



SENECA - CAYUGA  
NATION



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# GAH-YAH-TONT

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## A WORD FROM CHIEF CHARLES DIEBOLD



Greetings to fellow Tribal Members,

I hope this newsletter finds all Tribal Members, family, and friends doing well and in good health. We are finally exiting the winter, which is like a new beginning for the year. Ourselves, along with our tribal brothers, have begun to bring our traditions back into the normal way post COVID.

I always share how fortunate the Seneca Cayuga are that we still have our culture and traditions. Our ancestors, through the generations, struggled and worked hard to preserve what we have. This separates us from the world around us in this unique way. This past weekend we began with the Spring Sundance. We had a great turnout of young boys and men to put this through with the help of family and friends. It was good to see everyone there and in good spirits. The next dance will be the Strawberry dance, which usually takes

place at the end of May. The date is not determined till the wild strawberries have matured and have been picked. At that time the date will be set for the dance.

The Nation has always tried to assist members wanting to continue their education. The education department has begun issuing stoles in honor of our graduating seniors. It is something new the Nation started this year to show how proud we are of your accomplishment.

Our employees have begun becoming more involved with the communities as well. Nick Birdsong, the Casino General Manager, is now a board member of the Grove Chamber of Commerce, which will provide the Nation a positive way for us to become involved with information and concerns. The Environmental Department has begun looking into ways to expand the recycling initiatives in the area and recently participated in the Earth Day event hosted by the City of Grove and the Grand River Dam Authority.

The Business Committee continues to research new ventures to help the Nation move forward. The committee recently met for a strategic planning session to begin compiling a list of economic and tribal projects. Compiling answers to the questionnaire from the online survey and General Council were highlighted and prioritized. The remodel of the two vacant homes has started, the new home builds are working their way through the environmental sign off so the construction can begin. Another intricate part of this project consists of the water and sewer infrastructure upgrade and build-out, electrical expansion, and road construction. There are a lot of exciting things happening for the success of the Nation.

I am committed to continue working with the Business Committee to help the Nation move forward and prosper. This is not a one-sided endeavor, and we want to keep an open dialog between tribal members and the Business Committee. There are a lot of details behind the projects and decisions that we encounter. To begin the process to succeed we should work to be united, while we may not always agree we do share the desire for success.

Nya-Weh,

Charles Diebold, Chief of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation

## COMMITTEE SUMMARY

**The Business Committee (BC) has re-established several committees, which include a BC member as the chairperson. They are actively collaborating on existing committees, both internal and external, to represent the Nation.**

Kim Guyett (Secretary-Treasurer) is the chairperson for the Enrollment Committee.

Amy Nuckolls is the chairperson for the Housing Committee

Cynthia Donohue Bauer is the chairperson for the Education/Welfare Committee

Tonya Blackfox represents the Nation for the Northeastern Tribal Health System Governing Board and the Claremore Indian Hospital Board of Directors.

Curt Lawrence and Kim Guyett work with the Tax Commission.

## BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Charles Diebold, Chief

Curt Lawrence 2nd Chief

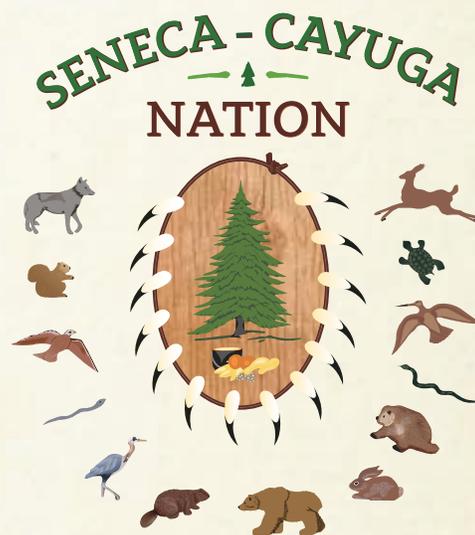
Kim Guyett, Secretary-Treasurer

Cynthia Donohue Bauer, 1st Council Person

Amy Nuckolls, 2nd Council Person

Hoyit Bacon, 3rd Council Person

Tonya Blackfox 4th Council Person



# GoodNEWS



## A NEW FIRE TRUCK IS ON THE WAY

The Public Safety Department has ordered a new fire truck, which is being manufactured now, with an expected delivery of June 6th. This truck is being paid for with BIA Cares money that must be used for COVID-19 response, and cannot be disbursed to individuals due to federal guidelines.

