warriors for their dedicated service to our Nation and for their bold and fearless actions during time of War exemplifies them as admired Warriors and Hero’s. May our Warriors rest-in-peace. Dwa dē nōk skō’ (We are all related or connected)

Congrats to the U15 Haudenosaunee Nationals Team

They went UNDEFEATED in the Heritage Cup & took home the hardware!

Photo credit: Beth Stevens



The U15 Haudenosaunee Nationals arrived in Springfield Massachusetts to compete at the Heritage Cup the last weekend of May, from May 27 - 30, 2022.

They went undefeated and were declared Champions a day early... defeating Israel (Blue) 8-4. Monday was spent playing against an All-Star team and ended the tournament 5-0.

Players representing Seneca Territories: Cattaraugus & Allegany, were **Moagi Buffalo**, **Tayoni Galante**, **Eli Himelein**, **Macay Jimerson**, and **Winter Rivera**. Ja:goh to all our young men and their teammates!

Pictured L to R: Moagi Buffalo, Macay Jimerson, Winter Rivera, Tayoni Galante, Eli Himelein.



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.



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
- 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



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.

North American

INDIGENOUS GAMES 2020

HALIFAX • NOVA SCOTIA

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.



NYSPHSAA Far West regional & Section VI Class C Champions! | June 4, 2022 | Lake Shore Athletics Twitter

Ja:goh Lake Shore/Silver Creek boys lacrosse team with the win against Palmyra-Macedon at Williamsville East High School at the Far West Regional (10-4). They also took home the title of Section VI Class C Champs:

Ray Cortes, Blayze Becker, Korbin Bonafede, Eli Himelein, Koewyn Jimerson, Conner John, Garyn John, Joiise John, Jaden Kennedy, Troy Kennedy, Antonio Pellot, Marcellus Plain, Obrigh Tallchief, Lane Thompson, Mason Thompson, Damien Warrior and Coaches Adrian John, Ron John & Jordan Cooke, JV Coach.



Ja:goh Chloe Luther

Ja:goh Chloe Luther (Cattaraugus Territory, Seneca, Beaver clan), featured on WKBW sports super 7. Chloe is the daughter of Chrissy Van Aernam, Granddaughter of Sally Snow and Great-granddaughter to Myrna Snow.

Chloe has racked up 148 career goals with 52 assists in her years of Varsity Lacrosse with Gowanda Central. Chloe being a sophomore, still has 2 more years to play.

Click the link for the full article:

<https://www.wkbw.com/sports/super-7/super-7-chloe-luther-aims-to-bring-high-level-of-competition-to-gowanda-lacrosse?fbclid=IwAR1OkCZLg-srSdt9sU2COBssF-bp2a-T9ZeairPRfJooSgDFI9MMshzhxic>



Halftown Graduates from ECC w/Honors

Seth Halftown, Son of Seth Halftown Jr., Grandson of Seth Halftown Sr. and Sharon LeRoy Halftown, graduated from Erie Community College with honors. Seth received an Associates degree in Business Administration. He plans to continue his bachelors degree while working in marketing, media, and sales. Seth's ultimate goal is to start his own business and create long lasting relationships. **Ja:goh Seth!**



Chance Gates Joins Jamestown Police Department

Photo credit: Jamestown Police Department

Ja:goh Chance Gates (Cattaraugus Territory, Oneida/Seneca, Wolf clan), son of Leroy Kevin Gates and Joi Jamieson, Grandson of Joyce E. Maybee Gates and the late Leroy C. Gates Jr..

The Jamestown Police Department is happy to announce the hiring of Police Officer Chance Gates. Gates is a graduate from Silver Creek Central High School, Genesee Community College, St. John Fisher College, and the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Academy.

Chance is a former Seneca Nation Marshal and enjoys lacrosse, basketball, hockey, and spending time with family.




Jacqueline "Jacky" Snyder Academic Achievement

Jacqueline "Jacky" Snyder (Cattaraugus Territory, Seneca Turtle clan) is currently attending Hudson Valley Community College for Individual Studies.

Jacky is a mother of 4, takes care of her Father, employed full time, finds time for her 3 teenage high schoolers and their sports, her oldest son and 2 grandchildren, also squeezes out beadwork for the Buffalo Bandits all while maintaining The President's List grades, earning 13 credits.


After her individual studies classes, Jacky plans on getting into the Mortuary Science Program in hopes to become Funeral Director for her Nation's community as well as the surrounding communities. Jacky returned to college after 13 years with a 4.0. **Ja:goh Jacky!**





**In Recognition of
Academic Achievement**

The college's President's List recognizes full-time and part-time students registered for at least six credit hours who have a term average of 3.50 to 4.0.



