

Gayogoho:nq' News

Words from the Cayuga Nation Council

Nya:weh Sgəno Swagwe:go'!

We are thankful and hope you and your families are well.

The launch of this newsletter marks an exciting milestone in the history of the Cayuga Nation. We are eager to make updates to recent events that have taken place in the past several months. The following is an account of a series of events since mid-September.

On September 15, some people took matters into their own hands and seized control of the cigarette factory in Seneca Falls controlled by Clint Halftown. A few days later they moved to occupy Lakeside 1 in Union Springs instead. These actions were not planned or condoned by the Unity Council, but left us in the difficult position of trying to keep the peace and safety of our people while also maintaining our longstanding position that the properties should not be under Halftown's control. We were not in a position to give Lakeside 1 back to him, and much time was spent discussing what to do. Ultimately the Unity Council decided to support our people and do everything we could, including meeting with local and federal law enforcement, to keep people safe.

The cigarette factory and the convenience store are enterprises of the Cayuga Nation. As such their proceeds should be going to the lawful government of the Cayuga Nation – the Council – to be shared with the people. Currently, proceeds of the factory and other Cayuga Nation enterprises are controlled by Halftown's faction.

The situation must be viewed in a broader context of cultural and economic survival. The Cayuga Nation has been a government in exile until recently. The efforts of the Cayuga Nation and its citizens to return to their homelands over the past decade to rebuild our nation after two centuries of occupation is not an easy task. The current conflict arises from Clint, Tim and Gary's refusal to accept their removal from our Council.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs' misunderstanding of the role once given to Clint Halftown by the Cayuga Nation Council of Chiefs to carry messages has not helped, either. Neither Halftown, nor Twoguns or Wheeler, were ever raised up as chiefs, but they have used Halftown's designation as Federal Representative to control BIA funds and exclude rightful leaders from decision-making.



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Special points of interest

- Holiday Family Adoptions
- Upcoming Events
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- Welcome
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Birthdays

January

- 1: Josephine Caneen-Chase
- 2: Loretta Happney, Marian Rivera
- 3: Elizabeth Rivera
- 4: Lydia Bidell, Rebecca Sullivan, Charles Thompson
- 7: Samuel Campbell, Nina Caneen, Shelby Goeke, Roger LaPorte, Isaac Mayry
- 9: Chad Nagle
- 10: Arlene Giocolo, Keith Greiser, Burt Parker, Jeffrey Snyder
- 11: Ronald Master
- 12: Renee Rombaut
- 13: Nickolas Austin, Jeffrey Tyler, Paula Veneski
- 14: Julianna Bennett, Julius Kettle
- 15: Kelli Fortier
- 16: Nicholas Gill, Travis Monroe, Nancy Poodry
- 17: Krystal Gilson, Fred Giocolo Jr.
- 18: John Kettmann, Theresa Prospero, Connor Rafferty
- 19: Alicia Pachla
- 22: Victor Franco, Chester Isaac
- 23: Eric VanAernam
- 24: Gary Nephew
- 25: Christian Borrelli, Maurice Clawson Jr.
- 26: Michael Barringer, Lee VanAernam
- 27: David Kettmann Jr., Wayne Willis
- 28: Heman Doctor, Kate John
- 29: Paul Campbell, Chase A. Hill, Andrew Sasala
- 31: Adam Fortier, Jacquelin Kettle

February

- 1: Michelle Nagle, Garrett Porter
- 4: Evie Austin, Jessica Rogers, Valerie Syracuse
- 8: Tina Borsay
- 9: Pamela Booth, Margaret Brayley
- 11: Violet Borsay, Anita Smith
- 12: Nicholas Moses, Richard Sasala
- 13: Emma Rose Bidell, Kassandra Bissell
- 15: LouAnn Feliciano, Bethany Goeke, Michelle Setlock
- 16: Owen Tallchief, Raylee Yasurek
- 17: Timothy Ozga
- 18: Michael VanAernam, Robert Wittcop
- 19: Lenora Falbo
- 20: Alan George
- 22: Hattie Bidell, Alberta George, Michelle Jones
- 23: Jonathan Dekanski, Pamela Isaac
- 24: Joan Gill, Claudia Peters, Elena Snyder
- 25: Carlin Seneca
- 26: Latonia Tyler
- 27: George Meskimen

Halftown does not respect Council authority or process, and takes actions that are not in the interest of the Cayuga Nation or the Haudenosaunee.