## THE FAMILY SERVICES BUILDING HAS A NEW ROOM FOR INTAKES

The new Family Room in the Family Services Building is now available for ICW, CCDF and the Housing Department to use. Using the Family Room makes it easier for people to bring their kids when they come to fill out paperwork or do intake interviews. The room is also used by ICW for supervised visits and family visits when neutral ground is required by the courts.

## TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES

Using a grant from the FVPSA-Family Violence Prevention and Services Act we will be upgrading the IT infrastructure in the Family Services Building. This will allow for client interviews to be done virtually.

## NEW CARPET IN THE AOA

The AOA has new carpet! The AOA serves meals to Elders five days a week, so we are really excited to have new carpet, making the space more appealing and comfortable.



*From left to right, the new carpet in the AOA, and the new children's room in the Family Services Building.*



This edition of Gah-Yah-Tont is full of good news, and there is more to come!

Keep up with the latest news, events, and updates from the Seneca-Cayuga Nation.

Official Facebook: [www.facebook.com/OfficialSenecaCayugaNation](https://www.facebook.com/OfficialSenecaCayugaNation)

The latest news and updates: [www.moreshcnation.com](https://www.moreshcnation.com)

Access benefits and government information: [www.scribe.com](https://www.scribe.com)

# Glimpses of SUN DANCE



*Emma Jean Innis made this basket to give to a Sun dancer. Jeannie has been teaching Pothangers and their helpers how to make baskets for their Sun dancers. This basket was given to Raymond Sharp during the Sun Dance.*



## **New Children’s Learning Center to be Built**

The CCDF program continues to make progress planning the new learning center. Funded by a five million dollar Federal grant, the new learning center will be located at the Nation’s Headquarters in Grove. The learning center will host kids aged six months to 12 years for day and afterschool programs focusing on language and cultural learning.

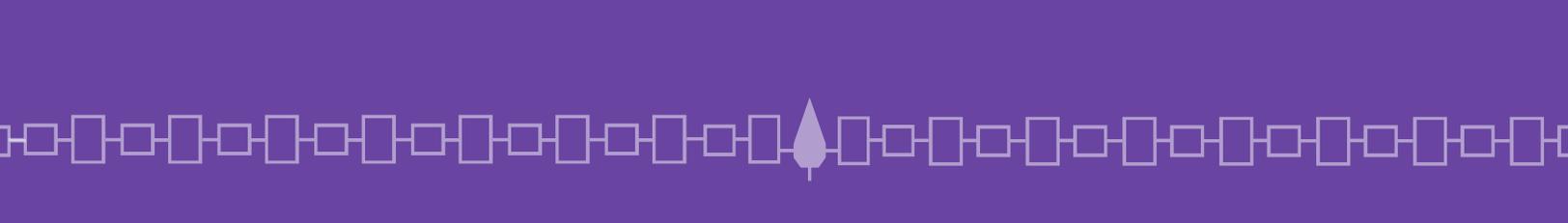
Nikinzie Bowers, CCDF Director, has seen the benefits in her own family and other tribes of learning and preserving tribal languages. Her vision is for the programming at the new center to include extensive language and cultural components. These cultural preservation efforts will also focus on the significance of ceremonial dances, from Sun Dance to Green Corn.

The current plan is for the building to have space for 90 - 100 kids in seven classrooms: two for infants, two for toddlers, one for pre-k students, and two classrooms for before and after school care. The space will also feature advanced air filtration systems to limit the risk of COVID-19 or other infections.

The federal grant to fund this building has already been awarded to the Seneca-Cayuga Nation, so the money needed is in place. Currently, Nikinzie is finalizing plans, and an environmental assessment is underway to approve a specific location. At the same time, a team of Tribal Leaders is working on policies and procedures needed to run the program at the new center. Dennis Sisco, who has previous experience with construction projects, is spearheading the building process. There is still a lot of work to do before children’s laughter fills the rooms of the new learning center, but the development process is well on its way.

The new CCDF learning center will be a crucial tool in educating and developing the youth of our Tribe to know and understand our ways and traditions, and it will enhance our ability to have a thriving community for generations to come. Nikinzie says that, “I want all Seneca-Cayuga Nation kids to have great educational experiences that include culture and language.” This new center will help make this dream come true.





# Upcoming ELECTION

AN ELECTION FOR THE SENECA-CAYUGA NATION WILL BE HELD  
JUNE 4, 2022. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION  
CAREFULLY SO YOU CAN VOTE.