Rory Wheeler Inducted into The Justice House Honor Society at Niagara University

Mr. Wheeler has been keeping himself very busy! Not only was he honored to be inducted into the Niagara University Justice House Honor Society along with other distinguished alumni, but he also spoke as a panelist at the National Indian Health Board Tribal Public Health Summit, Leadership Buffalo, with the Financial Security Program at the Aspen Institute. Recently he also attended the Reservation Economic Summit representing UNITY Inc. (United National Indian Tribal Youth)

According to Rory's Linkedin Page, now he's off to the Pre-Law Summer Institute being held at the University of New Mexico.

Congratulations on your academic success, Rory. Your hard work and dedication is truly inspiring. Ja:goh!



Ja:goh Mavi Tionketotha Montour

Ja:goh Mavi Tionketotha Montour (*Cattaraugus Territory, Seneca Wolf clan*). Mavi was awarded the Triple “C” award from the Office of the New York State Attorney General, Letitia James and the “Shaw Prize”, which is awarded to a student with the most outstanding improvement from Junior to Senior year in mathematics!

Mavi plans to attend college for Photojournalism and Art, she’s exploring her options yet on which college to attend but is considering Syracuse University.

For an end the year art project Mavi had to do a series. She picked Johehgöh which were done in "watercolor and colored pencils". All senior art projects were on digital display at GCS class night.





Alice Schindler Nephew

May 14, 1940 - November 13, 2019

Alice's ashes will be placed to her final resting place at the Good Shepherd Church gravesite in Irving on Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 4 pm

Friends and family are welcome to join our family for a brief committal service.

Good food and conversation to follow at Good Shepherd Hall. Rain or shine.



Ja:goh Yanenowi Logan

Ja:goh Yanenowi Logan, Seneca, Deer clan who just wrapped up her sophomore year at Cornell University where she served on the Cornell Student Assembly, as student leader of NAISAC (Native Student Association) and continues to serve on NCAIs National Youth Commission. In May she was awarded the Ron LaFrance award for leadership.



Yanenowi also landed Cornell's competitive and prestigious High Roads fellowship and will begin her internship with the WNY Environmental Alliance, after she returns from Prague, Czech Republic, where she is playing lax with a Tewarraton group of lady laxxers. Yanenowi was the recipient of the 2020 Tewarraton award for lacrosse.



News From The Four Corners United Methodist Church

- Rte. 438 and Versailles Plank Road, Cattaraugus Territory

Submitted by Marilyn Anderson

In view of the recent (and on-going) gun related violence, think about this excerpt from the Prayer of St. Francis: **Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love,**”



The Seneca Hymn Singers are meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Join them in our fellowship hall and enjoy the time together.

Church services are held every Sunday at 9 a.m. followed by coffee time. Continue to pray for our communities – those who are ill, those who are mourning, those who suffer with addictions, those who are victims of abuse and those who are lonely. **Peace.**



Indigenous Music & Arts Festival - Formerly Native American Dance & Music Festival - Announces 2022 Guest Performers

| After a 2-year absence, Ganondagan's Indigenous Music & Arts Festival Returns! | Submitted by Rebekah Stormm-Reitter, Friends of Ganondagan



INDIGENOUS MUSIC & ARTS FESTIVAL

SATURDAY & SUNDAY; JULY 23RD & 24TH, 2022

7000 COUNTY RD 41, VICTOR, NY 14564

Victor, NY—After a two-year hiatus Ganondagan's Indigenous Music & Arts Festival is returning **Saturday and Sunday, July 23 - 24, 2022**. The event showcases Haudenosaunee and Indigenous cultures through dance, music, storytelling, authentic craft demonstrations, a Native American Arts Market, a Family Discovery Tent, raffles, guided trail walks, gallery tours, food, and more.

This summer's event headlines a return appearance of Indigenous blues performers **Twice As Good**, and Native American flute player, singer/songwriter **Shelley Morningsong** (Northern Cheyenne), joined by her husband dancer/drummer/storyteller, **Fabian Fontenelle** (Zuni/Omaha).

Performing high energy blues, soul and rock & roll; the father-son duo **Twice As Good** aka 2XG feature Paul & Rich Steward who are members of the Pomo tribe who call Elm Indian Colony, on the shores of Clear Lake, north of San Francisco; home. Twice As Good blends the blues of

B.B. King, and the soul of Al Green with Indigenous rhythms into a highly danceable style of music that's all their own. Touring since 2003, Twice As Good are among the most decorated Native American musicians performing today.

