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### **Points of Interest:**

- Christmas Enchantment at Snye Rec. 11/6/25
- Mohawk Networks Class: Basics of Email 11/7/25
- Port Theater Movie 'Soul on Fire' 11/12/25
- Pool Tournament 11/13/25
- Plattsburgh Shop 11/14/25
- HEAP Renewal 11/17/25
- Craft Class 11/18/25
- Book of the Month:
   Old School Indian'
   Available in the Lounge



# LET'S GATHER!

Wednesday, November 19, 2025
Activities start at 11:00 am
Meal served at 12:00 pm
Senior Club Pantry Bingo Game after lunch at 1:30 pm

PLEASE CALL BEFORE 9:30 AM TO RESERVE YOUR MEAL



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We will be Closed on:

Tuesday, Nov. 11th- Veterans Day Friday, Nov. 21st- Planning Day Thursday, Nov. 27th- Thanksgiving Friday, Nov. 28th- American Indian Heritage Day



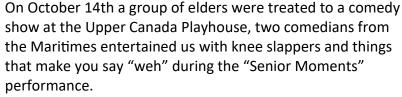
# Akwesasne Senior Club Page





### 2026 Membership Dues

Dues are now being accepted. The cost for the yearly membership is just \$10 and it enttles each member to the monthly newsletter and advance notice to events happening through the newsletter. REMINDER: To those seniors who have reached the age of 80+ years, you are considered lifetime members and all we ask is that you contact us to update your information so we can mail you a new card.







Call to sign up early for the next play at the Upper Canada Playhouse on December 10th. The show is "A Christmas Carol". Members who are currently active will pay just \$10 to hold their seat. Inactive members will need to pay \$25.00, non-refundable.



### **Senior Club Meeting**

Thursday, December 11, 2025
At 12:30 pm in the Craft Room
All members are invited and encouraged to attend, bring a friend and some ideas as to what you would like to see as far as club activities go.

Our Condolences to the family and friends of Abe Gray.

We will all miss his humor, his laugh, and his pool playing heckling very much here at the Senior

Center.

### Club Office Hours

Mon. 11:00 am– 4:30 pm Wed. 11:00 am– 4:00 pm CLOSED: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

The Akwesasne senior club wishes to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made a donation, set up a table, and volunteered at this years Annual Craft Fair.



Caroline Bigtree: Winner of the \$50 HappyEats Gift Card



Martha Cook: Winner of the \$500 Cash Prize

# Quilt Raffle

We are currently selling tickets for a beautiful Quilt that was hand made by two talented elders from our community. The tickets are just \$10 each or 3 for \$20, they can be purchased at the senior club office or from members who have graciously volunteered to sell.





#### Volunteer Bingo Schedule

#### **November 3**

Barbara Lazore Debbie Thomas Lorene Jackson

#### **November 10**

Darlene Chubb Ruth Bell Caroline Tarbell

#### **November 17**

Dorothy Shatlaw Lorene Jackson Debbie Thomas

#### **November 24**

Darlene Chubb Ruth Bell Debbie Thomas

# Akwesasne Senior Club Hosts Volunteer Appreciation Dinner









The Akwesasne Senior Club recently hosted an appreciation dinner to thank everyone who has supported the club throughout the year—whether by helping at events or contributing to fundraisers.

Each guest took home a Volunteer Survival Kit and a prize from the fun games played throughout the evening. The delicious dinner was catered by Aleesha King, with appetizers provided by Three Feathers Café.

Four past officers Diane McDonald, Charlene Sunday, Lynn LaFrance and Patty Herne were honored with a bouquet of splint flowers, beautifully handcrafted by Denise Jock, in recognition of their dedication and service over the years.

The officers of the Akwesasne Senior Club extended their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who continues to make a difference through their time, generosity, and spirit.