Our Council does not function perfectly, but our government has 1000 years of history and process behind it, with Clanmothers holding the power to ensure Chiefs act for the good of their people. The Council has been damaged by colonization – but it still exists, and we are working hard to heal it. Halftown’s “leadership,” on the other hand, is a dictatorship invented in the past decade. There is no Clanmother that supports him. There is no future for our people down that path.

Halftown is serving his own interests, rather than the Cayuga Nation. He used Cayuga Nation funds to hire private security forces and deploy them against Cayuga Nation citizens on Cayuga treaty lands. The two firms involved were C.I.S Security, and Global Security. Both are armed ex-law enforcement or ex-U.S. military mercenaries. It was these mercenary forces that were used by Halftown to attempt to seize Lakeside 1 on October 18th and that forced Cayuga Nation people out on November 17th, 2014.

“We will not give up in our efforts to maintain our traditional government and serve our people.”

On October 18th, a Global Security force of about 20 men attempted to forcefully enter Lakeside 1. They ran down fences with vehicles. Armed with large crowbars, pick axes and a military-style door opener, the mercenaries broke windows and doors, causing significant damage to Cayuga Nation property. The seven unarmed Haudenosaunee men and women guarding Lakeside peacefully refused entry but were overcome by force. Police were called and ordered the intruders out of the store, detaining two, but made no arrests. Our people remained in control of the store.

On November 17th, between 5:15 and 6:30 AM over 75 men arrived at the store, took down fences and forced entry. Tipped off only an hour before, Cayuga bodies attempted to keep the peace and block and hold the door, but it was not enough to deter the sheer numbers of mercenaries that forced their way in, pushing, shoving, and punching. At least five unarmed Cayuga Nation supporters were injured. The police chose not to intervene, and Halftown regained control of the store.

What this means for the Cayuga Nation

As affairs stand now, Halftown’s faction has control over Lakeside Trading in Union Springs. The Council remains in control over Lakeside Trading in Seneca Falls and the Cayuga Nation offices.

The proceeds of Lakeside Trading in Seneca Falls support a variety of social services provided by the Cayuga Nation Unity Council. These include a transportation service to assist Cayugas in attending medical appointments, a Housing department to assist Cayugas in finding homes, the building of the Schoolhouse, and a language program to ensure the survival of the Cayuga language.

For now, the focus is continuing to build the economy and governance of the Cayuga Nation and to urge outside entities, including the BIA, the state of New York, and the counties and towns, to respect our law and government. We will not give up in our efforts to maintain our traditional government and serve our people.



Top (L to R): Zulu Limbouris, Thunder Jock, Jared Jock, Walter John Jr., Frank Swamp, Vern “Duey” Longboat, Ray Sundown, Vince Rockwell. Middle (L to R): Marcus Redeye, Brian Thompson, Josh Miller, Tylin Thomas, Honko Jock, Derren “Scrub” Brooks, Gerald “G” Johnson, Alan Snow, Louis St. Germaine. Bottom L: Tyler “Beaski” Seneca. Not pictured: Cameron Seneca.

SPORTS: Men’s Lacrosse Team, Cayuga Conflict, takes the floor at the Turkey Shoot

On November 28-30, 2014, the Cayuga Nation entered it’s first Men’s Lacrosse tournament in the 4th Annual Turkey Shoot in the Seneca Territory of Allegheny. The team name, Cayuga Conflict, was deemed appropriate by teammates who recognize the ongoing difference in political perspectives of the Nation, but also the necessity to continue working together. The team roster consisted of Cayuga men, Cameron Seneca, Tyler “Beaski” Seneca, and Josh Miller, along with other employees working for the Nation. The Cayuga

Conflict was sponsored by Gaglianese Underground Specialists based out of Auburn, NY.

