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Bonita Unified's Annual Smudge Pot Rivalry Game to Pay Tribute to 25th Anniversary of 9/11

WHAT: Bonita Unified School District will open the 54th annual Smudge Pot rivalry game between Bonita and San Dimas high schools with a special pre-game ceremony commemorating the 25th anniversary of Sept. 11, including a moment of silence and recognition of local first responders and members of the military.

The Bonita Bearcats and San Dimas Saints will then renew their longtime rivalry and compete for bragging rights and the coveted silver Smudge Pot, an oil-burning tool once used to protect fruit trees from frost and a tribute to the cities' roots in Southern California's citrus industry.

Members of the media may access the stadium beginning at 3:30 p.m. Parking information and stadium access details will be provided to attending media representatives in advance.

WHEN: **Friday, Sept. 11**
6:45 p.m.: Pre-game ceremony
Kickoff: 7 p.m.

WHERE: Hilmer Lodge Stadium
Mt. San Antonio College
1100 N. Grand Ave., Walnut

DETAILS: The San Dimas High School Band will perform during halftime, followed by performances from the school's dance and cheer teams and a collaborative dance and cheer routine.

Overall, the Bearcats have a 28-24-1 lifetime record against the Saints. A complete history of the rivalry game, including scores, records, and archival photographs, can be found at <https://SmudgePotGame.com/>.

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