

# SMOKE SIGNALS February 2024

### A MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

Munahoo Neum, Tzow pasikwa, meaning good February. The Tribal Council would like to wish everyone a Happy Valentines Day and would like to announce that Big Sandy Rancheria has had The Tribal Gaming Compact signed by the Governor, Gavin Newsome. Tribal Council has recently met with Jim Patterson, 8th Assembly District member and he has agreed to authorize the bill. Next month we will provide an update on where the bill is in the legislative process. As an addition to this , The Gaming Commission has a new member on board in which we would like to welcome, Mr. Ramon Ramirez to the team. The Council has been collaborating with the SUSD to implement a new native curriculum. Focused on the local native history of the surrounding areas which will be implemented into the K-12 curriculum for the upcoming 2024/2025 school years. Tribal Council has officially moved and now are located in the old TANF building, all of the extensions and emails have remained the same. Tribal Council would like to remind all residents here on the rancheria about the pet policy. There are supposed to only be two dogs per household. There has been a surplus of unclaimed dogs and is

creating issues. Please be courteous to all the tribal members and residents here on the rancheria and honor this simple rule. Like always, thank you for your time and energy and have a blessed rest of your month.

Council Meetings		Tribal Office Holiday Schedule		
Tribal Council	General Council	Date	Holiday	
Wednesday, February 28, 2024	Sunday, March 31, 2024	Monday, February 19, 2024	Presidents Day	
Wednesday, March 27, 2024	Sunday, June 30, 2024	Friday, May 10, 2024	National American Indian Day	
Wednesday, April 24, 2024	Sunday, September 29, 2024	Monday, May 27, 2024	Memorial Day	
Wednesday, May 29, 2024	Sunday, December 15, 2024	Thursday, July 4, 2024	Independence Day	
Wednesday , June 26, 2024		Monday, September 2, 2024	Labor Day	
Wednesday, July 31, 2024		Friday, September 27, 2024	California American Indian Day	
Wednesday, August 28, 2024		Monday, October 14, 2024	Indigenous People's Day	
Wednesday, September 25, 2024		Monday, November 11, 2024	Veterans Day	
Wednesday, September 25, 2024		Thursday, November 28, 2024	Thanksgiving Day	
		Friday, November 29, 2024	Day after Thanksgiving	
		Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	
		Wednesday, December 25, 2024	Christmas	



### **Tribal Elder's** Monthly Meeting



Second Thursday of the month at 12:00pm

### February 8, 2024

- Meetings are here for you to be informed about what is offered to the Tribal Elders
- Must be a Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Elder to attend There will be lunch and raffle prizes

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT LEANN ANGUIANO** AT 559-374-0066.



### NEXT FOOD BANK

Thursday, February 15, 2024 9:00am-12:00pm **Big Sandy Rancheria** 37387 Auberry Mission Road Auberry, CA 93602

### **BSR General Store**

**Open Everyday** 6:00am-10:00pm

559-825-6645

**37302** Rancheria Lane **Auberry, CA 93602** 

**REMINDER:** The newsletter is available by email, if you would like to start receiving the newsletter through email rather than mail, please contact the Tribal Office at 559.374.0066.

### **February Birthdays**

	<u>Happy Birthday</u>	
Julie Adkins	Teresa Johnson	Douglas Riley
Howtzah Beecher	Rayetta Lara	Virginia Riley
Ahkakowah Beecher	Kristine Lewis	Robert Robertson
		Quintin Rodriguez
Gilbert Beecher	Constance Lewis	Larissa Rodriguez
Ricki Burroughs	Joseph Marquez	Samuel Samaniego
Rudy Colmenero	Michael Minihane	Shaniah Samaniego
Stephanie Coston	Phillip Moore	Michael Sandavol
Robert Davis	Winstin Moore	Grant Sewell
Autumn Davis	Zachariah Oliver	Theodore Stankewitz
Brieanna Gillihan	Naomi Orosco	Michael Turner
Robert Harlan	Giovanni Patty-Gallo	Paul Valles
Rebecca Hodges	Jonathon Reid	Felix Vela
Logan Johnson	Annie Riley	Abriyah Villanueva
Nadiah Johnson	Fabian Riley	Theresa Williams-Lundy
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**Big Sandy Rancheria Elders** 

#### Mun-a-hoo Elders,

The month of January has already flown by. The Tribe would like to wish January Birthday Elders a very Happy Belated Birthday. Jane Stamp, Phyllis Lewis, James Cogdell Jr, and Morris Reid.