Unfortunately, the team did not place, but it was a good team building experience and all players enjoyed themselves.



Upcoming Events

New Year’s Eve SOCIAL

Weds 12/31/14 6pm

Bring a dish to pass for the potluck dinner followed by social singing and dancing to ring in the New Year at the new Schoolhouse. Located behind the office building at 2540 Route 89, 13148.

Cayuga Language classes

Mon 10:30 am—3:30 pm
6:30—9:30 pm
T-Th 9:30am—3:30 pm
6:30pm—9:30pm

2540 State Rt. 89

Seneca Falls, NY 13148

Cayuga Culture After School

Program:

For youth over the age of 2, The upcoming after school program will teach language, longhouse ceremonial cycles, sports, crafts, dances. For enrollment, contact Jake George at Nation offices during business hours at (315) 712-4252.

Midwinter Ceremonies

Mark your calendars for the upcoming beginning of the Ongweowe ceremonial cycle. Most longhouses schedule their Midwinter ceremonies after the second moon, probably in January or February.

Cayuga Nation's End of Season Gathering— Smoke Dance Competition



On Sunday September 27, 2014, the Cayuga Nation hosted an End of Season Gathering including Smoke Dance, hand drum contest, horseshoes competition, along with other entertainment and food. The event was open to the public. Events and other entertainment of the day included social singing and dancing, live music, a horseshoe tournament, food & craft vendors and a demonstration of the Navajo Style hoop dance. The smoke dance competition included categories from tiny tots to adults for both men and women. Results from all contests are as follows:



Golden Age Women:

1. Blanche Jones

Adult Men:

1. Solon Spruce
2. Jessie George Sr.
3. Chandler Cooper
4. David Lyons

Adult Women:

1. Valerie Parker
2. Yegunahareeta Printup
3. Samantha Moses
4. Eva Bighorse

Teen Boys:

1. Jaden Parker
2. Brett Logan
3. Shawn VanEvery
4. Draven VanEvery

Teen Girls:

1. Tiffany Henhawk
2. Shanie Henhawk
3. Kylee Dowdy

Jr. Boys:

1. Kelvin George
2. Cusin Lyons
3. Dodie Shenandoah
4. Franklyn Williams

Jr. Girls:

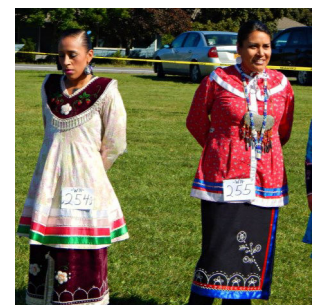
1. Jasmin Cathers
2. Keah George
3. Sessa George
4. Eva Dowdy

Hand Drum:

1. Jake George
2. Jaden Parker
3. Adah Shenandoah
4. Solon Spruce

Horseshoe Tournament:

1. Alvin
2. William "Chuck" Jacobs
3. (Oneida Woman)
4. Jim Uticone



Cayuga Nation Hosts Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Cultural Schoolhouse

Building will be used to teach Cayuga culture

On December 5, the Cayuga Nation Council hosted a ceremonial ribbon cutting for the new Schoolhouse building. The Schoolhouse, located behind the existing Cayuga Nation offices at 2540 Rt. 89, Seneca Falls, will provide a center for teaching Cayuga culture, including language, songs, dances, ceremonies, and preparation of traditional foods. Its design is inspired by a longhouse, which hold significant cultural importance to the Cayuga.

“The Longhouse has always been the center of Haudenosaunee communities,” explained Sam George, Sachem Chief of the Bear Clan of the Cayuga Nation, who led the ribbon cutting. “It has been a long time since there was a Longhouse by the shores of Cayuga Lake. We hope to have one in the future. In the meantime, we will use this Schoolhouse. It will help unite Cayugas who have been scattered from their people and are returning home.”

Elements of the design include significant use of wood, and a floor “that has bounce” to allow for dancing. The Schoolhouse is intended for all ages, with classes being designed to meet all levels of ability.



