

T'epot'aha'l

The People of the Salinan Tribe

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Lately we've been encouraged to stay closer to home, and to rearrange the way we get business done. For some, this could be a risky proposition, with nowhere to turn but the television and fast food, or...this time could be viewed as an opportunity to take control. Have your priorities shifted during these past few months? For some it seems to be bringing into focus a more home-centered life, with time for projects, gardening, and cooking at home. But alas...social distancing is keeping us from sharing our thoughts and telling our stories together as a tribe, I yearn for hunting and gathering with my friends and family, and summer dinner parties in the garden. We must find ways to connect with each other and talk about the hot topics. Pick up the phone, write a letter, but don't allow social media, radio and television influence your family, these times demand thoughtful action, question authority, talk to your neighbors, read up on current events, and share your knowledge.

The Fires: California was once a land of vast oak savannas, grasslands, wetlands, and mountains teeming with abundant wildlife, lakes, and streams flowing into the Pacific Ocean, a smorgasbord of balanced and delightful food and shelter. Our ancestors inhabited this utopia for thousands of years, but the settlers arrived with so much fear and greed that they regarded the native people as savages. Settlers came with weapons and powerful ideals about their way of life. During the past 100 years, changes are occurring exponentially faster and faster. California wildfires bring human and nature interconnectedness to the forefront. Our ancestors may have used fire to benefit hunting, and food cultivation, but the conditions are very different now, after hundreds of years of killing and human encroachment of many grazing herds and predators, damming the waters, changing direction of rivers, clear cutting forests, and over grazing with cattle, humans have caused soil erosion and the existence of much less carbon sequestering green matter. What now? Homes and trees have been destroyed by more, larger than ever fires, can we change the narrative to include some comprehensive long term planning.

The Pandemic: It's hard to know just how bad this virus called Covid 19 really is, we know it has hit our population hard, but we must acknowledge that our population is more sick than well in the first place. The majority of people in the USA are under-nourished, and overweight, so many are dealing with chronic illness from a very young age, and just not equipped with an immune system of a super healthy human. When the health professionals and the politicians talk about this virus, they never mention actual health, food, happiness, exercise, they only mention testing, vaccines, and hospitals. I know this for sure, a lifestyle more like our ancestors will go a long way in promoting a healthy and happy immune system. Eat foods that you might have found on your great grandmother's table, get some exercise and be happy. For a different perspective on this situation, read about Zach Bush MD and Andrew Saul's experience and ideas.

"we won't succeed in solving the challenges we face by continuing with the same thinking that caused them".
Albert Einstein

Submitted by: Shaunie Briggs





Harold Leon Montgomery September 10, 1943- August 5, 2020
Son of Girlie (Pierce) & Eugene "Tiny" Montgomery.

Harold was one of 6 boys, and 3 girls. He grew up in Morro Bay, CA, enlisted in the U.S. Marines, then worked as an abalone diver in Santa Barbara, Morro Bay, and Fort Bragg before settling in Bandon, OR, in 1978. Harold and Frannie were partners in business and life

for over 56 years. Together they founded and operated H&F Boats custom boat building business for over 30 years. Harold and Frannie built boats, fast cars, and community bonds with a zest for life and love of the ocean, that their children and grandkids will continue.

Harold is survived by his wife, Frannie, son Shawn and wife Amber, granddaughters Teagan & Morgan, son Justin and wife Abrah, and grandson Brody and many other family members.



Rita Pauline Jackson (Fisher), 5-7-1942 to 7-6-2020

Rita passed away July 6th 2020 peacefully at home. From an early age she shared with me her love for the Salinan people and their rich history. I've recently discovered the endless binders, books, and hand written family tree records she worked on. I'll do my best to keep her spirit alive by learning all I can about her ancestral roots.

With love and a humble heart,
Tranice Jackson-Munoz

Rita Pauline Jackson was born on the May 7, 1942 in Toppenish Washington to the late Charles and Clara Fisher. Rita was the fourth of five children, and spent her childhood helping in her father's store Fisher Café.

After the untimely death of her father in 1952 and then her mother in 1955, Rita and her three sisters were placed in the home of Reverend and Mrs. Amos Nash. Rita's's only brother Charles Fischer Junior passed away in 1959 in a tragic motorcycle accident.

In 1964 Rita married Henry Jackson, he was enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, they traveled extensively in the U.S.A. and abroad, including tours of duty in Japan. As a military wife Rita became a social butterfly making many lifelong friends, she enjoyed hosting parties and playing pinochle. Rita and Henry were married 53 years and they have two children Robert Henry Jackson and Michelle Lon'ya Jackson.



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Non Recurring Short Term Benefits (NRSTB) Application Process

The North Fork Rancheria Tribal TANF (NFRTT) Program has a new benefit available to you if you have been impacted by the recent Coronavirus pandemic and/or other emergency situations. If you reside any of the NFRTT's seven California counties of Madera, Fresno, Mariposa, Merced, Monterey, San Benito or San Luis Obispo, you may be eligible for the (NRSTB) if you meet the eligibility criteria. Please fill out the online application for North Fork Rancheria Non Recurring Short Term Benefits.