Big Sandy Rancheria will be having the first Elders Gathering on February 8, 2024, from 10:00-2:00pm. This elder gathering is funded by CIMC elders' program. It also includes our neighboring elders from Cold Springs Rancheria and North Fork Rancheria. We will have some presentations, food, and bingo games. If you have not signed up, please call 559-917-1674, Leann Anguiano. This gathering will be in place of our monthly tribal elders gathering. There has been 44 elders that have already signed up to attend. I hope you all are staying warm as the weather is still very cold. The tribe would like to wish all the February Birthday Elders a very Happy Birthday. If you see them around wish them a very happy birthday. Connie Lewis, Teresa Williams Lundy, Julie Adkins, Rudy Colmenero, Douglas Riley, Phillip Moore, Theodore Stankewitz. If you have any questions regarding the elder program please contact Leann or Matt at the Tribal Council office. Have a great month stay warm and safe!



### **BSR Tribal Elders 2024**



Jane Stamp and Elizabeth Kipp

### **BSR Environmental Department February 2024**

### What is illegal Dumping?



It is the act of disposing of solid waste at a location that is not a permitted solid waste disposal facility. Illegal dumping is dumping of any waste, whether it is oil, furniture appliances, trash, litter or landscaping cuttings, tires Etc. California's local government spend tens of millions of dollars to remove and clean up illegal dumping. State and local agencies will cite people caught illegally dumping.

### BSR Community Swap Meet Earth Day

When: April 20, 2024 8am—12pm Where: 33041 Oakview Terrace Complex Auberry Ca. 93602 For information or questions: Contact: Lori Beecher @ 374-0066 ext.226

### How to Recycle Household Goods

Aerosol Cans— Pull off the plastic cap and empty the canister completely.

Batteries — household batteries can be taken to Office Depot. Car batteries can be taken to retailer. Cell Phones — Many cell phone companies and office supply stores offer phone recycling service. DVDs, CDs — CD Recycling Center Of America Wire hangers — Can be recycled with your metal, just take off any attached paper or cardboard. iPods, iPhones, and other Apple devices can be traded in for store credit to put toward a new Apple product.

Plastic bottle caps — You do not need to remove the plastic caps. Recycle your bottles with the caps. Plastic shopping bags — You can drop off at your local grocery store. To be reused. Tinfoil — can be recycled with your aluminum cans.



### <u>BSR</u>

Hazardous Waste Pick-up



The week of February 20th-23rd. The Environmental Department will be collecting Hazardous waste, such as household batteries, car batteries and used oil. Set items next to your weekly trash bins. The batteries need to put inside a box, labeled batteries, the used car oil needs to be inside a container with a lid.



For information or any questions contact: Lori Beecher @ 374-0066 ext. 226 \*lbeecher@bsrnation.com \* Rebecca Riley ext. 240





### OVCDC Big Sandy Early Head Start February 2024 Newsletter

### Accepting. Applications.for. Encolment!\_

We are accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year. EHS is a comprehensive early learning program for children 6 weeks-36 months old. The EHS program delivers early learning/education, health nutrition, and family support services.

### Important Dates

- Feb 13th: Storytime with Language/Literacy Program @ 11:00 A.M.
- Parent Workshop: Feb 14th at 3:00 p.m.

### Center Closures

- Feb 16th: Center Closed 1/2 Day for Staff Development
- Feb 19th: Center Closed (President's Day)

### Reminders

Our center hours are: Monday-Friday from 7:45-3:45 P.M. Breakfast is from 8:30-9:00 A.M. If you need any assistance, please contact us!