2019 Native American Music Awards "Artist of the Year" singer, songwriter, Native American flute player and Grammy Member **Shelley Morningsong** (Northern Cheyenne) is a Multiple Music Award Winner! With seven prestigious Native American Music Awards to her credit,

Shelley Morningsong sings, writes and performs soulful and powerful Native American Contemporary music. She has also authored her very first children's book called "She Talks to the Animals" based on a song she wrote for her album Love Medicine.

Shelley is joined by her husband, **Fabian Fontenelle** (Zuni/Omaha), who presents Northern Traditional dancing, storytelling and traditional Plains & Southwestern style drumming at its finest to accompany her presentation. Fabian brings great honor to his Zuni and Omaha families through what he shares on stage and in his own personal life. He is also an original member of the American Indian Dance Theater. Shelley and Fabian have traveled to many countries around the world educating about Native American cultures.

On Saturday, July 23 we'll be celebrating **Peter Jemison Day** to honor the illustrious career of Ganondagan's founding site manager. Peter Jemison (Seneca, Heron Clan) began his career at Ganondagan in 1988. During his tenure, Jemison was instrumental in ensuring that Ganondagan became recognized as an international site for Haudenosaunee history and

culture. The site now spans 569 acres, features a full-size Seneca Bark Longhouse, 1700 square foot Seneca Art & Culture Center, and interpretive trails. Peter Jemison is a well-established, internationally recognized artist and will be now be dedicating his efforts to his art career.

"This year only, we are offering free admission to the Indigenous Music & Arts festival as a way to do something good for the community, promote unity, and encourage people to get to know about Haudenosaunee and Indigenous cultures.

Since Saturday is Peter Jemison Day, free admission removes any barriers that may have gotten in the way for people to come out and celebrate Pete's many accomplishments and all the good work he's done for Ganondagan, the Haudenosaunee and Indigenous communities, and the Greater Rochester area as a whole", says Program Director, Jeanette Jemison (Mohawk).

The full slate of festival activities includes the Allegany River Dancers, Haudenosaunee Storytellers, a Native American Arts Market, traditional arts demonstrators, Indigenous food, guided trail walks, gallery tours, raffles, the Family Discovery Tent, and more.

Ganondagan's Indigenous Music & Arts Festival is made possible in part by the generous support of NYSCA, Redcom, Wegmans, NTID and Nolans Rentals.

Admission is free. Limited on-site parking. Free off-site parking and shuttle service available from satellite parking lot.

Visit www.ganondagan.org for more information.

Reminder: Highbanks JUNE Promos



FATHER'S DAY

Calling all Highbanks guests! Please come join us for Breakfast with Dad at the lodge!

Saturday, June 18th Starts at 9am

First 100 Fathers will receive a gift and one entry to win a door prize. Cornhole Tournament to follow.

Book now to reserve your spot camphighbanks.com

Calling all Campers JOIN US

KIDS DAY

SAT 25 June 12pm

@ The Lodge

ACTIVITIES BOUNCE HOUSE CRAFTS GAMES PRIZES FOOD MUSIC

More info: 716-354-2177

Highbanks Campground 370 W Perimeter Rd Stearnburg, NY 14783

WWW.CAMPHIGHBANKS.COM

Ride for Roswell – Team Skoden, Indigenous Teams, and Native Riders



It is that time of year again! Teams and individuals are raising funds for the Ride for Roswell.

This year members of the Center for Indigenous Cancer Research and the new Center for Indigenous Cancer Services have joined efforts by creating, Team Skoden! Our team is comprised of Indigenous employees at Roswell Park along with friends and family members. We will be riding the 10-mile route on June 25th, 2022.

Our goal is to raise \$10,000!

Donations made to **Team Skoden** will go directly to the Center for Indigenous Cancer Research and the Center for Indigenous Cancer Services at Roswell Park.

Making a donation is easy. Just follow or click the link below to safely and easily donate online.

Check the link here: [https://](https://give.roswellpark.org/site/TR/SpecialEvents/General?fr_id=1750&pg=team&team_id=8591)



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Checks can also be made out to “The Ride for Roswell” with “Team Skoden” in the memo line and collected by a “Team Skoden” member.

If you are a member on another team or organized a team, there is an option to designate your team’s support to the Center for Indigenous Cancer Research and Services Fund at Roswell Park. By doing so, the support helps fund internship opportunities, outreach, research, and cancer care services—among, with, and for Indigenous communities.

Please email whitneyann.henry@roswellpark.org who will reply with a Fund Designation Application.