Once application has been submitted, a Case Manager will be in contact with you within 24- hours Monday through Friday 8:0am to 5:00pm.

Please have the following documents ready for verification with your intake appointment

1. Valid Identification
 - a. California Driver's License
 - b. California Identification card
 - c. Military Identification card
 - d. Tribal Identification card
2. Tribal Enrollment
 - a. Tribal Identification card
 - b. A Tribal Enrollment Letter from their tribe.
 - c. A letter from BIA verifying a descendant of the California Judgment Rolls.
3. Birth Certificates for all individuals in the household
 - a. Birth Certificates
 - b. Hospital Birth Certificates for newborn children that have not received their original birth certificates.
4. Social Security cards for all individuals in the household.
5. Residency verification
 - a. Financial institution statement
 - b. Current utility bill
 - c. A lease agreement
6. All earned and unearned income received in the month for all household members to verify the household falls under 300% FPL.
 - a. Unemployment Insurance Claim submission or Award letter
 - b. Check stubs
 - c. Notice of Action from County office
 - d. Child Support
 - e. Per Capita payments

Please feel free to contact our locations with any questions pertaining to this process.

Clovis TANF Location (559)298-5700; North Fork Location (559)877-5500;

Atascadero location (805)464-2255



North Fork Rancheria Tribal TANF Non Recurring Short Term Benefits Application

NFRTT Received:

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The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program administered by the North Fork Rancheria, referred to as the North Fork Rancheria Tribal TANF Program (NFRTT), provides limited emergency assistance to eligible needy Native American families with child(ren) and caretakers/relatives caring for Native American child(ren). NFRTT uses this application and required documents to determine the eligibility of your family for emergency services. We keep all information private and secure, as required by law.

- NFRTT Eligibility**
- U.S Citizen or eligible alien status
 - Reside in Madera, Merced, Mariposa, Monterey, San Luis Obispo or San Benito County – NFRTT Tribal Member/Descendant residing in Fresno County with at least one minor child under the age of 18 or 19 as a full-time student in high school.
 - Proof of income loss and household income under 300% FPL
 - Custody of minor child(ren) (under the age of 18 or age 19 and a full-time student in high school). Expectant Native parent(s) may be eligible in the 3rd trimester of pregnancy. Needy or Non-Needy Caretakers/Relatives with eligible child(ren) who meet the above criteria
 - Determined needy based on income, resources, and federal guidelines
 - Experiencing an emergency or crisis situation

- Required Documents Checklist:**
- Valid Photo Identification
 - Residency Declaration
 - Tribal Certification
 - Income Verification
 - Birth Certificate Verification
 - SSN Verification
- All information has been verified to be accurate and true.
- NFRTT Staff: _____ Date: _____

I Family Household Unit – Please tell us about your Family Assistance Unit, whom you are requesting assistance

Are you a Non-Needy Caretaker/Relative? Yes No If yes, please complete the income & resource section as it pertains to the child(ren) only.

First & Last Name	Date of Birth	Social Security No.	Address	City/State	County	Phone No.	Alternative Phone No.	US Citizen
Self								<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2 nd Adult								<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

First & Last Name	Date of Birth	Social Security No.	Relationship to Applicant	Tribal Affiliation	Name of School Child Attends
Child 1:					
Child 2:					
Child 3:					
Child 4:					
Child 5:					

Please list anyone else living in your household (include first & last name, age, and relationship to you):
 Were you or anyone in your Family Assistance Unit ever disqualified from public assistance (CalFresh, CalWORKs/TANF, Tribal TANF, etc.) due to an intentional program violation or welfare fraud? (include assistance being stopped for a short period of time or forever) Yes No If yes, name: _____ When: _____ State(s): _____

II Income

Please tell us about your current income and employment situation, including paid internships, paid work experience programs, etc. Write "unemployed" or "N/A" if no income or employment within the last 30 days; include income/employment of children.

Name of Person with Income	Occupation/Title	Employer Name/Address	Employer Phone No.	Wages/Tips (Monthly Net Income)

Please tell us about other sources of income you are currently receiving, including financial aid, TANF, CalFresh, CalWORKs, SSDI, EDD, SSI, EDD, Per Capita Payments, Child Support, Social Security, Retirement, Survivor's Benefits etc.; include resources of children.