As a reminder of the evening's theme, the night closed with a meaningful quote by Sherry Anderson: "Volunteers don't get paid, not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless"

### OFA November Activities

Wednesday, November 5th	National Donut Day
Thursday, November 6th	Christmas Enchantment at the Snye Rec. Lunch is served at 12:00 pm (page 10)
Friday, November 7th	Mohawk Networks— Basics of Email Class (page 10) Coloring Contest Ends at 10:00 am
Wednesday, November 12th	Port Theater Movie 'Soul on Fire' matinee (page 4)
Thursday, November 13th	Pool Tournament, starts at 10:30 am
Friday, November 14th	Plattsburgh Shopping Trip
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# **Home Energy Assistance** Program (HEAP) 2025/2026

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) opens November 17, 2025. If you need assistance with the application process or with your HEAP renewal, please call (518)358-2834.

You will need the following documents to apply:

- Social Security Card
- Tribal Identification Card
- Recent Fuel Bill
- Recent Electric Bill
- Proof of Income

If you currently receive SNAP or Temporary Assistance, contact your local HEAP office\*, as you may already be enrolled.



Franklin County HEAP Department: (518)481-1807 St. Lawrence County HEAP Department: (518)379-2303





To signup or renew your **HEAP application call:** (518)358-2834



### PORT THEATER MATINEE

### **SOUL ON FIRE**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025 AVE SENIOR CENTER AT 12:45 PM, MOVIE STARTS AT 1:30 1 HOUR, 52 MINUTES

ADMISSION I 1 FREE DRINK I 1 FREE SMALL POPCORN COVERED BY SENIOR CLUB

A tragic accident leaves 9-year-old John O'Leary with burns covering 100% of his body. He soon embarks on a miraculous road to recovery with support from family, the community, and baseball announcer Jack Buck. Grateful for the gift of life, John becomes a motivational speaker who inspires millions of people to make the world a better place.

> Sign up with Katie/Tenisha at (518) 358-2963 Only need to bring ID for border crossing



# SENIOR CENTER SNOW REMOVAL

For our returning clients: Last year's renewals were handled by Andrew, and all existing accounts should be up-to-date. If you have any questions about your renewal, please feel free to reach out to Andrew.

For new clients: We are now opening our services to a limited number of new clients. If you are interested, please contact us to learn more.





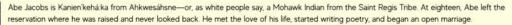
# Senior BOOK CLUB





NOVEMBER Old School Indian: A Novel By: Aaron John Curtis





Now at forty-three, Abe is suffering from a rare disease—one his doctors in Miami believe will kill him. Running from his diagnosis and a marriage teetering on collapse, Abe returns to the Rez, where he's persuaded to undergo a healing at the hands of his Great Uncle Budge. But Budge—a wry, recovered alcoholic prone to wearing punk T-shirts—isn't all that convincing. And Abe's time off the Rez has made him a thorough skeptic.

To heal, Abe will undertake a revelatory journey, confronting the parts of himself he's hidden ever since he left home and wrestling with the imprint left by his once-passionate marriage.

Delivered with crackling wit and heart-wrenching tenderness, Old School Indian is a striking exploration of the power and secrets of family, the capacity for healing and intimacy, and the ripple effects of history and culture.

Aaron John Curtis is an enrolled member of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, which he'll tell you is the white name for the American side of Akwesasne. Aaron has judged for the Center for Fiction's First Novel Prize, the Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance prizes, the 2019 Kirkus Prize for Nonfiction, and the 2021 National Book Award for Nonfiction. Since 2004, Aaron has been Quartermaster at Books & Books, Miami's largest independent bookstore He lives in Miami



### Available Now in the Senior Center Lounge

#### **Club Meeting:**

Thursday, November 25, 2025 at 1:00 pm in the Craft Room Meet the Author at the Akwesasne Cultural Center this Month!





## Monthly Coloring Contest

October Winners:

Diane McDonald & Carol Lee Lazore

The next coloring pages will be available at the Senior Center November 3rd and judging will be Friday, November 14th at 10:00 am



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Community members under 55 are also welcome-suggested contribution is \$5.00 U.S. Daily meal suggested contribution for seniors 55+ is \$3.00 U.S.

