



T'epot'aha'l

The People of the Salinan Tribe

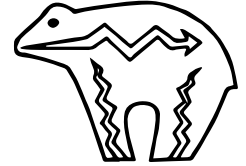
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The Annual Salinan Tribe BBQ and Trap Shoot Fundraiser

Date July 27th 2024

Will be held at the San Luis Sportsman Association
3270 Gilardi Road, San Luis Obispo, CA. Just off Hwy 1



Cash & Prizes 50/50 Drawings

\$100 Donation Includes:

2 Dinners

Entrance in the opportunity
Drawing, Cash and Prizes
Dinner only Tickets \$20 Each

Contact Dayna Sciocchetti

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If you would like to help or need a ticket.

Buy them soon as they sell out Fast!



Time: **Trap Tournament Starts @10 am**
Bingo Starts @ 12 noon.

BBQ @ 4 pm, Opportunity Drawing, Raffle
and Door Prizes Following.



Summer Solstice



Solstice arrived with clear skies, a steady breeze and constant swells making the Pacific Ocean a challenge to boaters. On the south side of Lesamo (Morro Rock), the Salinan Tribe, friends, family and public guests enjoyed the beginning of a casual gathering to mark the moment.

Our traditional ascent of Lesamo was led by council member Josh Cody, joined by the climbers. Their three-plus hour was arduous but worth every step, said the climbers, even with the plentiful poison oak along the trail. Days prior Cody and State Park Ranger and archaeologist Chad Jackson had climbed and cleared much of the pathway.

"The amount of vegetation growth was beyond anything I had observed in recent years", said Jackson, who credited the substantial winter rains with the bloom.

While the group ascended, the rest of the gathering enjoyed a wide variety of pot luck foods. A couple crowd favorites were Pam Flood's Tamale Pie, and cases of barbecued corn in the husk by John Piatti Jr.



Climbers Left to Right are: Patrick McCormack, Josh Cody, Scott McCormack, far right Tawney Shores and Marina Perry with Jessica Rodgers who blessed the climbers

A few tribal members mentioned the lack of organized ceremony, with no formal opening prayer and only a single drum played occasional by Contemporary Chief Gary Pierce and a few other guests.

"We need to think about doing a better job of making sure the ceremonial responsibilities of the day are properly assigned," commented Piatti.



The day was capped at sunset with Patti Dunton leading a group to notice the shape of a large bird on the northern edge of Lesamo. "There is Raven" said Dunton.

Submitted By: Robert Piatti

I would like to thank all the Volunteers and members for helping and making this important event a great Solstice.

Submitted By: Bruce Flood



Nolan Freeman-2024 Graduate from Connections High School,

Kenai Peninsula, Alaska, heads to Cuesta College

Nolan is the son of Adam Freeman-the son of Grandma Bonnie Pierce-the daughter of Great Grandpa Ernest "Skinner" Pierce- son of GG Katharina "Kate" McCormack.

"When you meet them, quiet heroes seem quite unexceptional; they don't distinguish themselves by being the strongest or the brightest or the coolest people in the room. Quiet heroes are folks who do what's right, and they keep right on doing it, regardless of the risk to themselves or their personal self-interest."

(Quiet Heroes; Dr. Renee Garflinkel)



Our children are the most important asset keeping Native America alive and strong. Our Salinan Nation's Future relies on the strength within our next generations. Based on the Seventh Generation Principal, since birth I met, learned my culture from watching my Elders, applied the principals, and continue to pass down those values. I count my grandson, Nolan, as the 5th generational descendant that feels the affect, both negative or positive, from past decisions made. And, he will affect change to the next generations.

The Principal of the seventh (7th) generation credit goes to the Haudenosaunee Confederacy or the 'People of the Long house' within Native America. Their tribe often is called the **Iroquois People, or The League of Five Nations**. According to Molly Rakin (author of The Wind is My Mother) quoted, "The 7th generation" principle taught by Native Americans says that in **every decision**, be it personal, governmental or corporate, we must **consider how it will affect our descendants** seven generations into the future." Even our United States' founding fathers liked the 7th Generation Principal enough to used the Iroquois Nation's principals when drafting our United States of America's Constitution.

Native America continues to feel the affects from my Grandma Kate's generation in terms of the Boarding School approach to education. Thankfully, Native America continues their effort to change that mindset. I find many Native youth's dreams go past wanting a HS diploma. The hard part for youth is how to remain connected to their cultural family/community support when choosing post HS educational institutions that do not sit in their local area? Native youth report the hardest part is the deeply felt loss of their cultural/family support when living away from their family/community.

