



T'epot'aha'l

The People of the Salinan Tribe

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Summer Solstice, Morro Rock (Le'samu), Morro Bay. June 20th, 2021

Two groups of accenders celebrated Native American existence at the top of Lesamu on Sunday. 100 tribal members celebrated at the base of the Rock. Warming fire, drummers, homemade food, Yerba Buena tea, active workshop for children, fish fry, fried polenta, beans and pallilies, fruit slices, hot cocoa, coffee, fresh-picked garden vegetables shared by Doreen Piatti to take home and share.

Rock Climbers



Left to right; Bert Sabalboro, Isaac Mc Cormack, Don Pierce Jr, Cody Mc Cormack, Bennie Mc Cormack, Artie McCormack and Josh Cody



Left to right; Tina Shaffer, Hunter Aragon, Elijah Freeman, Michael Perry and Deanna Perry.



Tribal fun days



Learning Crafts



Having fun drumming it up



I just wanted to say thank you for such an amazing day yesterday. As I climbed, I began to doubt if I could make it. I had this inner battle going on. I prayed with each step that I'm doing this. As I sat on top looking out over the vastness of existence My heart and head merged into one. All I felt was a great gratitude pray grandfather sky and mother earth were with me. I looked out and saw my son in deep reflection as he slowly walked as if in a meditation prayer. My life was fulfilled in that moment. I will forever hold this in my heart deep in the chambers of the most sacred. There was a feeling of great privilege we had earned. We came to honor and know it is true.

Thank you, Tina Shaffer



July Elder Birthdays

7-1 Gary Pierce

was born in San Luis Obispo California to Charlie Pierce and Gwendolyn Sylva. He is the grandson of Edward Romeo Pierce and Katherine (Catarina) McCormack.

7-12 Richard Ojinaga

was born in Salinas California to Frances Salazar and Eddy Ojinaga. He is the grandson of Jose Dolores Salazar and Eliza Encinales.

7-19 Patricia J. Gomez (Molina)

was born in San Luis Obispo California to Christopher G. Molina and Geraldine E. Pierce. She is the granddaughter of Leslie Pierce and Jean E. Cole.

7-20 Michael M. Digges

was born in Salinas California to Gilbert Digges and Josephine Rossie. He is the grandson of Charles Digges and Janita Audelina Laguna.

7-20 Victoria (Mary) Griego

was born in Salinas California to Manuel Griego and Frances Salazar. She is the granddaughter of Jose Dolores Salazar and Eliza Cabrasia Encinales.

7-23 Lorraine M. Brodnick (Quinones)

was born in San Luis Obispo California to Elmer R. Quinones and Dorothy M. Castillo. She is the granddaughter of Daniel G. Castillo and Margaret Castillo.

7-31 George Rogers

was born in Hollister California to George Rogers and Loretta C. Silva. He is the grandson of Thomas E. Silva and Carmen Flores.



Upcoming Tribal Elections

Tribal Election time is here again. There are six Council seats and two Elder Council seats up for reelection. Any Baseroll members can run for the open seats. You have to be at least thirty years of age by the time ballots are do in November, to run for a council seat. You have to be at lease sixty five years of age by the time ballots are due in November, to run for an Elder council seat. Baseroll members interested in running must turn in a letter of intent. The Tribal office will begin excepting letters of intent starting September 15th and ending October 15th. As a council member you will be expected to attend monthly business meetings and general meetings along with helping with the yearly Tribal gathering and fundraiser. If you have any questions please email or call the tribal office. **Xayatspanikan, Patti Dunton, Tribal Administrator**

Elder Bennie F. McCormack Passes



Beloved Husband, Dad, Brother, Grandpa, Great Grandpa, Great Great Grandpa. Bennie F. McCormack, A.K.A. Benito, Benjamin, Ben. He went to join his wife Wanda of 57 years with Our Lord and Savior on Monday May 31, 2021. He was born on May 5, 1933 in Lockwood California to Benito A. McCormack and Suzy Boronda McCormack. He resided in Guadalupe Ca for approximately 52 years. Bennie is survived by Brothers John McCormack of San Lucas, CA. George McCormack of Madera Ca. Sisters Patricia Andersson of Anchorage Alaska. Irene Duckworth of Greenfield Ca. Bennie is of Salinan and Costanoan Native American Indian. He went to school in San Lucas CA and High School in King