FORE 9:30 am at **518-358-2963** 

Menu is subject to change due to Supply Availability.



7	<b>3</b> Fish on a Bun	4 Beef Stroganoff	<b>5</b> Chef Salad	<b>6</b> Spaghetti with	<b>7</b> Baked Chicken	<b>∞</b>
5:00 Ace to King Fries	Fries	Green Beans	Roll	Meatballs	Boiled Potato	5:00 Ace to King
	Mixed Vegetables	Roll	Mandarin Oranges	Caesar Salad	Mixed Vegetable	
	Pineapple Chunks	Peaches	Cookie	Roll	Roll, Ambrosia	
	Activity:	Banana Pudding	Activity:	Watermelon	Grapes	
	8:30 Exercise Class	Activity:	9:00-1:00 Haircuts	Activity:	Activity:	
	11:00 10 Tips for Adults   10:00 Chair Yoga	10:00 Chair Yoga	10:00 Exercise DVD	10:00 Chair Yoga	10:00 Mohawk	
	(Last Class)	11:00 Mohawk Class		11:00 Monawk Class	Networks Class: Basics	
	1:00 Bingo	12:30 Mohawk Class	National Donut Day!	Enchantment	of Email	
				12:30 Mohawk Class	10:00 Coloring	
					Contest Ends	
6	<b>10</b> Salisbury Steak	11	12 Greek Salad	13 Tomato Soup	14 Beef Stir Fry	15
5:00 Ace to King	5:00 Ace to King Potato Wedges		Roll	Tuna Sandwich	Rice	5:00 Ace to King

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	<b>22</b> 5:00 Ace to King	<b>29</b> 5:00 Ace to King
Roll Melon Cup <u>Activity:</u> 8:30 Plattsburgh Shopping Trip	CLOSED Planning Day	CLOSED Indigenous Peoples Day
Pears Activity: 10:00 Chair Yoga 10:30 Pool Tournament 11:00 Mohawk Class 12:30 Mohawk Class	20 French Toast Sausage Links Scrambled Eggs Sliced Tomato Melon Cup Orange Juice Activity: 10:00 Chair Yoga Mohawk Networks 11:00 Mohawk Class 11:15 Box Lunch Bingo at lakhihsohtha 12:30 Mohawk Class	CLOSED Thanksgiving Day
Berries with Whipped Cream Chocolate Pudding Activity: 9:00-1:00 Haircuts 10:00 Exercise DVD 11:45 Leave for Port Theater Movie- pg 4	Turkey, Stuffing Sweet Potatoes Green Bean Casserole, Roll Cranberries Apple/Pumpkin Pie Activity: 9:00-1:00 Haircuts 10:00 Exercise DVD 12:45 Pantry Bingo!	26 Birthday Meal  Ham  Mashed Potato Broccoli Roll Cake with Fruit Topping  Activity: 9:00-1:00 Haircuts 10:00 Exercise DVD National Cake Day!
CLOSED Veterans Day  ****  ****  ****  ****  ****  ****  ****	18 Cheesy Chicken Casserole Mixed Veggies Roll Cherry Crisp, Orange Activity: 10:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Mohawk Class 12:30 Mohawk Class 1:00 Craft Class National Holiday: Mickey Mouse Bday!	25 Baked Ziti with Sausage Roll Cauliflower Orange Activity: 10:00 Chair Yoga 11:00 Mohawk Class 12:30 Mohawk Class 1:00 Book Club Gathering
Mixed Vegetables Roll Fruit Cocktail Activity: 10:00 Exercise DVD 1:00 Bingo, lakhihsohtha Joining!	17 Sweet Potato Soup Chicken Sandwich Mixed Berries with Whipped Cream Activity: 10:00 Exercise DVD 1:00 Bingo	<b>24</b> Baked Potato Soup Chicken Salad Sandwich Mixed Berried with Whipped Cream <b>Activity:</b> 10:00 Exercise DVD 10 Tips for Adults 1:00 Bingo
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#### Dear Caregiver,

We at the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Office for the Aging (SRMTOFA) want to take a moment to recognize and honor the incredible role you play in the lives of your loved ones. Being a caregiver is a selfless and demanding responsibility, and your dedication does not go unnoticed. Whether you are providing care for a parent, spouse, or friend, your efforts are invaluable.