You are an important member of our team in the fight against cancer and we hope that you’ll consider supporting us and other Indigenous teams throughout our Territories, Native urban landscapes, and across NY.

Together, we can make a difference!
Nya:weh!



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.**



Food Truck Vendors Needed



@ THE SENECA-IROQUOIS 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

**Attention:
Seneca Nation Offices
& Buildings will BE
CLOSED:**

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

Seneca Nation, Roswell Park highlight importance of early cancer screenings | May 10, 2022 | spectrumlocalnews.com

Lafayette Williams, 58, lives on the Seneca Nation of Indians Cattaraugus Territory in Gowanda and enjoys spending time with his aunt, a long-time breast cancer survivor.

Williams has undergone a number of cancer screenings, including on his lungs, as he has been a smoker off and on for 48 years, and averaged about a pack a day.

"Coughing up gray phlegm and I said 'something's wrong,

something's got to be going on here,' so I had to get it checked out," Williams said.

He's also been screened for colorectal cancer, but like many, he really didn't want to be.

"I was actually going through an anxiety attack at the office when my blood pressure ... shot up. Started realizing this is really happening, I'm really getting tested. It could be bad, I could have cancer," Williams said.

That is why Dr. Rodney Haring from the Center for Indigenous Cancer Research at Roswell Park in Buffalo encourages Native Americans to get screened and help reduce the impact cancer has on the high risk community.

"So, the survivorship from colorectal cancer and other cancers are better," Haring said. "The screening is really part of that medicine, screening is part of that innovation, and screening is really important in

finding the right mechanism to treat cancer."

Marissa Haring, a community patient navigator at the Center, helps guide those like Williams through the process, as well as provide support, and raise awareness about cancer prevention and screenings.

"So us being there to kind of bridge that gap between community members and cancer care centers is super **(Continued on next page)**

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IN THE ADIRONDACKS: 518-891-0235

Frank Brown Living a Dream Come True - CONTINUED

past. To be able to be on a team that is playing in the Finals, you can't say much more than a dream come true."

Brown arrived in Buffalo first, coming over from Rochester on Feb. 27, 2020. The Red House, New York, native played two games in his first go-around with the Bandits before the COVID-19 pandemic shut down the season.

A canceled 2021 season and lingering injuries to start this year meant he had to wait until March 31 to get back out on the floor.

"At the beginning of the season, I kind of told myself, 'You're either going to get back to 100 percent, or you're never going to play again,'" Brown said. "It was just so frustrating, being a half-step behind here or there. Seeing plays that I know I could make had my

body been the way it should be and not being able to make them. It just got to a point where it wasn't that fun for me. Thankfully, [head coach John Tavares] and [GM Steve Dietrich] were patient with me all year."

He got back to full health, snagging 10 loose balls and causing four turnovers in four regular season games. He's recorded 15 loosies so far this postseason.

Fields and Brown understand the type of atmosphere they'll be walking into during the NLL Finals. Both were in attendance as teenaged fans the last time the Bandits won a championship, when Buffalo defeated the Portland LumberJax in 2008.

"One of the more mesmerizing goals that I've seen in my life was in that '08 game," Brown said.

"Cory Bomberry shot a low-to-high near side. Whoever the goalie was kind of baited him there, and Cory just blew it right by him."

Brown hopes he can now make the impact on the next generation that talents like Bomberry had on him. As a kid, he looked at the Native American players on the Bandits and felt validation, understanding that some day that could be him, too.

No matter who wins this year's NLL Finals, Native American kids from Western New York will have a champion to look up to. On the other bench will be Zed Williams, Brown's former teammate at Silver Creek High School.

"Zeddy and I are pretty active within our respective communities, him being from Cattaraugus and me being from

Allegheny," Brown said. "Looking back to providing an example to the next generation of 'I can do that,' I think this is a really cool time for our communities. Everybody wins because somebody from our home is going to win an NLL championship. It's just another reason why all of this is pretty special."

Brown, of course, hopes he'll be the one lifting hardware this month. Just two wins stand between both hometown kids and the cherry on top of a dream come true.

"For field lacrosse, I always thought about college, a national championship," Fields said. "But for box lacrosse, I always thought of playing for the Bandits. That was probably my biggest goal, and winning a championship for Buffalo."

PERSONALS

Congrats Logan Bowen

Submitted by Pamela Bowen

Congratulations Logan Bowen on graduating from Clarksville High School, of Clarksville, TN!

Love, Mom, Dad and Lorelai

Logan is the son of Guy and Mary Bowen, and grandson of Janis Bowen and the late DuWayne "Duce" Bowen.