## VOTING PROCEDURES

It is vital that every member vote in this years election. This is your chance to choose your leaders. The Election Committee works hard to ensure a fair election that follows the election process prescribed in the election ordinance.

### IF YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT:

1. You will receive an absentee ballot by mail.
2. Fill in the ballot and return it per the instructions. **All absentee ballots must be received at the designated PO box by 5:00 pm on June 3rd to be counted.**

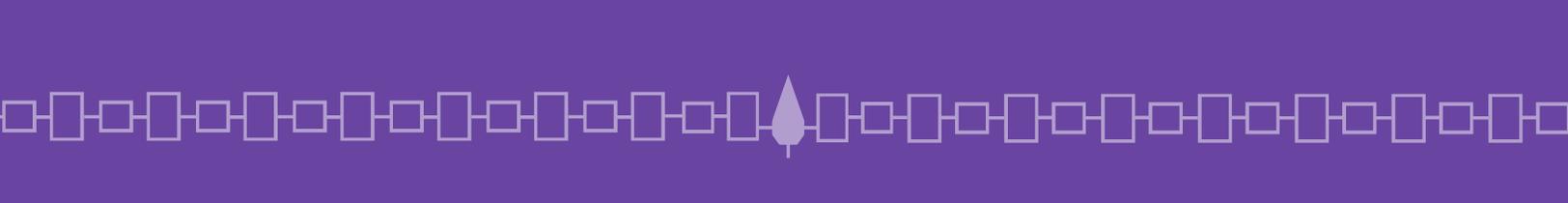
### IF YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE IN PERSON:

1. **You will vote in person at the polling place on June 4th, 2022, from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm.** The polling place will be the Nation Community Building located at 24805 South 660 Road, Grove OK.

**FOR A MORE DETAILED UNDERSTANDING OF THE ELECTION  
PROCEDURES PLEASE VISIT  
[SCTRIBE.COM/ELECTION-INFORMATION-2022/](https://sctribe.com/election-information-2022/)**

**FOR THE OFFICIAL NOTICE OF ELECTION VISIT  
[SCTRIBE.COM/ELECTION-NOTICE/](https://sctribe.com/election-notice/)**

A special election will be held July 2nd, 2022 date to fill the Grievance Committee Fourth Position which has no candidates.



# *Accessing* **BENEFITS**

## **DO YOU KNOW HOW TO ACCESS YOUR BENEFITS? HERE IS THE LIST!**

There are many benefits available to you as a member of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation. Most benefits are available to anyone, no matter where you live. A few benefits are funded by federal grants and have some limits based on geography. For a full list of benefits, visit [www.sctribe.com/services](http://www.sctribe.com/services). Here are some highlights:

### **Emergency Funds**

Up to \$1000 per year is available to help with rent, house repairs, medical bills, or financial hardship. Call the Benefits Dept. at 918-791-6025 or email [benefits@sctribe.com](mailto:benefits@sctribe.com) for more information.

### **Hearing Aids**

Up to \$1,400 per year is available to help pay for hearing aids. Call the Benefits Dept. at 918-791-6025 or email [benefits@sctribe.com](mailto:benefits@sctribe.com) for more information.

### **Optical Benefits**

Up to \$500 is available a year to help pay for eyeglasses or eye exams. Call the Benefits Dept. at 918-791-6025 or email [benefits@sctribe.com](mailto:benefits@sctribe.com) for more information.

### **Dental Benefits**

Money is available to help pay for dental treatment, braces for minors, and dentures. Call the Benefits Dept. at 918-791-6025 or email [benefits@sctribe.com](mailto:benefits@sctribe.com) for more information.

### **Tribal Elder Benefits**

Up to \$2,500 per year is available to those 55 years or older, who have been a member of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation for no less than 20 years. Call the Benefits Dept. at 918-791-6025 or email [benefits@sctribe.com](mailto:benefits@sctribe.com) for more information.

### **Bereavement Funds**

Money is available to help pay for funeral and burial expenses. An application must be made within six months of death. Call the Benefits Dept. at 918-791-6025 or email [benefits@sctribe.com](mailto:benefits@sctribe.com) for more information.

### **Child Care Development Fund**

Funds are available to help families have access to high-quality child care. The child care program is funded by a federal grant and is limited to those living within 100 miles of Grove, OK. Contact Nikinzie Bowers at 918-791-6056.

### **Youth Fellowship for School Clothing**

\$500 is available per student grades Pre K-12 to buy school clothing. Call Haley Buckallew at 918-791-6041 for more information.