To support you in this journey, SRMTOFA offers a variety of resources and programs designed to ease your caregiving responsibilities and enhance your well-being. These include:

- Educational Tools: Access to guides, workshops, and training to help you navigate caregiving challenges
- Emotional Support: Counseling and support groups to connect with others who
  understand your experiences.
- Practical Assistance: Information on respite care, financial aid, and other services to help balance your caregiving duties.

Our mission is to empower you with the tools and support you need to care for your loved ones while also taking care of yourself. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us for guidance or to explore the resources available to you.

Thank you for all that you do. You are not alone on this journey, and we are here to help.

Contact: Rachel Jacobs, Family Caregiver Support Counselor

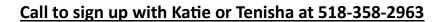
Phone: (518) 358-2963 ext., 3318

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### **November Craft**

**Pressed FLOWER Pumpkin** Tuesday, November 18, 2025

This cute and simple craft is fun for anyone! Charity (Brad) Lazore from the Akwesasne Cultural Center will be teaching us how to make a vase out of book pages with false flowers.







Make sure you check out our Facebook page "Office for the Aging Saint Regis Mohawk Senior Center" for any updates, events or changes in the menu!



### Healthy Meal Planning: Tips for Older Adults

Eating healthfully and having an active lifestyle can support healthy aging. Use the information below to learn about different patterns of healthy eating and ways to create a nutritious meal plan.

Older adults' unique nutrition needs

Simple adjustments can go a long way toward building a healthier eating pattern. Follow these tips to get the most out of foods and beverages while meeting your nutrient needs and reducing the risk of disease:

- Enjoy a variety of foods from each food group to help reduce the risk of developing diseases such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and heart disease. Choose foods with little to no added sugar, saturated fats, and sodium.
- To get enough protein throughout the day and maintain muscle, try adding seafood, dairy, or fortified soy products along with beans, peas, and lentils to your meals.
- Add sliced or chopped fruits and vegetables to meals and snacks. Look for pre-cut varieties if slicing and chopping are a challenge for you.
- Try foods fortified with vitamin B12, such as some cereals, or talk to your doctor about a B12 supplements.
- Reduce sodium intake by seasoning foods with herbs and citrus such as lemon juice.
- Drink plenty of water throughout the day to help stay hydrated and aid in the digestion of food and absorption of nutrients.
- Avoid sugary drinks.

# MEAL PLAN Monday

### **USDA Food Patterns**

Eating habits can change as we grow older. The USDA has developed Food Patterns to help people understand different ways they can eat healthy. The food patterns include:

**Healthy U.S. Style Eating Pattern.** This is based on the types of foods Americans typically consumed. The main types of food in this eating pattern include a variety of vegetables, fruits, whole grains, fat-free or low-fat dairy, seafood, poultry, and meat, as well as eggs, nuts, seeds, and soy products.

**Healthy Mediterranean-Style Eating Pattern:** This one contains more fruits and seafood and less dairy than the Healthy U.S.— Style Eating Pattern.

**Healthy Vegetarian Eating Pattern**: This pattern contains no meat, poultry, or seafood, but does contain fatfree or low-fat dairy. Compared with the Healthy U.S.-Style Eating Pattern, it contains more soy products, eggs, beans and peas, nuts and seeds, and whole grains.

In honor of National Mad Hatter Day on October 6th– We wore silly hats and did a draw for an Edith May Gift Card. Theresa Martin won!