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The ribbon cutting ceremony was opened with the traditional Ganohonyohk (Thanksgiving Address) spoken in Cayuga by Jake George, son of the Cultural Resources Coordinator, Alan George.

“In our culture, we are always learning,” explains Alan George, “The young learn from their elders and the elders learn from the young.”

Other speakers included Pam Tallchief, Clanmother for the Cayuga Nation Bear Clan; Cayuga Nation Language teacher Steve Henhawk of the Wolf Clan; and Kelsey VanEvery of the Cayuga Nation Turtle Clan, a current student in the Cayuga Nation language program.



“I am glad we now have a language program here, so I can learn the language of my people,” stated VanEvery. “The language holds knowledge of our culture, and our relationship with the land. It means so much to have a place dedicated to learning our culture here in our homeland.”

Construction of the Schoolhouse Project is expected to be complete in early 2015. The language program began October 20th and has ongoing enrollment. This is one of the many positive developments that have occurred since the Cayuga Nation Council regained access to the Cayuga Nation Offices in May 2014.

Birthdays

March

- 1: William MacKinnon
- 2: Mitchell Dekanski
- 3: Marcella Garcia
- 4: Marlena Sullivan, Timothy Gill Jr.
- 7: Helen Bighorse, David Cornell
- 8: Michael Campbell, Alexis Kraft, Sarah Poodry, Wanda John
- 9: Anita Parker
- 10: Simon Bissell, Dorothy Crisler,
- 11: Lisa Cooper, Lawrence Huff, Scott Robins, Frances Sasala
- 12: Adam J Hill, Amanda Hill
- 13: Charity Campbell
- 14: April Gilson, Brett Kettle
- 15: Annette Miller, Heather Parker
- 16: Glori Barrett, Monty Campbell II, Aiyana F. Parker
- 17: Amanda McDade, Marquerite Williams
- 18: Abby Poodry
- 20: Hugh Jones
- 21: Warren John, Jodi Nikonchuk, Tim Twoguns
- 22: Peggy Huff
- 23: Teresa Longboat, Marla Thompson
- 24: Michael Salas
- 25: Kylea Twoguns, Karen Waldon
- 26: Susan Avalos
- 27: Eva Robbins
- 28: Matthew Casali
- 29: Clarissa Gullion, Aleena Mayry
- 30: Gina Ramirez, Teola Spindler
- 31: Catherine Rombaut, Andrew Sember



*Winter Longhouse at
Ganondagan Historic Site in
Victor, NY*

Haudenosaunee Documentation

For decades, the Haudenosaunee have produced and carried our own passports and ID cards. In the late 1990s, the Grand Council tasked the Haudenosaunee Documentation Committee with upgrading our identification documents to meet the highest technical standards, including the international standards set by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

Following the tragic events of 2001, security requirements for international travel documents have become much more stringent, something many of us have heard as border crossing officials handed our red cards back to us as “invalid documentation” – despite the fact that they had been used for years. In 2002, the United States instituted the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI). Under its mandate from the Grand Council, the Haudenosaunee Documentation Committee has been working with the United States and our card production partner, UNIFY (formerly Siemens) to develop upgraded red cards that meet and surpass WHTI standards. It has been a lengthy process, but it is almost complete. The new identification card will surpass WHTI and ICAO 9303 standards. If an agree-

ment with the United States can be finalized, the cards will be recognized by the United States pursuant to WHTI.

The committee, Nation councils, and Grand Council have all approved the card design. The high-tech card blanks have been ordered, and UNIFY is creating master samples for final review and acceptance.

Application offices are being established at Oneida; Oneida of the Thames, near South Wold, Ontario; Grand River Territory; Tonawanda; Onondaga; and Akwesasne. Cayuga citizens are asked to travel to the nearest office to them. For those of us who have returned to the homeland, that would be Onondaga.

To be eligible for a card, Haudenosaunee citizenship via lineage through the matrilineal line must be established. Some of the documents that can help with this include an existing red card, an existing Haudenosaunee passport, a letter from your mother’s Chief or Clanmother, etc. More detailed information will be available in coming months.