### **High School Senior Fellowship Fund**

Up to \$500 is available to high school seniors to help pay for student's cap, gown, graduation announcements, senior pictures, class ring, ACT/SAT fees, and any other senior-related costs associated with college entry. Call Haley Buckallew at 918-791-6041 for more information.

### **Education Fellowship Fund**

Scholarships are available to pay for higher education expenses. These funds can be used to attend an accredited college, university, trade, or vocational training school. Call Haley Buckallew at 918-791-6041 for more information.

### **The Northeastern Tribal Health System (NTHS)**

NTHS is a healthcare system for all native people. Located at 7600 S. HWY 69-A Miami, OK 74354. Call (918) 542-1655 for more information.

### **The Seneca Cayuga Wellness Center**

The wellness center is a 24-hour fitness facility located at the Nation's tribal offices. It is equipped with fitness equipment, showers, and lockers. Call Mike Kerr at 918-791-6051 for more information.

### **Employment**

The Seneca-Cayuga Nation, Grand Lake Casino, and Tobacco Company have various job openings throughout the year. For casino jobs, visit [www.grandlakecasino.com/employment](http://www.grandlakecasino.com/employment). For all other positions, call SCN Human Resources at 918-791-6036 or 6037 to learn more.

### **Food Distribution Program**

The Food Distribution Program is a federally funded effort to provide food to qualifying households within a specific geographic area around Miami, OK. Call (918)542-3443 for more information.

### **Substance Abuse Program**

Various substance abuse and mental health treatments are available to tribal members. Call Naomi Esparza at 918-791-6045 for more information.

### **Tag Office**

The Seneca-Cayuga Tag Office offers tags to Oklahoma Seneca-Cayuga Members. Call Tiffany White at 918-791-6028 for more information.

### **Elder Nutrition Program**

Seneca-Cayuga Tribal Members ages 52, along with their spouse, can eat for free at the AOA. Members of other tribes over 60 can eat for free. Anyone can buy a meal for \$5. Mealtimes are 11:00 am – 12:30 pm Monday-Thursday, and 9:00 am – 10:30 am on Friday. Call Rob Gibson at 918-791-6052 for more information.

### **Community Health Representative/Caregiver**

Contact Mike Kerr at 918-533-5515 for more information.

### **Violence Prevention & Victim Services**

This program provides assistance for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, and victims of crime. Call Shiny Pandirla at 918-791-6059 or Wendy Nichols at 918-791-6057 for more information.

### **Indian Child Welfare**

This program proposes to provide an avenue of hope for Seneca-Cayuga tribal children and their families by providing direct services and coordinating resources with other agencies in an attempt to prevent the break-up of Native American families. Call Kimberly Keller at 918-791-6054 for more information.

### **Sex Offender Registration Act-SORNA Program**

The SORNA Coordinator maintains contact with law enforcement and monitors our CFR Court and local county jail logs for sex offenders that would fall under our jurisdiction. Call 918-791-6061 for more information.

### **Environmental Protection**

The General Assistance Program (GAP) is funded by the Environmental Protection Agency to support the capacity building of the Department while maintaining a Tribal presence in Environmental issues impacting Tribal lands and members. This program is also funded by the EPA under the Clean Water Act Section 106. This funding allows for monthly sampling and monitoring of rivers, streams, and numerous in-lake sites, all within tribal jurisdictional boundaries. Call Richard Schlottke at 918-791-6033 for more information.

### **Historical/Cultural Preservation**

The Seneca Cayuga Nation has, through its Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), assumed duties of the State Historic Preservation Officer on trust lands as allowed under the National Historic Preservation Act I16 USC 470] Section 101 (d)(2). This office is partially funded by the National Park Service. Call William Tarrant at 918-791-6061 for more information.