### Medicare Update: 2025 Part D Open Enrollment

Enrollment begins on October 15, 2025 and ends on December 7, 2025

We can take a look at all of your health plan choices for the upcoming 2026 year.







For a private consultation, call (518) 358-2834 to set up an appointment. Funded by,



TO MASSENA WALMART 1:00 PM

#### DETAILS:

- Morning pick up is at 9:30 am if you sign up for lunch. For only shopping; pickup time is 12:45 pm. Lunch details: Call before 9:30 am to reserve a meal. Suggested donation of \$3.00: (518) 358-2963
- Pick up is on the Southern portion of Akwesasne (U.S.)
- · Transportation Agreement Form must be filled out.
- · Suggested donation for any transportation service with us is \$5.00.



Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe Office for the Aging 29 Margaret Terrance Memorial Way (518) 358-2963







Basics of **Email Class** 

Friday, November 7, 2025 10:00 am-11:00 am Organizing you inbox

The second session will take place January 9, 2026 and will focus on getting started with new devices received over the holidays such as tablets, smart phones and doorbells.

Please register with Katie or Tenisha 518-358-2963

## Christmas Enchantment 2025

Thursday, November 6th **Snye Recreation** 

11:30 am Leave the Senior Center Lunch Served at Noon \$10 a sheet of tickets, at par Call Senior Center Activities Dept.



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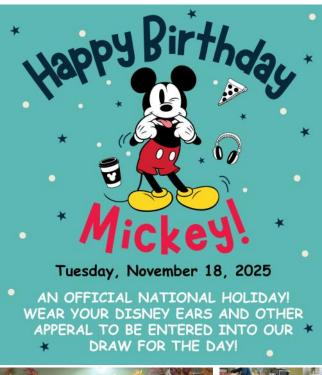
Best Wishes on your Birthday and throughout the coming year!

- 2- Linda Labaff Lola Arquette Dolores Thompson
- 3- Edward Tarbell
- 5- Susan Caldwell
- 7- Stanley Burnham Vicky Phillips
- 8- Carl Thompson
- 9- Leona Cook Elaine Thompson
- 14- Sylvia Bero Shirley Oakes
- 15- Jamie Ross

- 17- Lila Lazore
  Gerald Rubado
  Margaret Terrance
- 19- Sharon Thompson
- 21- Loretta David
- 22- Debby Billings Carol C. White Sharon Loran
- 23- Millie Cook
- 24- Katherine Thompson Terry Garrow
- 25- John Cook Judy Laffin

- 26- Jackie Tarbell
- 27- Valerie Truax
- 28- Florence Cook Larry David
- 29- Sarah Cardinell

If you are a Senior Club Member and your Birthday is missing or wrong, please contact the Senior Club (518) 358-2963





# WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH TO IAKHIHSOHTHA

Join us for an afternoon of visiting, lunch and bingo with the Iakhihsohtha residents. The bus leaves the Senior Center at 11:15 AM







St. Regis Mohawk Office for the Aging 71 Margaret Terrance Memorial Way Akwesasne, NY 13655

\*Newsletters may also be received by e-mail

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If you are not the Addressee, please notify us of our mistake. To Addressee or Current Resident:

### **Services Available** Through the OFA

If the services you need are not listed, phone us and we can assist with referrals to appropriate agencies.

Visit us on our Web Page:

www.srmt-nsn.gov/ programs/ office\_for\_the\_aging

Or Facebook:

Office for the Aging Saint Regis Mohawk Senior Center

> We're Here to Serve You!

- Case Management
- Legal Aid
- Handyman
- Home Visits
- **Health Promotion**
- **Transport Services**
- Caregiver Support
- Supper Bags
- **Congregate Meals**
- **Nutrition Counseling**
- **Nutritional Education**
- **Home Delivered Meals**
- Referrals
- **Craft Activities**
- Socialization
- Information & Assist.



See Page 3 for Details on November Activities!