



The Deaf Reader

HOLIDAY SPECIAL EDITION

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OCDC Board Members

Written by: Deborah Ozanich & Juanita Hall & Dawn Watts

YouTube: [OCDC Board Members Happy Holidays!](#)



<https://youtu.be/lrByaiv5pzM>

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from our crew at OCDC!

Additional OCDC members who were unable to be in the holiday video: Ann Bodette, Andrew Knox, Angie Potosky, Regis Christ, Tim H., Chris Cooley, Donna Schultz, Marsha Moore, Bonnie Sandy, Megan Anderson, Jenny Jake

National Native American Heritage Month

Written by: Juanita Hall *Article Source:* The White House Presidential Actions

President Biden made a new proclamation on October 31, 2022. To honor and celebrate our Indigenous Peoples past and present, the month of November has been designated as National Native American Heritage Month. Additionally, November 25th is Native American Heritage Day (House, 2022). As Deaf people of America, we give great thanks for passing on their Hand Talk (sign language) to us that has historically influenced our native language, American Sign Language (ASL).

For more information on President Biden's Proclamation on National Native American Heritage Month, check out the White House's website at

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/10/31/a-proclamation-on-national-native-american-heritage-month-2022/>

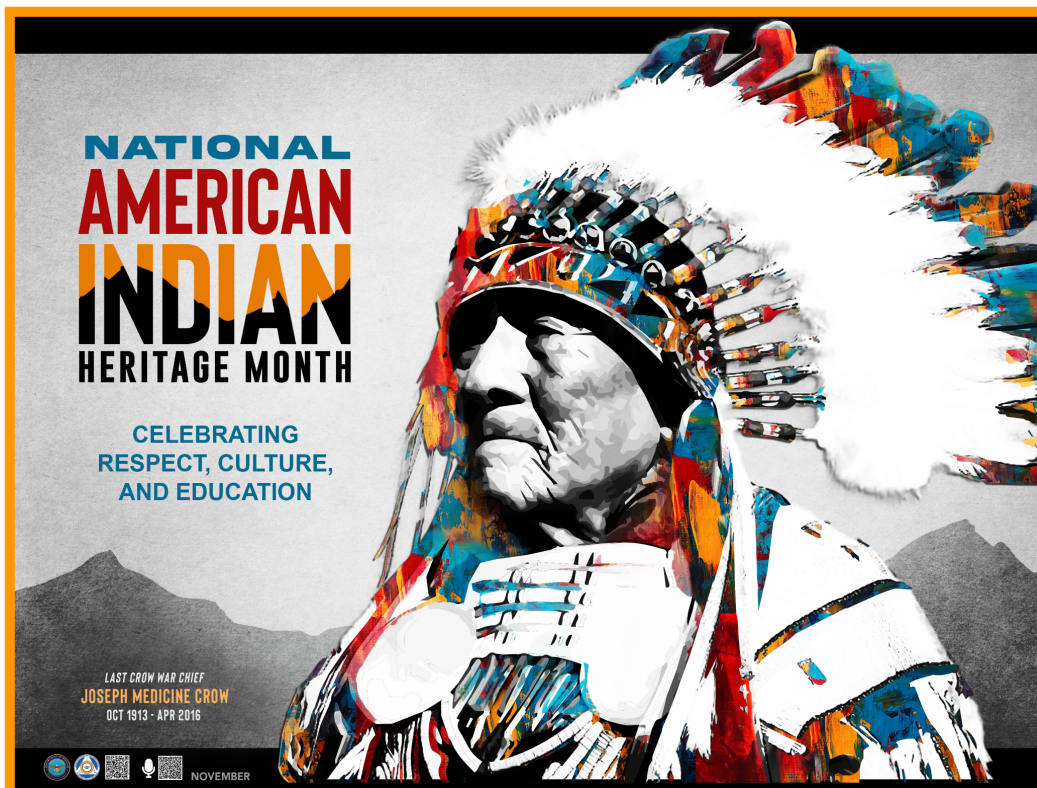
To download the free National American Indian Heritage Month poster pictured below, go to

<https://www.defense.gov/Spotlights/National-Native-American-Heritage-Month/>

Reference

The White House. (2022, October 31). *A Proclamation on National Native American Heritage Month, 2022*. The White House.

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/10/31/a-proclamation-on-national-native-american-heritage-month-2022/>



Keepsake T-Shirt Quilts & Blankets Wins the Social Enterprise Award!

Written by: Juanita Hall *Article Source:* Metropreneur

The Metropreneur has been awarding the past ten years the Social Entrepreneurship awards, such as the Emerging Social Enterprise of the Year Award and the Social Enterprise Award, to honor and encourage those who have positively contributed through social enterprise. This year, the Deaf business, Keepsake T-Shirt Quilts/Blankets received the Social Enterprise Award in October 2022 (Evans, 2022a)!

Due to high unemployment statistics for the Deaf Community, Keepsake T-Shirt Quilts & Blankets established their non-profit business in 1998 to employ Deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals to work for them. Their website's mission statement states, "Our greatest source of pride is not the 10,000+ custom t-shirt blankets we've made over the years. It's the 115+ deaf employees that have joined us along the way." (Every Order Empowers the Deaf Community, n.d.).