The coined phrase, "It take a tribe to raise a child' has proven to be a path used to provide support for native youth working towards change. Youth need continued Cultural Support, Family Support, and education/financial support, all of which can happen if adults work together towards that goal.

The financial cost remains the #1 reason youth do not further their education to fulfill their dream. According to our 2021 US Census, 65% identified Native Americans graduate from High School—the lowest ethnic group of HS graduates. Of those who do graduate HS, only 9.3% earn a college degree or certificate by the age of 25 years old. That keeps many of our own culture's youth from being able to hold 'change' positions. Those seats continue to be filled with 'non-native, credential holding', citizens.

Being Federally Recognized is a (native, sovereign) government to (USA) government relationship. The question? Are we ready to ensure EVERY Native youth have credentials to fill those seats? To be the voice for native culture's change at discussion tables? To take over the majority decision making that ensures equality for native/indigenous solutions? Our educational systems are slow to change, because the majority graduating HS seniors and their families are happy the way things sit currently. However, that cannot be our Native America's excuse for not working toward change. We need to continue to equal the playing field.

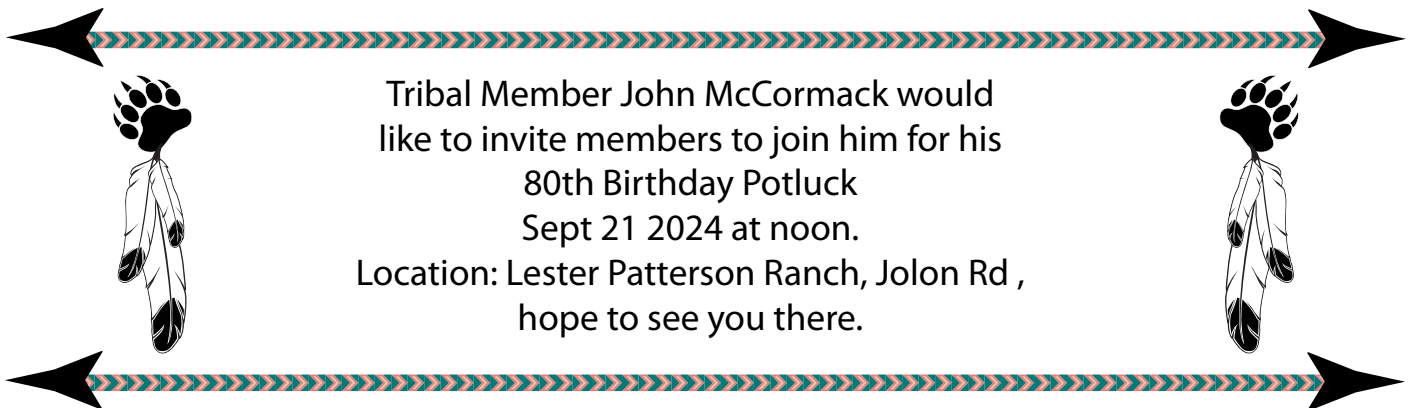
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Native America has many '**Quiet Heroes**', the theme Nolan used when completing scholarship applications. Nolan's culture support and his family support areas are covered by family's quiet heroes. Harder to cover was Nolan's educational and living cost while earning his degree in Criminal Justice. That meant seeking outside money support from non-native quiet heroes. Nolan's dream currently, is to become a K-9 Unit Police Officer.

Our extended/tribal family is proud of his accomplishments thus far, as a USA citizen and member of Native America. It takes work, but there are ways Native family quiet heroes can support the next generation of Native Leaders who are prepared to use their voice and life examples for positive change.

The three-prong approach we used? Focus on native leadership opportunities (starting at birth)=is his Cultural Support. Nolan's direct Alaska family and extended California family offers shelter, meals, food, and familiar company to strengthen his Family Support. Locally, graduating from High School was necessary, not a choice. The hardest barrier we found is financing college, which has a heavy dollar price tag. Nolan's Alaska family addressed that through scholarships and budgeting immediate family earning to support Nolan. Youth's potential starts with a solid cultural base; ours is rooted in Native America values-family comes first.

