

T'epot'aha'l

The People of the Salinan Tribe

Photo courtesy of Mary Ann Pierce

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SUMMER SOLSTICE

October, 2012

Building of the sweat lodge



Climbers Rick Laguna, Bruce Flood, Breanna Laguna and Mary Rodgers, resting before heading for the top.



L to R Aztec drummer, Tribal contemporary lead Gary Pierce, Mathew Zepeda and Fred Andersen using a drum made by Fred Andersen. Hand prints were put on by tribal members at the winter solstice.



Center Patti Dunton leading the Serpent Dance, Along with Doreen Piatti to her left and Tracy Hughes to her right. This dance was in honor of the Salinan legend which took place at Lesamo (Morro Rock).



Aztec Dancers

I climbed Morro Rock with Spiritual Elder John Burch and (I think) about 3 other members of the Tribe for an Equinox a couple of years ago; it was amazing! Climbing up as the Sunset was cool; coming back down in the dark was scary John told me I would never look at The Rock the same way again, and he was right: in a way, I feel like I'm still up there.

By Steve Armas

Annual Salinan Tribal Gathering at San Antonio Mission

Saturday October 6, 2012

11 am – 4 pm

Come and gather with your tribe, all are welcome. There will be a free delicious BBQ Provided by your council. Bring a lounge chair, and please bring a raffle item for an adult or child, if you can. Activities will be; 50-50 drawing, raffle, music, crafts and games for the children, and a friendship exchange. Also there will be an update on the building of the mission wall.

Pam Flood

Update From the 'North Camp'



Joan & Julie Pierce/
family fishing the Kenai



Salinan Ed & Joe Pierce & Ben
Flood with their ladies w/ Kenai
Red Salmon



Ed Pierce with
nephew Adam Freeman
Bow Hunting Caribou
in the Arctic Circle



Cousins Ben Flood,
Ernest Pierce & Joseph Freeman
exploring Alaska Pipeline



Fairbanks-WEIO
(World Eskimo Indian Olympic)
trip-Military Memorial at Denali Mt.

If your native language is lost is your culture then lost? That is the debate in, out and around 'Indian' politics lately. I would have a strong disagreement if the answer were Yes, because I think folks are not thinking broad enough when addressing all languages that pass on tribal culture & values.

This May through August our North Camp was full with family and visitors coming to taste a bit of Alaska's venue. This gave me plenty opportunities to witness first hand, all the ways our Salinan family use the native language. Yep, you are correct; most of us only know by heart a few ORAL Salinan words listed with the Hoken Language group. Look beyond the oral words and you will be strengthened in heart to see Salinan/tribal values, customs and traditions carried out daily thru non-verbal language practices. And the most gratifying for me is to witness it in action when Salinan family members who weren't raised together or have years between visits even; and then you hear, "It is spooky how much we all ACT & talk alike!"

Not only does this happen when our Salinan family meets, but like the pow wows of past day who have deep rooted traditions alive and well, meet up with Native Alaskan, many who speak only their oral language, regardless if working or playing together, you would think we were all 'Blood Brothers/Sisters'. There is much more to language going on than just words.

Think who you would pick as the best non-oral linguist you know personally; the best fisherman, the one who understands family; the cook or food expert, the seamstress, the technical tool maker; political voice and I find they always end up being a Salinan. In the past, general tribal members would call them their Chief of...hunting or fishing or tribal mother or father, gatherer, toolmaker or counsel.

I look to my brother Edward for the hunt, brother Joe for the fish, lean on the women in our family who know how to raise strong, resilient, self-reliant children; my cousins who study natural foods or fight for native rights, and with each one I watch, observe I see Salinan language played out over and over again. I thank them in my prayers; our language is strong.

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It is the season of the deer, gathering, preparing for winter; keep practicing your language yourself and if you have given up the hunt, be sure to find the hunting chief you feel will be able to teach your next generation so that all parts of our Salinan language stay strong.

Santa Margarita Ranch village committee

A photograph of a traditional thatched-roof hut in a rural setting, with a field and trees in the background.



