

NJ American Indian Commission Newsletter

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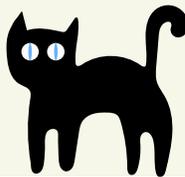
The Intertribal Youth Conference 2024 is fast approaching. Don't forget to register online!

Join us on Saturday, November 23rd for a celebration of education, diversity, and unity. The IYC will have a special focus on higher education resources and tribal diversity. Featuring Native speakers from several universities!



Intertribal Youth Conference November 23rd

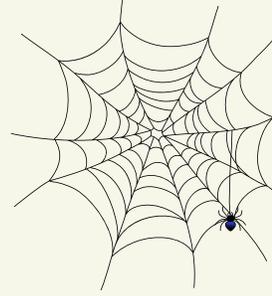
The first Intertribal Youth Conference is only a month away! Don't miss out on this opportunity to get important information on the college process and connect with other Native youth from throughout New Jersey. Visit the Commission website or contact Lewis at lewis.fragoso@sos.nj.gov to register!



Intertribal Youth Conference
Online Registration



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Our Current Projects

Intertribal Youth Conference

- The Intertribal Youth Conference will be held on Saturday, November 23rd at the Middlesex Fire Academy in Sayreville NJ.

SUD Narcan Training

- The Rutgers Medical School offers 6 virtual trainings per month and will ship you a free Narcan kit upon completion of your training. Registration details can be found online!



What's Cooking? Lunch & Learn

The latest Lunch and Learn, Sunday, October 27, was a truly successful health initiative spearheaded by seven representatives from ScreenNJ, the Prevention and Care Navigation Team, a collaborative health organization which offers free medical services to the Ramapough community. Twenty five people, including many new faces (and quite a few children), took advantage of the screenings for breast, skin, and lung cancers on their mobile health unit, which afforded privacy and comfort.

Article continues on Health News page!

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Channel Your Flannel!

Seabrook hosted its annual Channel Your Flannel networking event on Thursday, October 24th. Members of the Commission made it out to enjoy coffee and networking with other prevention specialists. Southwest Council was in attendance and agreed to help us with acquiring supplies for the community and initiating community initiatives!



Upcoming Community Events

11/14 & 15 - 9:00am to 2:00pm: The Department of Veteran Affairs in collaboration with SAMHSA will be holding a Native American Cultural Awareness Summit at the **Lyons VA Medical Center at 151 Knollcroft Road.**

11/15 - 11:00am to 1:00pm: The Southwest Council Prevention Hub will be holding a Meet & Mingle networking event to share and exchange resources at **1338 N. Delsea Drive in Vineland.**

11/20 - 10:00am to 11:30am: The Southwest Council GRASP coalition will be holding its next meeting to discuss community initiatives at **550 Bridgeton Pike Suite 2,3,4, Manuta.**

11/23 - 9:00am to 4:00pm: The New Jersey Commission on American Indian Affairs is holding its first ever Intertribal Youth Conference at **1001 Fire Academy Drive in Sayresville. Registration can be completed online.**

Future exhibits-

Claudis Ocello, President of Museum Partners, is working with NJ State Archives on an exhibit to be housed at the NJ State Museum in 2026 around the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and would like to include voices from NJ Tribal communities.





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Lunch & Learn Continued

Blood pressure screenings were also available. Additional information about colorectal, cervical, HPV, prostate, and genetically linked cancer screenings was also provided. The many handouts providing information about other health concerns such as mental health, substance abuse, the causes of air pollution, household chemical dangers, as well as the DASH diet, enhanced a very productive afternoon. A delicious luncheon was provided of healthful sandwiches, salads, fruit, and seasonal desserts. ScreenNJ will return in January with additional services. Come join us, and bring your friends and neighbors.



COVID-19 Tribal Coordinators

The Commission on American Indian Affairs has a number of resources related to COVID-19. This also includes our wonderful Tribal coordinators! If you ever have any COVID related concerns, here is who to contact:

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Events On COVID-19:

On Wednesday Nov 13th, 2024, there shall be vaccine clinic @ 75 Westcott State Rd. Bridgeton, NJ by 10am-2pm.

The following vaccines are available;

Flu, COVID and Shingles.





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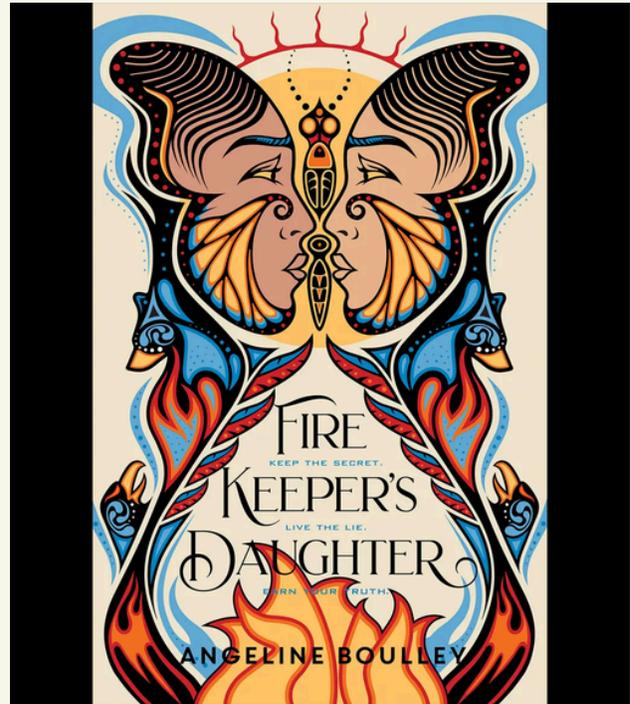
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Recommended Read!

With this issue of our newsletter we continue our segment on recommended reads! This month's recommendation comes to us from Lewis Fragoso:

"The Firekeeper's Daughter was written by Native American author Angeline Boulley. This read is recommended for adults and young adults. This bestselling narrative follows Daunis Fontaine, a young half-native adult who witnesses the murder of her friend and becomes involved in a suspenseful journey of mystery and intrigue. The Firekeeper's Daughter is a New York Times best seller and in 2022 won the Edgar Allen Poe Award for best Young Adult Novel."



Month of Awareness

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month! This is the month to wear all of your favorite pink outfits and colors as we come together to support those who suffer from and raise awareness of this devastating disease!

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