I am down in California August through December 2024 supporting Nolan through his first semester at Cuesta Community College. I would be happy to visit any 'native cousins' interested in creating a three-prong plan to support your youth's post HS education dreams. If interested please write to me via skinnerstories@yahoo.com if you would like to meet up in California this fall? Submitted by Cousin, Bonnie Pierce

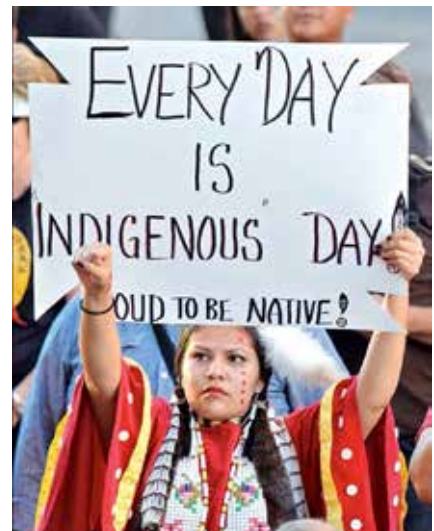


Tribal Member John McCormack would like to invite members to join him for his 80th Birthday Potluck Sept 21 2024 at noon. Location: Lester Patterson Ranch, Jolon Rd , hope to see you there.

Quotes from Native Elders

"Children were encouraged to develop strict discipline and a high regard for sharing. When a girl picked her first berries and dug her first roots, they were given away to an elder so she would share her future success. When a child carried water for the home, an elder would give compliments, pretending to taste meat in water carried by a boy or berries in that of a girl. The child was encouraged not to be lazy and to grow straight like a sapling".

--- Mourning Dove (Christine Quintasket), Salish, 1888-1936



Shandon Rest Stop Update

Sponsored by CalTrans

Robert reported that there will be 3 graphic posters. The Serpent, Raven and Falcon legend and a third one focusing on our fauna and flora story that will be put on display.

Design Ideas for Tribal Flag

We need a design for a tribal flag, we are asking tribal members to submit a simple trade mark type of design. No text just a simple picture or pictures combined as one design. Ideally a line drawing or silhouette, one or two colors only. No photographs please. **Time for submission has been extended.**

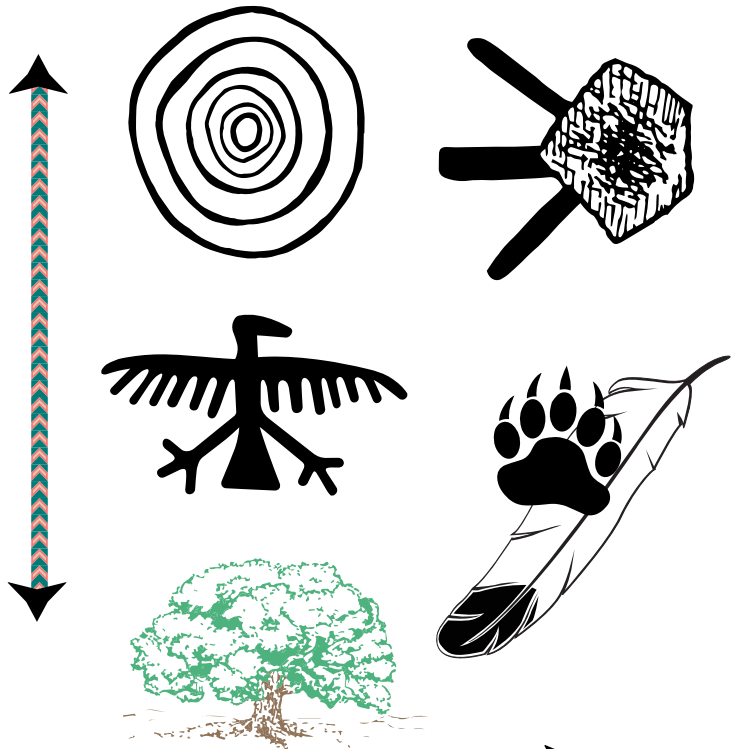
The Council will bring the designs to the July fundraiser for a vote like the seal was done.



Quotes from Native Elders

"There is an ancient Indian saying that something lives only as long as the last person who remembers it. My people have come to trust memory over history. Memory, like fire, is radiant and immutable while history serves only those who seek to control it, those who douse the flame of memory in order to put out the dangerous fire of truth. Beware these men for they are dangerous themselves and unwise. Their false history is written in the blood of those who might remember and of those who seek the truth."

FLOYD RED CROW WESTERMAN



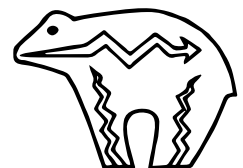
We have a new T-Shirt design and it will be available at the general meetings it will also be on the website soon for viewing.

The following sizes are available,

Women's – Sm, Med, Lg

Men's – Sm, Med Lg, xLg, xxLg, xxxLg

We also have hooded sweatshirts



July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Tribal Business meeting 6:30pm	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 * Tribal Fundraiser
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Tribal business meeting is the 2nd Wednesday of each month						

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

*** Tribal Fundraiser SEE FRONT PAGE FOR DETAILS**

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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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