Type of Assistance/Benefit (i.e. CalWORKs)	Provider (County Assistance)	Recipient Name	Amount Received	Date Last Received	Will this end in the next 30 days?	If Recurring, How Often? (i.e. Monthly)
			\$		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
			\$		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
			\$		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

III Emergency Services Declaration & Request

What is your current emergency or crisis: Natural Disaster Loss of Residence due to Fire Other (please explain): _____

What are your family's emergency needs: Shelter Food Clothing Vehicle Other (please explain): _____

IV Acknowledgement

Under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United State of America and the State of California, I swear and affirm that the information provided on this application is true, correct, and complete. I will undergo a sanction and be required to return any benefits received, if my information is not true. Sanctions may include administrative, civil or criminal actions against me, including prosecution. Furthermore, I consent to the gathering, use, and disclosure of my information by the North Fork Rancheria Tribal TANF Program (NFRTT) or its designees, for determining eligibility. In addition, I have the right to revoke consent, in writing, at any time except to the extent NFRTT has already used and disclosed information in reliance on this consent. If I revoke this consent, NFRTT may not provide further benefits or services. My signature confirms the completion of this application and is not a guarantee of services. I received clarification from NFRTT staff on all of my questions pertaining to this application and NFRTT eligibility for emergency services.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____ Second Adult Signature (if applicable) _____ Date _____

NFRTT ONLY

Applicant is: Approved Denied If denied, reason: _____
 NFRTT TANF Supervisor/Director Name: _____ NFRTT TANF Supervisor/Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

September 2020 Birthdays

2nd, John Piatti Jr., John is a current council member. He is the son of John Piatti Sr. and Doreen Bickmore. John is the grandson of Margaret Rose McCormack and Petro F. Piatti.

4th, Judith Andersen (Pierce). Judith was born in San Luis Obispo, CA. She is the daughter of Edward J. Pierce and Virginia C. Deleisseques. Judith is the granddaughter of Edward R. Pierce and Maria A. Bylon.

6th, Anthony Williams. Anthony was born in Hollister, CA. He is the son of Anthony Williams and Carmen Gutierrez. Anthony is the grandson of George Williams and Gertrudis Flores.

9th, Janet Roberson (Villa). Janet was born in San Luis Obispo, CA. She is the daughter of Lloyd P. Villa and Mary J. Holzer. Janet is the granddaughter of Miguel Villa and Ines Carmel Filipponi.

13th, George D. McCormack. George was born in Salinas, CA. He is the son of Benito A. McCormack and Soila Asuncion aka Susie Boronda. George is the grandson of Frank B. McCormack and Mary (Maria) Aloysius Govers. Along with being the grandson of Maria L. Robles and Jose Boronda.

16th, Bonnie Pierce. Bonnie was born in San Luis Obispo, CA. She is the daughter of Ernest R. (Skinner) Pierce and Elvira J. (Vera) DiMartini. Bonnie is the granddaughter of Katherine (Kate) McCormack and Edward R. Pierce.

19th, Colleen Brown (Montgomery). Colleen was born in Morro Bay, CA. She is the daughter of Gertrude A. Pierce and Eugene H. Montgomery. Colleen is the granddaughter of Katherine (Kate) McCormack and Edward R. Pierce.

21st, Joseph Gandara. Joseph was born in Stockton, CA. He is the son Benito Gandara and Julia Fontes. Joseph is the grandson of Antonio Fontes and Victoria Cosio.

26th, John McCormack. John was born in King City, CA. He is the son of Benito McCormack and Soila Asuncion aka Susie Boronda. John is the grandson of Frank B. McCormack and Mary (Maria) Aloysius Govers. Along with being the grandson of Maria L. Robles and Jose Boronda.

If you have an elder birthday coming up, please send in a small article about them.

Notice to all Members

If you have any changes regarding Name Changes - Marriages, Phone Numbers, Addresses or other pertinent information please send new and current information to the tribal office so we can update your information.

New event pictures and other information can be found on the tribal website.

The Salinan Tribe is gathering tools used for leather and any scraps or pieces of fur, hide, or leather you may want to donate. We will keep a tote for projects, regalia making, and kids crafts. If you have any items to donate please take them to the a tribal event or contact the tribal office. Thank you!

All tribal events have been cancelled until further notice, except for the business meetings.

September 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2 Happy Birthday Elder John Piatti Jr.	3	4 Happy Birthday Elder Judith Andersen	5
6 Happy Birthday Elder Anthony Williams	7	8	9 Tribal Business meeting 6:30pm Happy Birthday Elder Janet Roberson	10	11	12
13 Happy Birthday Elder George D. McCormack	14	15	16 Happy Birthday Elder Bonnie Pierce	17	18	19 Happy Birthday Elder Colleen Brown
20	21 Happy Birthday Elder Joseph Gandara.	22	23	24	25	26 Happy Birthday Elder John McCormack
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

Tribal business meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of each month

THERE ARE NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ALLOWED AT ANY TRIBAL EVENTS.

PLEASE USE INFO@SALINANTRIBE.COM TO EMAIL THE OFFICE

WE ONLY LIST THE BIRTHDAYS FOR TRIBAL ELDERS.

*** NO TRIBAL EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER**

We have a new T-shirt design. It comes in black and gray. Prices are Youth size s-m \$12.00, Adult - sizes s-xl \$15.00 and 1xl-3xl \$20.00. New design can be viewed on the website. www.salinatribe.com



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REMEMBER TO PRAY TO kensha:nel (CREATOR) TO keeheak (PROTECT) ALL lu wa' (MEN) AND lets'e (WOMAN) WHO ARE SERVING OUR COUNTRY. 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.