RECIPE CORNER

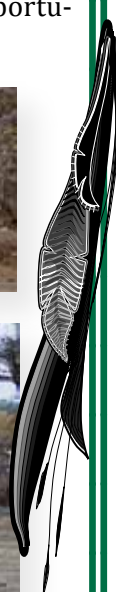
4 medium zucchini quartered and sliced
1 medium onion chopped and sautéed in butter or
margarine with 1 or 2 chopped garlic cloves
1 cup Bisquick®
1 cup milk
1 pound cheddar cheese grated
3 beaten eggs
Seasonings: salt, pepper, plus spices – oregano,
thyme, basil and rosemary (fresh or dried – amount
to your taste)

Mix all ingredients together and pour into pan (or pans) of your choice – pie, square or oblong pan(s). Bake at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes or longer till nicely golden and a knife comes out clean. Serve hot or at room temperature. Serves 6-8+. Can be a luncheon entrée or dinner side dish or cut into small pieces as hors d'oeuvres.

I've been making this for thirty plus years. I don't remember where I got the recipe!
It is a delicious way to reduce the number of the "too many homegrown" zucchini you have to try to give away each year.

Submitted by Dianne Timmerman

We need recipes, please e-mail to pgi@sti.net

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Mark A. Levitan, Tribal Attorney

Tribal updates

Tribal Fundraising

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Tribal Elder
Lorraine Barbara
(Pierce) Wagner
passes away

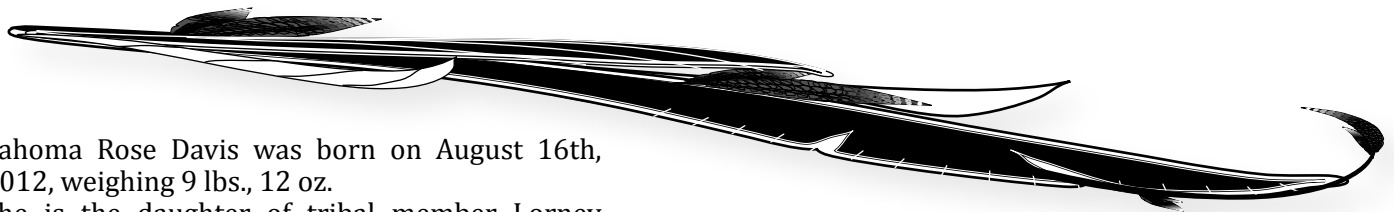


Wedding Bells are ringing!



Melanie Pierce & Lee Rictcheson
will be married in Morro Bay on
October 20th

On Friday September 7, 2012 tribal elder Lorraine Wagner passed away. Lorraine was born September 10, 1925 to Leslie Pierce and Christina Holdt. She is the granddaughter of Edward Pierce and Maria Antonia Bylon. Lorraine is survived by Her brother Leslie Pierce, and sisters Jean Nash, Shirley Macagni, Patricia Sanders, Geraldine Pierce and Loretta Carter. She is also survived by son Patrick Wagner and daughter Barbara Templeton. Along with Grandson Daniel Templeton, and granddaughters Patricia and Jessica Wagner and great-grandson Kristian Wagner. We will miss you Lorraine!



Tahoma Rose Davis was born on August 16th, 2012, weighing 9 lbs., 12 oz. She is the daughter of tribal member Lorney Davis, his wife Kaylee, and baby sister to Seth 3 yrs. old. Tahoma's grandma, Yvonne Davis, and great-grandma, Sharon Thomas, are tribal council members.

Tahoma is a Native American name meaning "snow princess". She was named in honor of Yvonne's sister, Sharon's daughter, Tahoma Thomas, who passed away in 1983. Mount Rainier in Washington state was formerly named Tahoma by the local tribe there.

Tahoma's nickname is Tahmi, and so far she is looking and acting exactly like her daddy. Tahmi is a busy girl, she went to the beach and look at whales off the pier in Avila Beach at 8 days old, dads company BBQ and her cousins birthday party at 10 days old, and is headed camping at Bass Lake at 2 and a half weeks old.

Help us welcome the Newest Tribal Member



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We are asking again that all tribal members make copies of the letter that is on our website www.salinantribe.com on the events page 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."

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www.salinantribe.com

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October 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1	2	3 Tribal Business meeting 6:30pm	4	5	6 Tribal Gathering at Mission San Antonio
7	8	9	10	11	12 Happy Birthday Elder George Burch	13
14	15	16 Happy Birthday Elder Ricardo Armas	17 Tribal Business meeting 6:30pm	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Happy Birthday Elder Cecelia Basilius	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

Tribal business meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month

SALINAN TRIBE GENERAL MEETINGS FOR 2012

October -Pam- Gathering Saturday 6th

November -Fred- Lockwood Saturday 10th, **December** -Bruce- Morro Rock Winter Solstice

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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.

Vision of the Salinan Tribe

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.