Happy Birthday to all my G-Kids!

Submitted by Julie Lay

Love you bunches & bunches.
G-ma Lay + Great G-ma

Happy Birthday!

Wishing all the best to Gramma & Great Gma on her special day, June 14th! You've made our lives so happy & complete in every way, every day. We love you to the moon & back!

Love your Grandkids & Great Grandkids.



Happy Birthday, David!

Big shout out on **June 12th**: Happy Birthday, David!
Enjoy your day. Gano:ohgwa More.
Love Ma & Syd

Happy Birthday, Mary!

Have a great day on June 18th! Gano:ohgwa More.
Love Julie & Syd & Family

Look Who's Turning "90" years old!

Submitted by Julie Lay

Wishing you nothing but the best, Ma! Gono:ohgwa to the Moon & Back

Love, Your Family



Happy Birthday, Ma on June 14th!

Nya:wëh for being my Mother and always being there for me. I couldn't have made it through out all these years without you. Here's to all the laughs and giggles we've had.....and we shall keep having them, with many more to come. **Love Julie** (Submitted by Julie Lay)



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

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

Steamburg Community Center

INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A

Day for
— DADS



Bring your
Dads, Uncles,
Grandpas &
Friends to enjoy
a game or two
of Horseshoes &
Cornhole.

SATURDAY
JUNE 18th 11AM -
3PM

Teams are randomly drawn & there will be 1st, 2nd,
& 3rd place winners. Refreshments will be served
For more information call the SCC at 716-354-4665.

Presented by: H.E.R.O. Committee

Father's Day
COOKOUT

June 14th, 2022

ACC gazebo - back lot

Food! Corn Hole!
Horseshoes!
Fun! 4-wheeler
Door Prizes! Excursion!
(OPTIONAL) Music!

LAST RIDE
OUT:
4:30PM

4:00pm - 6:00pm
MUST REGISTER FOR RIDE BY: 06.06.2022
Call: (716) 945-8119

Newsletter Deadline:

The deadline for the next edition of the SNI Newsletter will be
Tuesday, June 14, 2022.
Next issue to be dated June 24, 2022.

Email us: sninews@sni.org

Visit us on the WEB: www.sninews.org

Stand Up Against Elder Abuse - WEAR PURPLE- JUNE 15

For Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Elders are an important part of our community. They are our wisdom keepers and first teachers. They 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 care 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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We will cherish the elders.

Seneca Elder Entertainment

Saturday, June 18 - Tyler Henry, The Hollywood Medium, at Seneca Niagara Casino at 8pm
Saturday, June 25 - Rick Springfield at Seneca Allegany Casino at 8pm
Saturday, June 25 @ 6PM- Buffalo Bisons Game Suite!

Reminder: Entertainment Guidelines:

- Tickets available to enrolled Seneca Elders only. Tickets are limited.
- Elders need to physically sign themselves up in person at AOA.
- Elders must notify AOA of any cancellations at least 24 hours prior to event.
- Assistants may be put on the waitlist pending all Enrolled Seneca Elders are accommodated.
- Please remember to include your phone number when signing up.
- There is a minimum of 10 people to attend a show.

For more information, please call: Irma Cortes at (716) 532-5777 ext. 5513.

What’s the best age to start receiving retirement benefits?

Submitted by Briana Snyder, AOA Options Counselor

The answer is that there’s not a single “best” age for everyone and, ultimately, it’s your choice. The most important thing is to make an informed decision. Base your decision about when to apply for benefits on your individual and family circumstances. What you should know before you apply:

What does “retirement” mean?

Retiring means getting your Social Security retirement benefit. It might mean that you’ve also stopped working. However, these two things don’t need to happen at the same time. For example, you have the option of delaying your monthly benefit even after you stop working. Delaying your benefit will increase your monthly benefit amount. (See below.)

Your benefits are based on your entire earnings history
Do you know how your benefit is calculated? Your monthly benefit amount is based on your highest 35 years of earnings. If you don’t have 35 years of earnings, your monthly benefit will be reduced, because years with no earnings will count as zeros.

Your monthly benefit is higher if you wait to start
When should you start your retirement benefit? You can start receiving benefits as early as age 62. However, the longer you wait (up to age 70), the higher your monthly benefit will be — for the rest of your life. If you’re married and you’re the higher earner, delaying your benefit may also mean higher survivor benefits for your spouse when you pass away.

Your full retirement age may be higher than you think
Your “full retirement age” is determined by the year you were born. The retirement age used to be 65 for everyone, but is gradually increasing to 67. As the full retirement age goes up, benefits claimed at earlier ages go down.