Seneca County Cannot Foreclose on Cayuga Nation Properties

According to United States Federal Indian Law, Seneca County can levy taxes on Cayuga Nation properties, but cannot foreclose if those taxes are not paid. For the Cayuga Nation, recovery of our territory is a central goal. The federal court rulings in our land claim confirmed that our territory was taken illegally, but left us with no redress. To help restore our territory, the Nation has been buying properties in our Canandaigua Treaty protected homelands around the Northern half of Cayuga Lake in Seneca and Cayuga counties since the mid-1990s. As Onondaga Nation Turtle Clan Faithkeeper Oren Lyons explains “Sovereignty is the act thereof.” However, there has been no agreement between the towns and counties on one side and the Nation on the other regarding local taxes. The Nation believes our status as a sovereign with jurisdiction over our treaty-protected lands prevents the localities from taxing us.

When Seneca County was unable to collect property taxes on Cayuga-owned lands, it brought a foreclosure suit against the Nation in January 2011, on properties on

which no tax had been paid for three or more years.

In 2012, Judge Siragusa, of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York, granted a preliminary injunction to the Cayuga Nation saying we had demonstrated that foreclosure actions are barred by our sovereign immunity.

Judge Siragusa cited *Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma v. Manufacturing Tech. Inc.*, (1998), which held that Indian tribes cannot be sued unless Congress authorizes the suit or the tribes waive their immunity.

Not liking “no” as an answer, Seneca County appealed.

In July of this year, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit agreed with Judge Siragusa. They relied heavily on the Supreme Court’s decision in *Michigan v. Bay Mills Indian Community* (June, 2014), which held that the Bay Mills Indian Community was entitled to tribal sovereign immunity on “non-indian” lands that they had purchased for operating a casino.

After the decision, Phillip Spellane, managing partner of the Rochester office of Harris Beach PLLC, which represented Seneca County, noted, "I think there's always the possibility of making application for certiorari, but that's a steep hill." An application for certiorari is an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court to consider the case. Harris Beach did not file until after the October 29th deadline, leading the Seneca County Board of Supervisors to fire the firm within days. The firm has been representing the county in all litigation involving the Cayuga Nation for nearly 35 years.

The Supreme Court rarely considers cases that are not filed in time. On December 8, 2014, the Supreme Court continued this trend and denied Seneca County’s petition for review of the case. There is nowhere else that Seneca County may appeal, and so the law stands that Seneca County cannot foreclose on Cayuga Nation properties.

The issue is far from settled, however. A number of courts, including the Second Circuit, have said that while they have no choice but to bar foreclosure suits against Indian Nations, they do not think the rule is fair. Other cases on this issue are pending and could be brought in the future, and the Supreme Court could take such a case and change the rule to allow foreclosure suits. The Cayuga Nation believes the best interests of the Nation and its non-Indian neighbors would be served by reaching agreements that respect the Nation’s sovereign rights while also addressing the burden County officials claim is being placed on their tax base. The Council looks forward to working with the counties on this matter.

Housing Department

On December 4th, the Cayuga Nation Housing Committee held a Housing Policy Conference at Parker’s Grill. Attending were Anita Thompson, Debbie George, Jackie Kettle, Denise Isaac, Ariane Thompson, Kelsey VanEvery, Eva Bighorse, and Alan George. Chief Sam George also attended, representing the Council. The Conference was productive and positive.

The Committee, by consensus, created the mission statement for the Housing Department: "The Cayuga Nation Housing Department is dedicated to helping citizens and their families have secure, affordable housing." Also the committee wants to open seats to other clans that have relocated to our Territory, such as Snipe, Wolf, and Deer. Housing Committee feels the European legal paradigm of “renters” and “owners” is ill fitting for our ways, and will present to Council the concept of “caretakers” rather than homeowners and “contributions” rather than a proposed rent or mortgage. Once the full contribution amount is paid to the Nation, a Cayuga citizen will become a “lifelong lease holder.” If the person passes, it will be determined at the 10 day feast which family member may move in next. If there is no family, then the house will revert back to the Cayuga Nation.