(Evans, 2022b)

For more information about this outstanding award written by Metropreneur's Walker Evans, check out their website at <https://themetropreneur.com/aspire-columbus-2022-recap-photos/>.

If you are looking for something special to shop for the holiday, be sure to check out this Deaf business, Keepsake T-Shirt Quilts & Blankets' website at <https://campsite.bio/keepsake>.

Here is the YouTube video with American Sign Language signing and subtitles produced by Keepsake T-Shirt Quilts & Blankets that explains their mission and non-profit business: https://youtu.be/T4v_UD1a_Zw.

Reference

Evans, W. (2022a). *10th Annual Aspire Celebrates Social Enterprise Achievements, Encourages Future Endeavors*. Metropreneur. <https://themetropreneur.com/aspire-columbus-2022-recap-photos/>

Evans, W. (2022b). *Social Enterprise of the Year Award Winner – Keepsake T-Shirt Quilts & Blankets, represented by several of the team members at the organization* [Image]. Metropreneur. <https://themetropreneur.com/aspire-columbus-2022-recap-photos/>

Every Order Empowers the Deaf Community. (n.d.). *Keepsake T-Shirt Blankets*. <https://www.tshirtblankets.com/our-mission>



HOLIDAY

Please join Shadowbox Live and Columbus State Community College's students for an ASL Interpreted production of Holiday Hoopla, our most popular sketch comedy & music show celebrating the hustle, bustle, and fun of the season with an evening of unforgettable live entertainment that has become a Columbus holiday tradition.

Wednesday December 14th
 Thursday December 15th
 7:30pm

We hope you'll join us for this very special collaboration with CSCC Interpreter Education Program.

Reservations required.

25% off Your Table

Code: ASL

Capacity is limited. To make your reservations, go to shadowboxlive.org online and enter the promo code: **ASL**

**If access to the interpreters is required, please select central tables in Tier A and B and include "ASL access required" in the notes.*



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DEAF YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY



Triad Deaf Services

Serving the Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, and Deaf-Blind of Stark, Tuscarawas, and Carroll Counties

When: Saturday December 3, 2022

Where: North Canton Hoover High School
525 7th ST NE
North Canton, Ohio 44720

Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Featuring

Deaf Santa Claus
Crafts, Games, and Prizes
Entertainment in ASL by Arts Academy at Summit
Gifts for Deaf, HOH, Deaf-blind children

Includes: Pizza, cookies, chips, and drink

**Please RSVP to your child's teacher or contact
Casey Ring at Hoover HS by November 16, 2022
E-mail: cring@triadds.org**

 Yes, we will be able to attend **No**, we are unable to attend

Deaf child's name: _____ **Age:** _____
Number of family members attending: **Adults** _____ **Hearing Children** _____
Hearing child(s) name and age: _____

*******Note to parents*******

If you have hearing children that will be attending please provide a gift for those children to be given by Deaf Santa.

**ALL children, Deaf/hard-of-hearing/hearing,
signing and non-signing kids welcome.**



Ohio Association of the DeafBlind Christmas Hat Party

When: December 3, 2022

Time: 10:30am to 3:30pm

Where: Eagle Pavilion

3899 Orders Road

Grove City, OH 43123

Admission: \$20 Deafblind

\$10 SSP

\$25 Non-Member

RSVP by November 15th

Contact: Chairperson Nicole Bucher at

bellanicola@gmail.com

**Included Taco Buffet, Craft Raffles, Cash Raffles, and
Surprise Gift Cards.**

Also win Hat contest 1st and 2nd place

HAPPY HOLIDAY!
MAY YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL SAFE HOLIDAY!



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For eligible purchases completed at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of your purchase cost to our organization. Shop and support OCDC at the same time without hassle.

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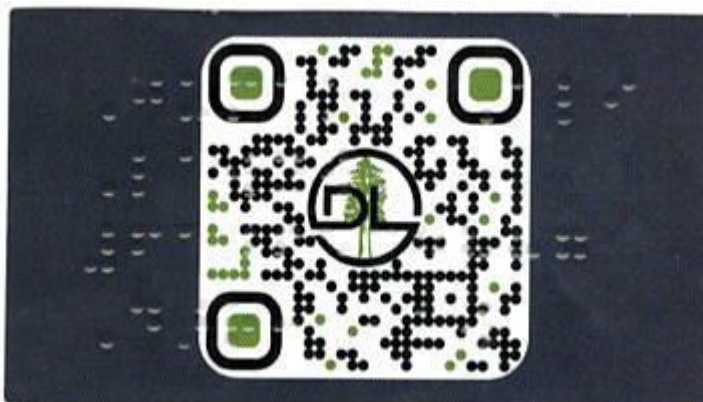


Upcoming Events

- **December 3 - 10, 2022:** Clerc-Gallaudet Week
- **March 13 to April 15, 2023:** “Deaf History” – Ohio Deaf History Month, Deaf role model engagement
- **June 18, 2023:** “CMV Awareness Month” – a panel of kids/parents with CMV

If you need an attorney for a lawsuit pertaining to American Sign Language Access, use this QR code below.

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