To be continued in the June 24th issue

FREE CHICKEN BBQ & AZALIA'S JUICES

AWESOME GIVEAWAYS

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ELDER RESOURCE FAIR

TUES. JUNE 21, 11AM-2PM

Seneca Fire Hall

12879 Route 438 Irving, NY

BUS LEAVES ALLEGANY ELDERS CENTER @10AM.

*For Elders age 60 & up and their caregivers

VALUABLE INFORMATION FOR ELDERS & CAREGIVERS: MEDICARE, HEALTHY LIVING, LEGAL, FINANCIAL, SNI AND GOV. RESOURCES

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

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@sninews.org

Kids Around, Lock it Down—The Dangers of Edibles with Youth

Submitted by Behavioral Health Unit

The Seneca Native Connections Prevention Team in collaboration with Seneca Strong and the Behavioral Health Unit is sponsoring an educational campaign about the dangers of cannabis infused edibles and gummies.

Edible marijuana products can look just like regular sweets and snacks. These snacks often include; Gummies, chocolate bars, hard candies, brownies and chips. These snacks are packaged to look very similar to real snacks. These can sometimes be considered “copycat” snacks, but they contain **tetrahydrocannabinol (THC)**, that can far exceed the limits set by state cannabis regulations and standards. Recent attention is being drawn to these edible snacks because of this branding and imagery as being enticing to children. It has become a public health concern as many consumers including children have mistaken these snacks for normal snacks and accidentally consumed them. From 2017 to 2019, US Poison Control Centers handled nearly 2,000 cases of young children accidentally consuming these THC filled edibles. In 2020, the American Association of Poison Control Centers reported more than 3,000 exposures to edible marijuana products involving kids under age 12 in the United States. Many were children that were five years old and younger.

Despite their ordinary appearance, just one THC filled edible can contain several times the recommended adult dose of THC. If someone were to eat an entire edible the effects can be severe. That is why the dangers of this packaging is so dangerous to children. These overdose effects can include:

- Intoxication
- Altered perception
- Anxiety/Panic
- Weakness
- Poor Coordination

- Paranoia
- Dizziness
- Slurred speech
- Sleepiness

Edible THC products take longer to get into the system than if the person smokes the marijuana. The time it takes after eating an edible is usually 30 to 60 minutes and then peaks at about three to four hours after ingesting.

If you have edibles in your home:

- **Store them safely** -Keep your edibles out of the reach of children. They should be locked away and in child resistant packaging. Take them out of the “copycat” packaging and into something that isn’t familiar or eye appealing to children.
- **Use them with caution** - do not consume edibles in front of children under any circumstances. These products may be tempting for children. This may also be dangerous while caring for children as it could impair your ability to care for them.
- **Avoid buying the edibles that are in copycat packaging** - Always put them out of reach before and after use.

If your child eats a marijuana edible by accident, first find out what they ate and how much they consumed. Examine the wrapper to determine how much THC is contained in the edible. Call the poison control hotline 1-800-222-1222 as soon as possible for direct help.