Further policies and guidance are being developed, such as those regarding routine maintenance and care, and insurance. A Needs Assessment for housing will be developed along with a fair and equitable amount for contributions for those living in homes.

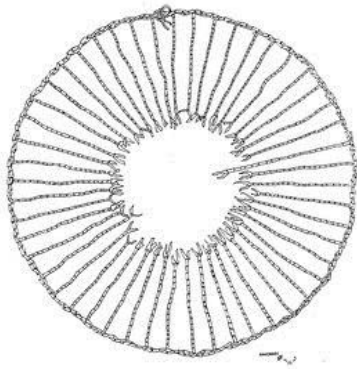
WELCOME

Raymond
Virgil
Johnson



Raymond Virgil Johnson was born at 2:32 a.m. on Sunday the 14th of September 2014. His parents are Staci Seneca, Turtle clan of the Cayuga Nation and Shaun Johnson, Wolf clan of the Seneca Nation. Congratulations to Staci and Shaun!

Weight- 7lb. 6ozs
Length- 19 3/4"



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Remembrances:

Chief Virgil E. Thomas

Date of Death: November 9, 2014

Chief Virgil E. Thomas, Sr., 73, chief of the Onondaga Turtle Clan, passed away Sunday, November 9 at his home. He was a retired Ironworker for Local #60 and was manager of the Onondaga Nation Smoke shop. He was a race car driver in Weedsport and Fulton driving car #36 and was an avid NASCAR fan. He was the brother of the late Cedric, Theodore, and Ludwig Thomas and Jennifer Jacobs. He was the son of the late Theodore and Susan Thomas.

Chief Peter Skye

Date of Death: November 8, 2014

Onondaga Deer Clan Chief Peter Skye who passed away peacefully Wednesday November 5, 2014 at his home surrounded by family at the age of 82 years. Our Confederacy was made rich by the wealth of culture, language and knowledge this condoled Chief carried and he is greatly missed. His last words to the chiefs were: "Swajagoh. You guys go all out!" The late chief spoke at least three Haudenosaunee languages. Pete was an honorary member of the Six Nations Arrows Lacrosse Association. Resting at his home 1890 4th Line Ohsweken. Funeral Service and Burial were held at Onondaga Longhouse, Six Nations on Saturday November 8, 2014.

Recital of the Great Law

The Recital of the Great Law with translation took place earlier this year from July 27– August 1, 2014 at the Onondaga Nation Longhouse. Cayuga Nation Bear Chief, Sam George, was able to stand alongside all other Haudenosaunee Chiefs and Clanmothers that were in attendance from across the Confederacy. Presenters included Bob Antone, Bob Brown, Leroy Hill, Rick Hill, Jamie Jacobs, Ken Maracle, Richard Mitchell, Tom Porter, and Tracy Shenandoah.



Wells College:

Peachtown Festival and Social with Cayuga Singers

Wells College is located in Auburn, NY and hosts the Peachtown Native American Education Week and Festival. It is an annual celebration and recognition of Cayuga and Haudenosaunee culture. Events during the week offer the chance for the Wells community to learn about and discuss the history and continued relevance of the region, including the land on which the College was built; and the festival on Friday September 19, 2014 brought participants together for traditional music and dancing, food, and a peach tree planting. This important festival as an opportunity to build community; to honor the past and present contributions of Native American culture. In attendance were Sachem Chief Sam George, Bear Clanmother Pam Isaac, Dan Hill, Alan George, and singers included Cameron Hill and Elan Henhawk.



Dan Hill holding the George Washington belt



L to R: Janice Henry, Donna Powless, Cayuga Snipe Clanmother, Mina Key, Donna Silversmith, and Charlene Key at Canandaigua Treaty Day commemoration treaty rock.

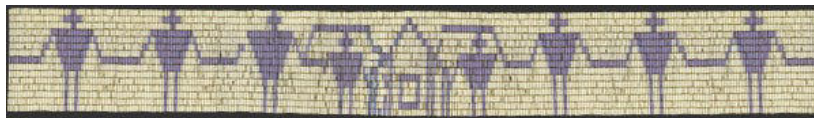
Commemoration of 220th Anniversary of the Canandaigua Treaty

Much has changed in the 220 years since the signing of the Canandaigua Treaty of 1794, but its commemoration of peace and friendship between the Six Nations Confederacy (Haudenosaunee) and the United States still is recognized today.

