The department will now be offering an open sewing group on Sunday afternoons from 12noon - 4pm, starting March 11th. Ari Logan is heading up the group. Planned programs include aprons and women’s tunics. Potluck dishes are welcomed.

The Teen Craft Club will be working with the Native Roots Artists Guild members Hayden Haynes and Alyssa Schmidt. Hayden will be introducing carving to the group. Alyssa will be teaching the group how to make a beaded keychain.

The After School Language Program’s Hodge Podge gift card fundraiser went well. Sheldon Leroy and Gerri Seneca were the winners of the two prizes. They won gift cards from famous footwear, McDonalds, Tim Hortons, Dave & Buster’s, Barnes & Noble, Subway, Regal and several others. The program is thankful for all the community support. Currently the A.S.L.P. kids are working on a new language video. The focus for this video is a newscast. Be on the lookout for the newscast video to be uploaded when it’s all complete.

The Maple project has been steadily boiling down the sap. They have several sizes of finished bottled syrup. If you want to help, feel free to stop down to the Sugar shack at the Sully.

Please feel free to contact the Onondowa’ga:’ Gawë:nö’ Nadö:diyeö:je’ koh Department if you have any comments or questions at (716) 532-8161. We will be happy to assist you in anyway we can.

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Teen Craft Club
Mondays
6pm - 8pm
Sully Huff Heritage Center
Free and open to all teens. Club will work on projects in collaboration with members of the Native Roots Artists Guild and the SNI Cattaraugus Language Dept.
For more info, call: 716-532-8161

Conversational Seneca Class
Thursdays
6:30pm - 8pm
Rm #1118, Allegany Language Dept., 25 Center St., Salamanca
Taught by Jano’s
Video & Audio Conferencing now available
For more info, call: 716-945-1790

Iroquois Song & Dance
Every 2nd & 4th Thursday
5pm - 8pm
Buffalo Native Resource Center, 533 Amherst St., Buffalo
Taught by Jordan & Pierce Smith. Light Dinner will be served. Free & open to community.
For more info, call: 716-845-6304

Seneca Language Class
Monday & Wednesday evenings
6pm - 8pm
Buffalo Native Resource Center, 533 Amherst St., Buffalo, NY
Instructor: Judd Logan. Dinner provided. Free and everyone welcome!
For more info, call: 716-845-6304

Lake of Betrayal
March 13th
6pm
Cafeteria, Silver Creek High School
Community film event screening to include a panel discussion with the films director, producers & writers: Paul Lamont, Scott Sacket & Caleb Abrams.
$5 Pasta dinner starts at 5pm – sold out

Round Dance & Social
March 8th - 9th
5:30pm
Fort Erie Native Friendship Center
Guest Singers: Fawn Wood, Dallas Waskahat & more. Everyone welcome!
For more info, call: 905-871-8931
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Gaga:’ time: The Four Winds

Up above the Earth, so high he seems only a speck, there sits the giant known as Ga-oh. If you could travel to his home, you would see he is enormous, larger than anyone can imagine. And it is this giant who rules the four winds that blow over the land.

Long ago, when the world was new and the winds had not yet been harnessed, Ga-oh sat deep in thought. He was wondering what he would do next. After a while, he decided he must find a way to control the winds, and so he called upon the animals he ruled.

First Ga-oh called to Bear, the largest and strongest of all the animals. Ga-oh knew what Bear’s task would be.

The moment Bear heard his name, he hastened to obey Ga-oh’s call, for Ga-oh was all-powerful and all the creatures obeyed him. Bear lumbered across the forest and up into the sky, and as he did, his sharp claws scooped out great valleys and clefts, and he left his tracks across the clear night sky.

When Bear arrived, he bowed before Ga-oh.

“Bear,” Ga-oh said, “because you are strong, you will control the north wind. It is the fiercest of all. With one blast, your wind will freeze rivers, and men will shiver at its touch.”

Then Ga-oh slipped a leash around Bear’s neck. “Go now, and await my tug,” he said.

Fawn traveled to the south.

Next Ga-oh called sleek Panther who, hearing Ga-oh’s command, snarled and then leaped across the sky, speedy and lithe, tearing at the clouds with his sharpened claws. As he moved across the sky, those on Earth looked up, startled, for Panther’s shadow cast a cloud over the sun.

Panther stood before Ga-oh, eager and wild. Ga-oh nodded. “You, Panther, will be the guardian of the western winds. Whenever you bring the wind, you will bring uncertainty, all the wildness of storms.” And with those words Ga-oh slipped a black leash over Panther’s sinewy neck.

Panther bowed and set off for the west.

“Moose,” Ga-oh said to him, “you will be the keeper of the east wind, and when I pull upon your rope, you will bring rain and fog, drizzle, damp and chill.” And Ga-oh slipped a rope over Moose’s muscular neck.

Then Ga-oh leaned back, holding each of the four leashes in his gigantic hand. “I will send whatever I wish to the people,” he laughed, “and they will have to accept whatever comes.”

Now everyone knows that Ga-oh is moody and impulsive. Sometimes he will tug upon Bear’s leash and the north wind will come, spreading snow and sleet and ice, casting a coat of icy winter upon the land, and nothing they can do or say will stop Ga-oh. Sometimes Ga-oh tugs upon Panther’s black leash, and on those days the wildest storms sweep in from the west, swirling and temperamental, fast and furious. Sometimes Moose plods across the sky, hauling with him the east wind and its dampness, its drizzle, its chill. And on those days when Ga-oh feels happy, he pulls on Fawn’s silken cord, releasing the warm, steady southern wind.