### **Enrollment Department**

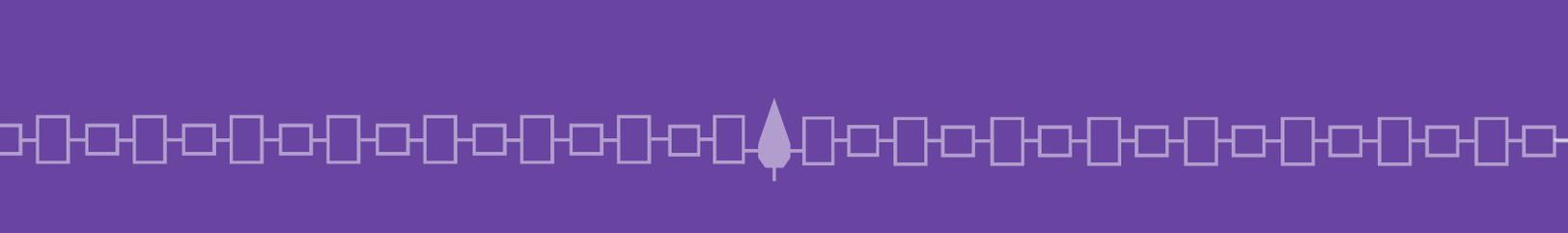
The purpose of this program is to provide enrollment to eligible persons of the Seneca-Cayuga Nation. Call Leslie McCoy at 918-791-6027 for more information.

### **Department of Public Safety**

Call Chris Arnold, EMT, CHPP, at 918-791-6062 for more information.

### **NAHASDA Housing**

Funds are available for household repairs and rental assistance. This is a federally funded program that has geographic restrictions. Contact Ray Jones at 918-791-6060 for more information.



## The AOA: Serving Our Community One Delicious Meal at a Time

The Seneca-Cayuga Nation has a long history of caring for its elders, propelled by rich cultural traditions that emphasize community. The Elder Nutrition Program, operated by the AOA (Agency on Aging), is a prime example.

The program is designed to provide nutritional meals to Tribal Members over the age of 52 at zero cost, Monday through Friday. This offer also extends to spouses of Tribal Members over the age of 52 and Native Americans from any federally recognized tribe that is at least 60 years old. And anyone who doesn't meet that criteria can still grab a delicious meal for a small fee of five dollars.

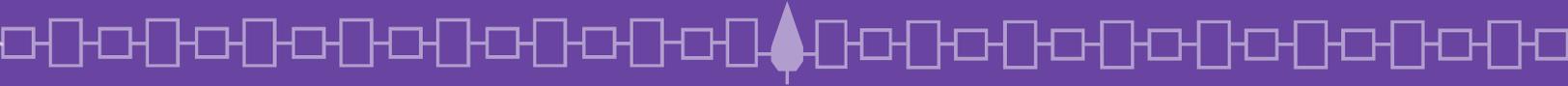
At the heart of this endeavor is Rob Gibson, the Director of the AOA. Mr. Gibson is a one man show that cooks, cleans, and creates lasting impressions on his weekly patrons, many of which he considers friends. "I'm good friends with just about everyone that comes in here," Mr. Gibson said during an interview. "I always make a point to ask them how they're doing."

Mr. Gibson's journey with food began over 40 years ago at Oklahoma State, where he earned his culinary degree. He's been churning out mouthwatering dishes ever since, with his current favorite for the AOA being chicken-fried steak. "My food is down-home food. It's not institutional food. More like old diner food, that's what I call it."

A fan-favorite among patrons is the big Thanksgiving meal every year, which includes ham, turkey, and all the trimmings. The meal is so popular, in fact, that Mr. Gibson does it twice. "I'll do it again in July," he said. "Christmas in July. [Everyone] really likes that."

When asked why he spends so much time and energy fulfilling his role at the AOA, Mr. Gibson said, "I think it's a calling from God. Everybody has their gifts, and mine is service. There's a lot of gratitude in it."





Running the AOA does not come without its challenges however. The COVID-19 pandemic led to a number of hurdles for the AOA. Tribal Members are particularly susceptible to COVID and its variants. And their safety was, and continues to be, a top priority.

Mr. Gibson had to think fast and adapt. After the temporary shutdown in 2020, and again recently, he and other Tribal Leaders came up with a plan—a makeshift drive-thru using orange cones and ingenuity. “We ran the food out to them... We’d mark their name down, hand them their food, and send them on their way.”

Thankfully, the AOA has returned to indoor dining. And the Elder Nutritional Program can serve up more than just hot plates again. Many of the older patrons use the AOA as a social outlet too. The program doubles as a way to stay connected with friends or to make new ones. Being able to actually dine there is a big part of that.

In addition to the Elder Nutrition Program, there is a small library located just inside the AOA building. The hours for the library coincide with the hours of the AOA. Tribal members can check out books, audio book cd’s and movies.

The AOA recently had new carpet installed, and future project plans included installing fresh equipment like a walk-in freezer. The new freezer will allow the AOA to start providing Elders with frozen meals to take home, putting us one step closer to eliminating food insecurities.