37190 Jose Basin Road, Auberry, CA 93602 Phone (559) 855-7511, Fax (559) 855-7515 Blossom Garcia, Family/Child Service Specialist, bgarcia@ovedc.com Nikita Henderson, Site Supervisor, nhenderson@ovedc.com



# BSR Head Start

### Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Head Start Program

Parents please remember that drop off is between 8 am and 8:30 am. If you are going to be later than 8:30 am please call the Head Start, so the teachers know to expect your child for breakfast. Head Start has a required 85% attendance policy, which is typically an absence of a day or two a month. But with the cold season we understand that sometimes students need a few recovery days and ask that you gives us a call to check in.

Healthy kids make happy kids!

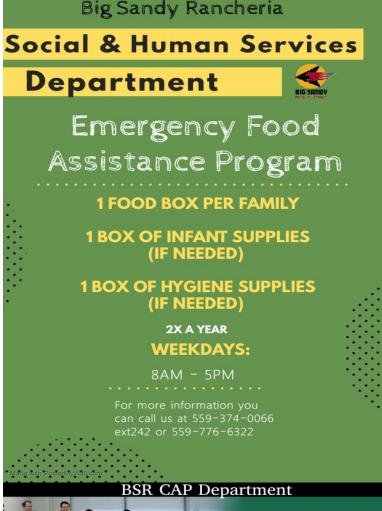
### Germ Proof Your Child:

Here at the center we see the common cold, stomach flu, ear infections, and on rare occasions the flu. Here are a few tips to keep your family healthy during the cold season. And just a reminder it is not too late to get your flu shots. 1) Hand Washing: hands should be washed for 20 seconds.
This should be done before meals, after bathroom breaks, and if your child touches other kids, toys, and pets. 2) Keep wipes & sanitizing gel while on the go. 3) Sneeze and cough into a tissue. Or use the crook of your elbow 4) Do not let your child share drinks, utensils, or personal items with anybody. Including caregivers and siblings.





**Big Sandy Rancheria** 



# MD

Monday's, Tuesday's & Wednesday's in February

### 11am-1pm At the computer lab you can work on the following topics:

- Complete School work, GED, classes, etc.
- Driver's Training, including practice tests
- **Strengthening Computer Skills**

There will be Driver's training curriculum provided. Come out and practice until you feel confident enough to pass the **Drivers Test** 

For More Info Contact Saige Riley Email: siley@bsmation.com Phone: (559)3740066 X 228

### SANDY ocial Services



#### **OUR SERVICES**

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The Social Services Department works to support BSR's Tribal Familes by ensuring they have services, assistance and support. By working with each individual and family we can identify and access ungive needs. Our goal is to encourage, promote and maintain the overall health and well being of Tribal Members and their families.

ICWA

The ICWA Rep will intervene in all eligible Child Dependency Cases involving Tribal Members and their children. This includes Tribal representation in court, case management, and service referrals.

### **EDUCATIONAL**

#### ADVOCACY

If requested we will provide personal support during educational meetings, including but not limited to; IEP's, SST's and SARB hearings.

OTHER SERVICES

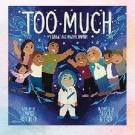
Victim Advocacy Emergency F00d/Baby/Hygiene Supplies > Educational Outreach Assistance In Identifying/Accessing Resources > Additional Supportive Services

CONTACT SSAMANIEGO@BSRNATION.COM OR DESK 559-374-0066 EXT242 OR CELL 559-776-6322



### Fresno County Family Literacy Program





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February 22, 2024

February 8, 2024

Join us for a Book Read and Language Experience Activity with BSR CAP Youth Program & Community Location: BSR Gym **Time: 4:30 pm** 



For More information contact PACILA Instructors Jocelyn Saavedra at 559-226-2880 Ext.212 or jsaavedra@ovcdc.com Juliana Velasquez at 559-226-2880 Ext. 206 or jvelasquez@ovcdc.com



Join the Gymnasium for a night of embossing leather bracelets, Round leather medallions and make any print of your desire. <u>Crafty</u> <u>Night</u>

Febuary Monday's 4:00PM

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BSR CAP DEPARTMENT FAMILY FITNESS



# CARDIO TRAINING



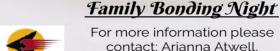
Every Wednesday, February 7th,14th,21st,&28th 4pm-6pm at the BSR Gym Come join us every Wednesday in February, there will be cardio workouts prepared for each night and a light meal provided as well.