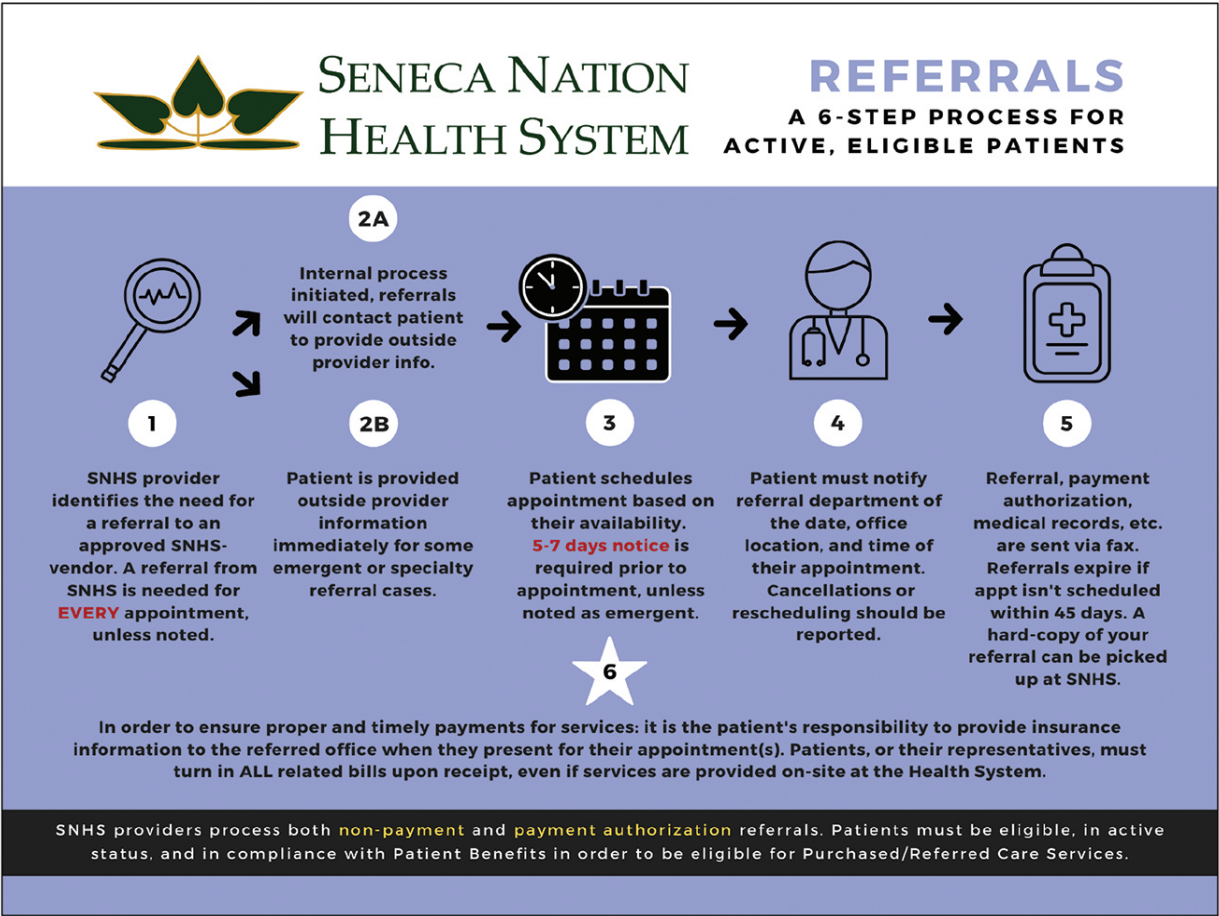
Talk to your children about the potential harm of marijuana and THC filled edibles and the potential harm to their developing minds. Treat these talks the same way you would discuss the dangers of any other substances that are harmful

to kids. These include alcohol, tobacco use and prescription medications. Remind them never to drive under the influence of any substance including marijuana. Impaired driving is a dangerous situation for anyone and can result in fatal car crashes.

Most states that have legalized recreational cannabis limit the amount of THC in edibles for the most part from 5 mg to 10 mg of a THC dose and 100 mg pre-package. The reason these edibles are so concerning is that the packaging on the copycat edibles said they contained and average of 459 mg of THC and can range from 300 to 600 mg per package. What’s more concerning is that this packaging does not include serving size or number of servings, therefore leaving it up to the consumer on how much they can eat without knowing the milligram size per serving. The study results were published recently in the journal **Drug and Alcohol Dependence**.

If you would like more information on the dangers of edibles and children you can go to **American Academy of Pediatrics**.

Sources:<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/ages-stages/teen/substance-abuse/Pages/Edible-Marijuana-Dangers.aspx>; <https://www.futurity.org/cannabis-edibles->



Counselor’s Corner

Submitted by Behavioral Health Unit

Counselor’s Corner would like to introduce the CHWC’s Behavioral Health Unit Supervisor (BHU), Allen Ward, LCSW-R. He is the Clinical Services Supervisor for the Cattaraugus Behavioral Health Unit located at CHWC. Allen attended Erie Community College for two years before transferring to Fredonia State College to pursue a B.A. degree in psychology. He took five years off after college to work at New Directions Youth and Family Services residential treatment facility and therapeutic foster care program. Six years later he enrolled at the University at Buffalo to pursue a Master’s Degree in social work while also working full time at Lakeshore Hospital in the inpatient psychiatric unit. After graduation, Allen accepted an outpatient counseling position with SNHS Behavioral Health. Allen stated he had worked as a counselor for approximately 11 years, when an opportunity presented itself to become the Clinical Services Supervisor located at the Cattaraugus Behavioral Health Unit. Allen gladly accepted that position.

It was Allen’s desire to become a counselor, because while attending Erie Community College, he recalls that he had a great interest in psychology after taking an abnormal psychology class. This really generated his passion for wanting to help people. Allen stated that he felt he was always a people person, so it seemed like a natural fit to pursue this career.