In the meantime, Tribal leaders invite members of all ages to stop by the AOA. They envision a future where the Seneca-Cayuga Nation has even stronger community bonds that span generations. A future with full hearts and full stomachs. And it can start today—with you—and of course, some down-home food.

## COME TO THE AOA FOR GREAT FOOD!

THE AOA IS OPEN FOR LUNCH MONDAY – THURSDAY, 11 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.  
AND FOR BREAKFAST FRIDAYS, 9:00 A.M. TO 10:30 A.M.

MEALS ARE FREE FOR ELDERS AND THEIR SPOUSE OVER 52 AND NATIVE AMERICANS  
FROM ANY FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE THAT IS AT LEAST 60 YEARS OLD.

**\$5 FOR EVERYONE ELSE!**

MENUS AT [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/OFFICIALSENECACAYUGANATION](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/OFFICIALSENECACAYUGANATION)  
AND [SCTRIBE.COM](http://SCTRIBE.COM)

# NationPROJECTS



## WATER TOWER PROJECT

Both water towers have been pressure washed inside and out and repainted. The new paint will help protect the water towers and make them last for years to come. Special thanks to everyone who made this significant project possible!

## WATER TREATMENT STATION

The water treatment plant is getting new IT equipment that will update the current hardware and software used by the water department. Other updates include a new metal roof, new pumps, new pipe, and wiring in two wells.

## BASSETT GROVE CEMETERY

William Tarrant has acquired a ground-penetrating radar system using grant money from The National Park Service. We will use the radar system to map the Bassett Grove Cemetery to find unmarked graves. In addition, a new mower, trailer, and excavator are available to help maintain the grounds.

## CULTURAL PRESERVATION AND HERITAGE CENTER

Work continues to convert the old AOA into a Cultural Preservation and Heritage center. The space includes displays of artifacts, pictures, historical objects, and areas for crafting and creating. Visitors are welcome from 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday.



*From left to right, the newly painted water towers, a display at the Cultural Preservation and Heritage Center (non-ceremonial).*

# CongratsGRADS!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR 2022 GRADUATES!

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Wyatt Wooten  
David Cochran  
Colton Short  
Tyree Cicarello  
Gage Delibro  
Meghan Jones  
Ericka Peacock  
Kadence Parker  
Robert Testerman  
Emma Kelly  
Sidney Leaf

Clayton Schmidt  
Taylor Saia  
Sara Foreman  
Jacob Brook  
Zedekai Donohue  
Aydrie Gonzalez  
Erika Schroeder  
Charity Mathews  
Seth Hilburn  
PJ Porter  
Kadence parker

Autumn Johnson  
Jerah Bighorse  
Howard Smith  
Scarlett Smith  
Makenna Murray  
Brian wiles  
Tsu-Quin-Da-Ro Enyart  
Ethan Riley Fitcheyol  
Sidney Shelton  
Charles Luther

## FURTHER EDUCATION GRADUATES

**Danielle Vercel:** Graduating with a Bachelor of Science in substance abuse counseling with honors.

**Kherissa Morris:** Graduating with a Master of Business Administration from Southern Utah University.

**Julie Youngblood-Ka-na-so-we-ga:** Graduating from Missouri southern state university with a bachelor's in business management, human resource management and a minor in marketing.

**Kyle Culhane:** Graduating with his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Applied Science with an emphasis in Physics from the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (UCCS)

**Allie Fry:** Graduating with an associate degree in science from Fort Scott.

**Tyler Keating**

**Colin Sixkiller**



## GRADUATION STOLES

TO COMMEMORATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF GRADUATION WE ARE SENDING STOLES TO EVERY GRADUATE. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE A STOLE, WE MAY NOT KNOW YOU GRADUATED. PLEASE SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO HALEY BUCKALLEW VIA E-MAIL: [HBUCKALLEW@SCTRIIBE.COM](mailto:HBUCKALLEW@SCTRIIBE.COM)

## GET YOUR NEW TRIBAL ID CARD!

Did you know there are new Tribal ID cards? They feature a photo for enhanced security. Over time the new version of the ID card will be required for many programs and benefits.

**Please stop by the tag office soon to upgrade to the new card!**



## STAY HEALTHY THIS YEAR AT THE FITNESS CENTER!

THE FITNESS CENTER IS LOCATED AT THE NATION HEADQUARTERS AND IS AVAILABLE 24/7 WITH AN ACCESS CARD. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT MIKE KERR BY EMAIL ([MKERR@SCTRIIBE.COM](mailto:MKERR@SCTRIIBE.COM)) OR PHONE (918-787-5452 EX. 6051)



# STOP BY THE TRIBAL GIFT SHOP!

LOCATED IN THE TAG OFFICE  
MONDAY - FRIDAY 8 - 12 AND 1 - 5



New merchandise includes bead work from June Wallace. Read about her work in the Member Profile on the next page!