On November 11, 2014, as has been the annual tradition, members of the Six Nations and the United States government gather on the front lawn of the courthouse in Canandaigua, New York to commemorate this seminal federal treaty.

The Canandaigua Treaty brought about peace between the Six Nations (Seneca, Cayuga, Onondaga, Oneida, Mohawk, and Tuscarora) and the U.S., and was negotiated and signed by sachems representing the Grand Council of the Six Nations and Colonel Timothy Pickering, the official agent of George Washington.

It also recognized the sovereignty of the Six Nations to govern and set laws as individual nations. This yearly commemoration is a time of rededication of the agreement, helping to ensure that the “chain of friendship” and agreements between nations remain current and vibrant.



Want updates in between the printed newsletters?

A weekly email newsletter will begin in early 2015. Please email CayugaNationComm@gmail.com with your name, location, and clan to receive timely news updates.

Nation Tributes:

Andrea Old Smoke

February 21, 1968 — December 2, 2014

Andrea Old Smoke, 46 of County Road 124, Town of Varick, N.Y., died, unexpectedly on Tuesday (December 2, 2014) in the Town of Arcadia.

Funeral services were held on Monday (December 8), at the family home, at 10:00 a.m. Burial followed in the Goyogoho:no' Cemetery, 4061 Truesdale Road, Union Springs, N.Y.

Andrea was born in Buffalo, N.Y. on February 21, 1968 the daughter of Clifford & Pamela (Parker) Booth. She had been residing in Seneca Falls for the past 3 years, moving there from Salamanca, N.Y. She was a member of the Heron clan of the Cayuga Nation. She enjoyed the outdoors, listening to music, and most of all, spending time with her grandchildren. She is survived by one daughter, Amber (Alvin Irizarry) Parker of Romulus; one son, Dustin (Nora Weber) Parker of Seneca Falls; her mother, Pamela (Parker) Booth of Basom; two sisters, Nicole (Josh) Luxon of Alabama, and Cassandra (David) Sanchez of Lockport; one brother, Robert Booth of Buffalo; her grandchildren, Aiyana Parker, Ayla & Ashton Irizarry, Nizhonii & Haya Tgao Parker.

She was predeceased by her father, Clifford Booth; one daughter, Miranda Printup, and one sister, Natalie Errick.

Arrangements are under the direction of Doran Funeral Home, Seneca Falls, NY.

Holiday Family Adoption

Cayuga Nation employees at the Unity Council offices delivered Christmas presents to two Seneca Falls families identified through the local Head Start program as being in need on December 23. Presents included toys and clothes for a 4 year old girl, 7 year old boy, 4 year old boy, and 7 year old girl, with a gift for the parents as well.

“Head Start provided us with their wish lists,” explained Ariane Thompson. “We were Santa’s helpers.”

The effort was orchestrated by Denise Isaacs of the Human Relations department, receptionist Kelsey Van Every, Louane Miller and Ariane Thompson of the Housing department, and Tyler Seneca of the Transportation department. The funds came from individual contributions from employees. Gaglianese Underground Specialists, a contractor assisting in the building of the Cayuga Nation Schoolhouse, also contributed to the fund.

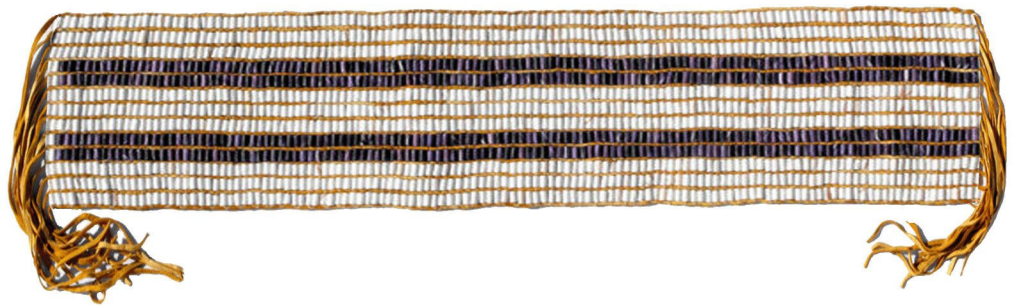
“We wanted to give back to the community,” stated Van Every. “It was fun.”