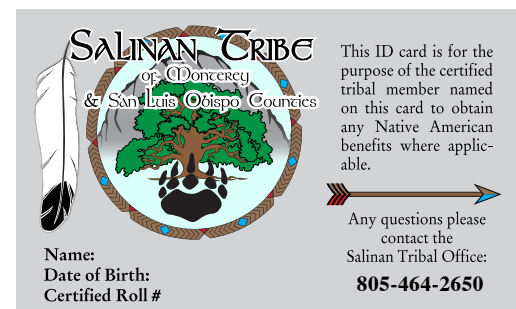
City CA where he played football and was a cross country runner. His wife Wanda was a majorette at King City High where they fell head over heels in Love. They married May 28, 1951. They had nine children 6 boys and 3 girls. Gail LaTour (Bert) Guadalupe, CA. Frank (Diane) Santa Maria, CA. Vickie Almaguer (Raymond) Las Vegas, NV. Willie (Susie) Guadalupe, CA. Albert (Connie) Arroyo Grande, CA. Fred, Guadalupe, CA. Susie Marquez Guadalupe, CA. Bennie Jr (deceased). Artie (Sylvia) Guadalupe, CA. 20 Grand children, 45 Great Grand children, 9 Great Great Grand children, 24 in laws. Approximately 107 family members so far. Their legacy lives on. He drove truck for Maintainer Service long hauling across the United States. He previously worked for Speed's Oil and Tool in Santa Maria. Two of his sons were truck drivers for Speeds also. He was also a heavy equipment operator and cut sites for oil wells at Getty Oil. He loved to go clamming and harvest abalone with members of the Pierce family of Morro Bay CA. Bennie was an avid deer hunter and loved to hunt with his sons. He was extremely proud of his family. He loved being a grandpa! He really enjoyed barbequing in his backyard. The neighbors would smell the oak wood burning that he and his sons would cut and he would split himself. They would say hey the McCormack's are barbequing. They'd start showing up for barbeque, beer, a game of horseshoes along with storytelling. He was a great story teller, but he said he didn't tell stories he only told truth. Loved to talk about growing up in the hills of Lockwood and Jolon walking and running the hills to go to his Grandma's house with cows and pigs following do to curiosity. Anyone who knew him knew not to disturb him between 7-8 p.m. because he really enjoyed watching Jeopardy which he would play along and answer many questions, and Wheel of Fortune which he also played along, but mostly because he Loved Vanna White. He was the King of dad jokes. He loved a good dad joke. Very quick witted. He was an avid reader and enjoyed coin collecting. He was the Patriarch of our family. You will forever be in our Hearts. You will never walk alone anymore.



New look for our tribal membership Cards.

Greetings Tribal Base roll and Supplemental roll members. Some of you that requested replacement cards for one reason or another may have noticed that your replacement cards look a little different from the ones first handed out. All new replacement cards now have our new Tribal Seal on them. All replacement cards will still come with a charge of \$25.00 to cover costs. If you would like a new replacement card with the new Tribal Seal, make your requests to the Tribal office at info@salinant-ribe.com or 805-464-2650. Remember I am still working mostly from home and only physically at the Tribal Office on the second Wednesday and first, third and fourth Fridays of the month.

Patti Dunton, Tribal Administrator



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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.



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July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	1 Happy Birthday Elder Gary Pierce	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Happy Birthday Elder Richard Ojinaga	13	14 Tribal Business meeting 6:30pm	15	16	17
18	19 Happy Birthday Elder Patricia J. Gomez (Molina)	20 Happy Birthday Elders Michael M. Digges & Victoria (Mary) Griego	21	22	23 Happy Birthday Elder Lorraine M. Brodnick (Quinones)	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 *General Meeting Happy Birthday Elder George Rogers

Tribal business meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of each month

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

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WE ONLY LIST THE BIRTHDAYS FOR TRIBAL ELDERS.

*** General Meeting is going to be held at the Del-Mar Park in Morro Bay on the 31st
 Please bring a potluck dish to share and your chairs or blankets.**

Tribal items will be for sale.

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