Contact Tiffany White at 918-791-6028 for information!



## FOSTER FAMILIES NEEDED

THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE  
PROGRAM NEEDS FOSTER FAMILIES  
FOR SENECA-CAYUGA NATION  
KIDS WHO NEED A TEMPORARY  
PLACE TO LIVE.

CALL KIMBERLY PHILLIPS AT  
918-786-3508 FOR INFORMATION

# MemberPROFILE

## JUNE WALLACE

June Wallace, of the Southside Deer Clan, has not missed a single Greencorn since her birth. Which is why the cancellation of the ceremony in 2020 due to the pandemic was all the more challenging. Luckily, she had beading.

Ms. Wallace was taught the basics of beadwork by her mother, Hazel, who was a Pothanger that took great pride in her cultural heritage. A pride that ran so deep she served as Pothanger until her passing at the age of 87. A pride she instilled in her daughter, evident to anyone lucky enough to talk with June, or see her beadwork.

When asked how often she beads, Ms. Wallace responded, “How many days in the week are there?” a clever reply indicative of her wit and jovial spirit. Although she did clarify that she does take breaks on Sundays to go to church, but often picks the beads back up in the afternoon.

Her beadwork easily captures the eye—a colorful array of patterns and meaningful symbols that gives you an appreciation for her attention to detail. Her mother, too, was a perfectionist in anything she did, something Ms. Wallace thinks about when tackling a new pattern. If there’s a mistake,

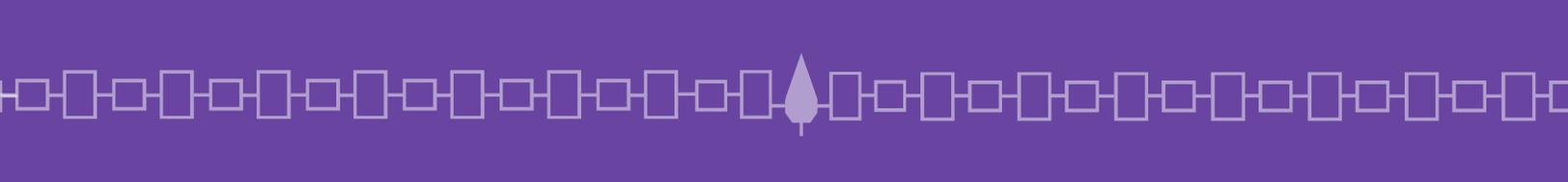
“I can hear my mom say ‘Juney, take that out and do it right,’ so I take it out and get it right.”

Ms. Wallace’s passion for beadwork and her cultural heritage also stems from a desire to keep traditions alive. She wants to see not just her Tribe, but all Tribes unite and preserve a shared cultural identity. Which is why she hopes to attend the Gathering of Nations one day with her two grandsons.

Much of her beadwork goes to family members, mainly her many nieces and nephews. Her work has included bracelets, headbands, lanyards, canes, earrings, and Warrior Sticks among other things. She even recently beaded some shovels for the Tribe to be used during groundbreaking ceremonies.

And with that, we’d like to thank June for gifting us with her incredible beadwork, and for being an outstanding member of our community. The Seneca-Cayuga Nation is better off for having you in it. We’ll see you at Greencorn.





# Upcoming **EVENTS**



## **BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETINGS: FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH**

All monthly Business Committee meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm, unless otherwise posted. These meetings will be held at the New AOA located on the North end of the tribal complex.

## **2022 ELECTION AND GENERAL COUNCIL: SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022**

Voting will take place at the polling place from 8:00am - 1:00pm. The polling place will be the Nation Community Building located at 24805 South 660 Road, Grove OK. **If you are voting by absentee ballot it must be received by June 3, 2022.**

## **GREENCORN: CAMPDAY IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH**

August 7th will be Campday. CCDF will host the annual "Kids Zone" on Campday 11:00 am to 2:00 pm! Ceremonies begin on Monday. Don't forget your offerings for the center. Peach Seed game begins on Tuesday. Remember to bring your bets. If an item has already been bet, no betting again. Reminder: nothing metal, like snaps or buckles. Ceremonies will continue until Peach Seed Game is over. The week ends with our Pothanger Ghost supper! See you soon!

