Winter Solstice December 21st at 3:00pm

Come and support your tribe and tribal members who will be ascending Lesamo.

Anyone wanting to be involved with these historical events please contact John Burch, Traditional Lead 805-235-2730. Remember there are no drugs or alcohol at tribal functions.
Tribal updates

December 12th general meeting will be Noon-3:00pm at San Miguel Mission.

Tribal elder and council member George Burch had open heart surgery on November 26th. Let's wish him a speedy recovery.

We have two open council seats and the council will begin reviewing applicants. Those interested in a council seat need to turn in a letter of intent. Letters can be mailed to the office or they can be hand delivered at a meeting. Applicants need to make sure they are able to attend the meetings before considering a seat.

It was decided at the last general meeting in Lockwood to play bingo at the January 9th general meeting. We will have adult bingo and kids bingo. So make sure to look for more info in the January newsletter. If you would like to help with bingo please contact Dayna Sciocchetti at 227-7137.

Mary Rodgers and Angie Taylor are planning a work day at the huts in Santa Margarita sometime in February and March of 2011. All those that can help Call Mary at 805-674-1525 or Angie at 805-769-6875.

Federal Recognition update. It looks like we still need about $65,000.00 to finish up our package and send it to BIA. If anyone would like to help with this amount or have an investor, let the council or office know. Thanks to all who have sent in letters concerning Carcieri v Salazar.

Tribal Members

From the editor: We Need Information for the Monthly Newsletter!

We only put in the newsletter what we receive. If information needs to be announced you need to get it to us. If anyone has important or interesting information that you want to share with the tribe Please Write, E-mail the office, or contact Ken at 559-322-9918 with any articles by the 15th of the month for the upcoming Newsletter. All photographs must be original scanned and sent to pgi@sti.net we will not use copy machine pictures.
We are asking again that all tribal members make copies of the letter on page 5 and mail them to the people we have listed with the letter. This is very important if we want the Federal government to put land in trust for us.

Tribal Office Hours

The office will only be open one day a week. So be patient when leaving a message or email. We will get back to you as soon as possible. Or if it is an emergency you can always call a council member.

Check out the Salinan website for job opportunities at:
www.salinantribe.com On The Upcoming Events Page.

Social Service Community News

The Tribal council and the board of directors of our non-profit the Salinan Heritage Preservation Association have agreed that individuals, especially tribal members, needing to do community service will now be able to do community service for the tribe. This is a good way to give back to your tribe while giving back to the community. If you have any questions please call the office at 805-460-9202.

Remember low income Seniors can get free bread at the Atascadero Senior Center on Mondays starting at 10 am. Make sure to check out the Senior Center near you to see what kind of things they offer seniors. Reminder to all Tribal Veterans needing medical care to be sure to check out the VA clinic near you. There is a great clinic in San Luis Obispo and a new facility in Santa Maria that also does teeth and eyes. I know there is a Van available for those needing a ride to the Santa Maria and LA Clinics. Call the San Luis Obispo Office for more information. (805) 543-1233.

Also remember Tribal members needing help with finding a job or job training and educational training along with help with housing, food and utility bills. Try contacting Candelaria American Indian Council. They have been helping the Native American Community for 37 years. Call Lupe Palacio at(831) 751-6023.

Sincerely, Your Social Service Leads- George Burch, Yvonne Ayala and John Piatti

Reminder that all card holding members can go the Santa Ynez Clinic for in house Medical and Dental.
The Clinic phone number is 805-688-7070.

Business Meeting Protocol

Tribal business meetings start at 6:30 pm. The first 10 minutes are reserved for open comment from tribal members or can be used by council members for input on a personal matter that they may want to bring before the council. To reserve this time you must call the Tribal office by Monday before the next business meeting if the matter needs further attention it will be put on the agenda for the following week or when time allows.

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Tribal Sponsors

We have new T-Shirts $15.00 ea. Colors blue, maroon, and for sizes call 805.460.9202

How do you get an ad on the Salinan Tribal Sponsor Page?
It’s easy. Send your card or ad along with a donation of $25.00 to the Salinan Tribal Office. Your ad will then be placed here for 3 months. If you wish to place the ad for a year you may do so by sending a donation check for $90.00. Ads are also placed on the Tribal website at www.salinantribe.com

We will also have T-Shirts at all general meetings for purchase.

Thank you for your support, all purchases help with Tribal needs and events.

GET YOUR BUMPER STICKER! $5.00 EA.
Dear __________________:

I'm a member of the Salinan Tribe of San Luis Obispo & Monterey Counties, a State Recognized Indian Tribe. We are in the process of seeking formal federal recognition from the Department of Interior and have been working on our petition for over twenty (20) years.

Our journey has been very difficult but rewarding to say the least: dealing with all the regulations we must follow, obtaining the legal documentation necessary to meet OFA (Office Of Federal Acknowledgement) requirements, and dealing with the task of raising needed capital to pay for the legal processes.

This process is difficult enough without having to fight yet another battle our government has put in front of us. We now have to sit back and wait until the BIA figures out a way to deal with "Carcieri v Salazar" & the 1934 IRA (Indian Regulatory Act), or chooses to do nothing. In the meantime, we have lost our investor because they feel the federal government will choose to do nothing.

This case has to do with the government's ability to take land into trust after 1934 for a verifiable indigenous native american tribe. Well, we do fall into that very quandary; we have completed all of our research, and we can prove all the necessary criteria to become a federally recognized Indian tribe.

Our ancestors and their rightful lineages are no different now than they were before 1934. We feel like this is just another major injustice in a long line of injustices to our people.

We're asking for your immediate support and assistance with this matter, as we feel very strongly about our ancestors and the price they paid to afford us the ability to right a wrong that has gone on entirely too long.

Sincerely,

Name __________________________

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We, as the Salinan Tribe, follow the way of our ancestors as we walk the path of our heritage toward becoming complete individuals. We exercise our rights as a sovereign entity. We continue to reawaken our culture. Each and every tribal member has an equal voice.

We, as the Salinan Tribe, commit to honoring the rights of each and every tribal member to practice our spiritual, individual, or religious beliefs. We remember and honor our ancestors, elders, and children now and for all generations to come.

We as the Salinan Tribe, continue to gather as a tribal family.

REMEMBER TO PRAY TO kensha:nel (CREATOR) TO keeheak (PROTECT) ALL lu wa' (MEN) AND lets'e (WOMAN) SERVING IN THE WAR. AND BRING THEM Ta'ma (HOME) SAFE.
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Tribal business meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month

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