Allen believes that he was steered towards this occupation because his interests are specific to those with major mood and anxiety disorders. He likes working with couples and families as well. “My clinical specialty is DBT (Dialectal Behavior Therapy) and EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing) and enjoys working with people that may have these needs” Allen stated.

He feels that the most important attributes of a good counselor are to be an excellent listener, to be genuine, flexible and able to empathize with others.

Allen feels that the biggest challenge that counselors face today is that the need for counselors far exceeds the availability. “Coming out of the pandemic, we have seen a huge influx of people wanting men-

tal health counseling across the country and there is a shortage of therapists available to meet this real need”, stated Allen. Another challenge is that because of the ratio of counselors to clients, it can lead to potential burnout for the counselor.

Allen feels that in order to be an effective worker and supervisor, daily self-care is essential. Even simple and small provisions can help. “I like to jog, walk and play guitar. I also enjoy just going on an adventure somewhere, traveling and watching a show on TV or a movie”.

Allen stated that he likes his client to take the lead and teach him about the importance of their culture and then he will incorporate as much culture into treatment as they would like. He will actively encourage and engage them in their culture and spirituality to personalize their treatment.

How does Allen unwind during his down time? He is a certified scuba diver, he loves to downhill ski, and also enjoys eating diverse foods throughout the world. He especially likes spicy foods!

Thanks Allen for all you do!

 SENECA NATION HEALTH SYSTEM

Mosquito CONTROL SPRAYING

Mid June, Exact Date TBD

The Seneca Nation has contracted a company to complete mosquito spraying on both the Cattaraugus and Allegany territories. Spraying will be conducted in mid-june with an exact date to be determined.

Product: Altosid Liquid Larvicide

Process: This product will kill the mosquito larvae before they hatch or will inhibit the reproduction of adults. Spraying will **TARGET WETLANDS AND TYPICAL BREEDING GROUNDS**

Precautions: Product may cause mild skin, eye, and/or respiratory irritation. Remain indoors during spraying. Once applied, it is **NOT HARMFUL TO HUMANS OR PETS.**



Questions? Contact the Environmental Health Department at 716-945-5894

NOTICE:

Seneca Nation Health System will be closed:

Wednesday, June 15th

President’s Day

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

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SENECA NATIVE CONNECTIONS CALENDAR

JUNE 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Seneca Clubhouse Hours: Clubhouse is for youths ages 12 - 17 Cattaraugus Tuesday - Thursday 3:00 - 7:30 p.m. Allegany Tuesday 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.			1 Cattaraugus Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	2 Cattaraugus Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	3	4
5	6	7 Allegany Clubhouse Soft Opening 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	8 Cattaraugus Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	9 Cattaraugus Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	10	11
12	13	14 Both Clubhouses Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	15 No Programming President’s Day Clubhouses Closed	16 Cattaraugus Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	17	18 Color Run! Allegany Register @ 10:00 a.m. Starts @ 11:00 a.m.
19	20 Explorer’s Club Call for times	21 Both Clubhouses Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	22 Cattaraugus Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	23 Cattaraugus Clubhouse Open 3:00 - 7:30 p.m.	24	25
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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



(We acknowledge/give thanks to them)(Our Fathers)

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ÖGWA'NIH SHÖ'ÖH

Hä'nih/Hage'nih
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Hakso:d

Ethino'sëh shö'oh
Hakno'sëh

My father
Our Grandfathers
My Grandfather

Our Uncles
My Uncle

DEYÉTHINÖ:NYÖ:

ÖGWA'NIH SHÖ'ÖH



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"Is nāh aho'öh!" "You're the best/You're ace!"
"Göno:öhgwa'!" "I love you!"
"Degönö:nyö:h!" "I'm grateful for you!"
"Heno:öhgwa' _____"
"De:nö:nyö: _____"

"I love him (choose male relative)"
"I'm grateful for him (choose male relative)"





L Huff 6/2022

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

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WHEN YOU NEED US

Covid-19 Testing is available to all enrolled Senecas and/or employees of S.N.I. daily, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Individuals will be asked to report to the Seneca Fire Station in either Allegany (Salamanca) or Cattaraugus (Irving). Photo ID and Insurance information will be verified. The results will be verbal only and do not result in any written verification. A rapid test can be completed in 10 minutes. The PCR test will take 2 to 3 days for the results to return.

PLEASE CALL:

(716) 220-2442

Anyone taking a PCR test will be asked to pre-register at www.bluestonesafe.com
Client Code: Senecagov
User Code: 3030
Registration requires access to email. All tests require that patients DO NOT eat, drink, or smoke prior to testing for no less than one hour.



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