Department Highlight: Culture and Language

The coordinator for the Culture and Language Department of the Cayuga Nation is Alan George (Cayuga-Bear). He has asked Steve Henhawk (Cayuga-Wolf) to be the language teacher for interested Cayugas of all ages that would like to learn on the homeland. Assisting Mr. George, is his son, Jake George (Seneca-Turtle).

The department offers Cayuga language classes during the week. Currently there are 15 students attending Cayuga language classes that teach Cayuga culture including the Ganohonyohk (opening address), names of social dances, announcements, numbers, days of the week, and colors.

Beginning Monday January 12, 2015, there will be an after school program for youth over the age of 2. The upcoming after school program will teach language, longhouse ceremonial cycles, sports, crafts, dances, and students will have the opportunity to go on nature walks. Some of the crafts and sports include rattle making, long ball, hoop and javelin, and snow snake. If interested, please contact Jake George for enrollment with names and ages at the Cayuga Nation Offices (315) 712-4252, Monday –Friday 9:00am—5:00pm.



Cayuga Language Classes:

2540 State Rt. 89
Seneca Falls, NY 13148

Alan George, Coordinator
Steve Henhawk, Teacher

Monday	10:30 am—3:30 pm 6:30 pm—9:30 pm
Tuesday	9:30 am—3:30 pm 6:30 pm—9:30 pm
Wednesday	9:30 am—3:30 pm 6:30 pm—9:30 pm
Thursday	9:30 am—3:30 pm 6:30 am—9:30 pm

Cayuga Culture After School Program:

2540 State Rt. 89
Seneca Falls, NY 13148

Jake George, Manager
Steve Henhawk, Teacher
Kelsey VanEvery, Teacher
Alan George, Teacher

Monday—Thurs 3:30pm—6:00pm



Top (L to R): Karrie Bennett, Krystal Pollworth, Ariane Thompson, Karl Hill, Debbie George, Chief Sam George, Reggie Redeye. Bottom (L to R): Eva Bighorse, Kyle Coulon, Santa Clause, Roger Silversmith



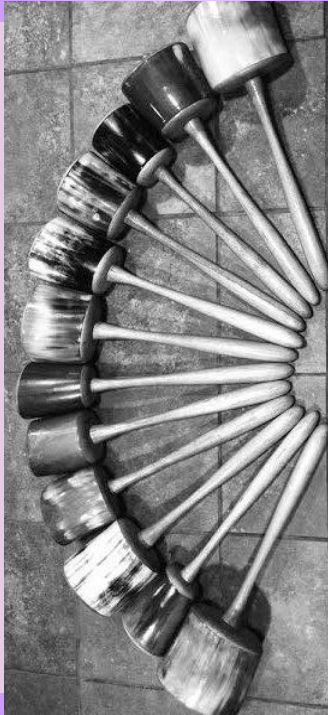
Breakfast with Santa!

On Saturday December 20, 2014, employees from the Administrative branch of the Nation volunteered their time and talents to bring Breakfast with Santa to the children of the Cayuga homeland community and their families. This event was focused to serve and bring laughter to Cayuga citizens and their families, also invited were all Cayuga Nation employees and their families.

Santa arrived to the cannery social dancing, with candy canes and a rattle in hand. The children lined up outside the building to greet him. Once inside, the children, families, and friends enjoyed decorating sugar cookies, pictures with Santa, a snowball piñata filled with candy, a special breakfast including holiday shaped waffles and pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, apples, and oranges. Santa even busted out a little fish dance! It was a wonderful time for all who attended. We look forward to the next holiday season.



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