## **BLACKBERRY: WEDNESDAY, JULY 13TH**

Blackberry Dance will be Wednesday July 13th. Get out and pick those berries. Pothangers will be in the Rockhouse around 5 pm to accept your berries! This is a women's dance that starts when the moon gets to a certain position in the sky, we dance, then we social dance and stomp dance, then we come back to the Longhouse and welcome daybreak. It is truly magical! Always a blackberry sky as the Sun comes up. Come dance with us!

## **LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CAMP: JUNE 14TH - 18TH**

The Language and Culture Camp is for youth ages 9 - 16. For more information call William Tarrant at 918-791-6061 or e-mail wtarrant@sctribe.com.

## **SUMMER YOUTH "NYA-WEH" PROJECT - JULY**

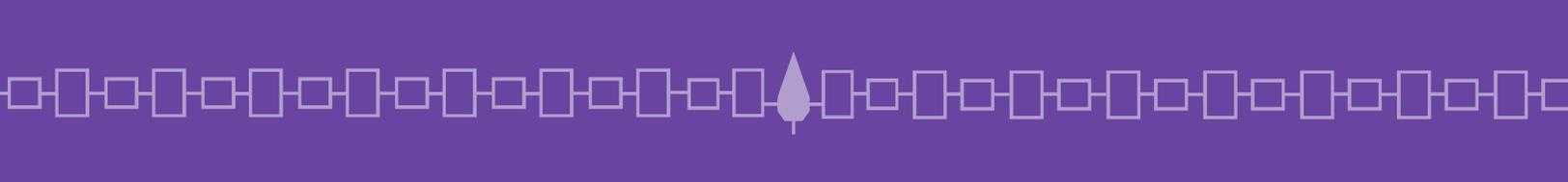
This program accepts six Tribal youth between the ages of 14 and 18 to work at the Tribal Ceremonial Grounds and Tribal Complex. The work they do includes grounds keeping, landscaping and other community enhancement. For more information call William Tarrant at 918-791-6061 or e-mail wtarrant@sctribe.com.

## **GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE FOURTH POSITION ELECTION - JULY 2ND, 2022**

A special election will be held July 2nd, 2022 date to fill the Grievance Committee Fourth Position which has no candidates.



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# *Footprints on the* **MILKY WAY**

The last two years have been shocking due to the Covid-19 sickness, and the emotional, physical, and spiritual effect it has had on our Tribe. To show respect for our Tribal family that has passed on, we acknowledge them here today.

Betty Lou Collie - 12/7/2021

Christine Cortez - 2/7/2022

Lori Ann Wilson - 2/10/2022

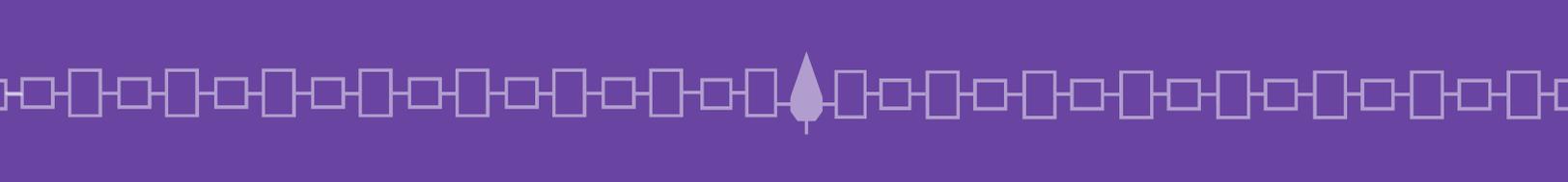
Betty B Moore - 2/24/2022

Florence Marie Mathews - 2/27/2022

Sandra Kaye Brown - 3/21/2022

Judy Earlene Kuhn - 3/27/2022

Money is available to help pay for funeral and burial expenses. An application must be made within six months of death. Call the Benefits Department at 918-791-6025 or e-mail [benefits@sctribe.com](mailto:benefits@sctribe.com) for information.



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To update your address please  
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**Enrollment Department**  
**P.O. Box 453220 Grove,**  
**Oklahoma 74345**

Name

New Address

Home Telephone

Work Telephone

Cell Phone

E-mail Address

Tribal Enrollment Number

**Tribal children at this address:**



Child Name

Child Name

Child Roll Number

Child Roll Number

Submitted By (print)

Date

Signature

**If the change of address is being submitted for a minor child or incompetent adult, please sign below:**

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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