And there is something else the people understand. Once in a great while, Ga-oh sits above the Earth in peace, and on those days he does not pull anyone’s leash. On those days the winds rest and the sun shines down without interference. And the people celebrate the stillness and calm.

Story from: https://www.uexpress.com/tell-me-a-story/2005/7/3/the-four-winds-a-iroquois-myth

Drawing by Jillian Gilliland
Native American Women who have helped shape the USA

March is Women’s History month. Native American women have made significant impacts on the United States in a wide variety of fields. These women are only some of those who have helped shape the United States.

Sarah Winnemucca gave hundreds of speeches throughout her life to gain political support for the Paiutes. By the time she was 14 she could speak five languages. When whites insisted Native Americans move to a reservation, Winnemucca went to DC in 1880 to speak out. Promises were made by the government, but not kept. Winnemucca spoke before Congress, to army officers, and anyone else who would listen. In fact she made 300 speeches along the East Coast.

Elizabeth Wanamaker Peratrovich worked to end racial discrimination. After attending college, Peratrovich returned to Alaska, and was shocked by the blatant discrimination towards Native Alaskans. Signs that hung in store and business windows read “No Dogs, No Natives.” In February 1945, Peratrovich attended the Territorial Senate and spoke in support of a bill that would prohibit racial discrimination. Her speech was met with thunderous applause and the Senate then passed the Alaska Civil Rights Act.

Minnie Spotted Wolf was the first Native American woman in the Marines. She joined the United States Marine Corps Women’s Reserve in July 1943 and served for four years. Wolf served as a heavy equipment operator and driver for visiting general officers. Wolf grew up on a ranch near Heart Butte, Montana and worked as a ranch hand. This physical work helped prepare her for boot camp, which Wolf said was “hard, but not too hard.” After serving, Wolf returned to Montana and taught elementary school for 29 years.

Wilma Mankiller was the first woman to be elected Chief of the Cherokee Nation’s tribal government. She greatly increased the nation’s membership, opened three rural health centers, and expanded the Head Start program. In 1981, she founded the Community Development Department of the Cherokee nation and became the first female Deputy Chief in 1983. When the Principal Chief was appointed Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Mankiller became Principal Chief. She was then elected to the position in 1987.

From: https://www.womenshistory.org/sites/default/files/document/2017-08/NativeAmericanHeritageMonthPoster.pdf

The Thunders

By Hayëno:we’  
In the beginning when the Earth was new, the Creator made it so we had the winds. When the Earth would warm up in the Spring, the Creator assigned the Grandfathers from the West to bring Fresh water to the land. The springs would be replenished by the rain. For the ceremony to take place, the Thunders have to roll all the way across the sky from the West to the East. As long as we continue to give thanks to the Thunders, they will keep doing the duty they were assigned.

Here are some phrases to use the next time you hear thunder:

Gawënodaje’ś - It’s thundering
O’gawëno:da’ - It thundered
Dagawënodaje’ - Approaching thunder
Hadiwënodaje’ś - The Thunderers, they are spreading the word
Hi’ño’ - Thunderer
Deyo:wëne:ch - The moving Winds

Oga’sdä’ - Mud, Oga’sdeo’ - Muddy, Onya’geo’ - Mud puddle/Marsh, Oga’sdeonyö’ - Mud in water here and there
Note on preparing stinging nettles: Wearing gloves, place fresh nettles on a cutting board. Separate the leaves from the stalk. You can use the stems and leaves from the top 6 or 8 leaves on each stalk. You can also use the lower leaves, but discard the thicker stems as well as the main stalk, as they will be too thick and reedy to eat.

Directions:
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare stinging nettle leaves (see note above), and prepare asparagus: Cut the tips off of each asparagus spear and reserve them. Then cut asparagus spears into 1/2-inch pieces and set aside.
2. In a large saucepan over medium high heat, cook sausage, breaking up pieces, until no longer pink, about 6 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, transfer sausage to paper towel lined plate.
3. For the tail, take several strips of construction paper and fold in half. Staple the stripes to plate.
4. Refold the plate in half and that’s it!
Tip: watch what birds visit your home, yard or surrounding neighborhood and try to make those birds out of the paper plates. Or make common birds and use them to identify the visiting birds.
Activity from HappyHooligans.ca

Ingredients:
1 pound sweet Italian sausage, casings removed
3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
2 pounds asparagus, trimmed
1 medium white onion, diced
5 cups loose stinging nettle leaves (see note); baby spinach can be substituted
2 cups fresh or frozen peas
6 tablespoons unsalted butter
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
4 1/2 cups whole milk
1/2 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese
4 ounces mild goat cheese
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
6 tablespoons unsalted butter
1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
13 ounces full-fat mozzarella cheese
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/4 cup per cup of the roux in a 9-by-13-inch baking dish, then top with a layer of noodles. Top with sautéed asparagus, half the sausage, one third of the remaining roux, and another layer of noodles. Top that with sautéed nettles and onions, peas, half the remaining roux, half the lemon slices, the remaining sausage and another layer of noodles. Arrange the remaining lemon slices and the reserved asparagus tips on the top layer, then pour on the remaining roux.
8. Cover dish with parchment-lined aluminum foil and bake 28 minutes, until top is golden and bubbly. (You may want to finish it under a broiler for 2 minutes.) Let stand 10 minutes.