> For more info contact Jimmy Llewellyn Phone: (559)374-0066X228



For more info contact Saige Riley Phone:(559)374-0066X228 Email: sriley@bsrnation.com





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For more information please contact: Arianna Atwell, aatwell@bsrnation.com or (559)3740066 Ext. 207





# BSR CAP

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### February Dreamcatcher Craft Nights

Thursday nights in February 2/1, 2/15, 2/22, 2/29 4pm-6pm at the BSR Gym

Join us every Thursday night in February from 4pm-6pm to make your own dreamcatcher. Materials and a light meal will be provided.

For More Info Contact Saige Riley Phone: (559)374-0066x228 Email: sriley@bsrnation.com

BIG SANDY







Volunteer Days are here. Get ready for Garden Tasks such as:

Volunteer's will be provided: -Snack's -Water -Gloves



-Clearing Boxes -Pulling Weeds -Extract un-wanted Shrubs -Organizing Garden 9:30AM-1:00PM Materials

Wear comfortable clothes

During:



374-0066 Ext. 207

# Community Beading Worksbop



# February 6th & 20th

Join us as we share our skills and knowledge. Come together with community, friends and family. Contact Brandi Kelley at Bkelley@bsrnation.com -559-374-0066 ext.206 4-6pm

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# Elders Luncheon

Thursday, February 8, 2024 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

37387 Auberry Mission Rd Auberry, California

# LUNCH - RAFFLE - BINGO

## OPEN TO THE ELDERS OF BIG SANDY Cold Springs And North Fork Rancherias.



California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc. - (916) 920-0285 If you have any questions, please contact: Rachael Mae Bill, Elders Program Specialist, Ext. 2120 Deanna Quintana, Elders Program Coordinator, Ext. 2123 BSR CAP DEPARTMENT

# HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS DINNER-ACTIVITY-INCENTIVES-FAMILY-COMMUNITY



Join us for a delicious meal as we promote the importance of having healthy relationships with fun activitives for all families to participate in.





# SATURDAY THE 10TH & 24TH 10AM-2PM REGALAA REGALAA NAKING CLASS POSITIVE LEADERSHIP

FEBRUARY 2024

Must be dedicated to coming to classes to finish regalia. Classes will be held 2 times a month January 13th & 27th, February 10th & 24th and March 9th & 30th..

LEAD BY WILLIAM JOHNSON AKA LIL BEAR For More info contact brandi kelley 559-374-0066





**BSR PRESENTS** 





# FEB 21ST-22ND 10am-3pm Registration is Required Ages 7-11 -20 Spots Avaliable-Location: 37802 Jose Basin Rd, Auberry Ca 93602

To Register Contact Learn 559-374-0066 ext209 languiano@bsmation.com OR Brandi 559-374-0066 ext206 bkelley@bsmation.com

### **BSR CAP DEPARTMENT**

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JOIN US AT THE BSR GYM FROM 6PM-8PM TO COLOR EGGS WITH YOUR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY, ALL EGGS WILL BE USED AT OUR SPRING GATHERING EVENT.

> FOR MORE INFO CONTACT SAIGE RILEY Phone: (559)374-0066X228 Email: Sriley@BSRNation.com



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# **Big Sandy Rancheria**

**Community Swap Meet** 

When: April 20, 2024

8 am—12 pm

Where: 33041 Oakview Terrace Complex

Auberry Ca 93602

Reduce - the waste

Recycle - the present

Reuse - the old

BSR Environmental Department would like to invite you to join us for our community Swap Meet at Oakview Terrace complex. The purpose of these events is to educate people on how to prevent unnecessary waste.

For information or any questions contact:

Lori Beecher @ 374-0066 ext. 226



# **Big Sandy Rancheria**



### SEEKING BASKET WEAVERS, BASKET DESIGNS, BASKET PHOTOS

### & STORIES.

If you are a BSR basket weaver, have photos of baskets, have baskets we can photograph, or any suggestions please let us know.

### CHRISSY ATWELL-VALLE

monogirl02@yahoo.com 559-359-1053 FB Messenger @Chrissy Atwell

### Located in the Admin House



RONDII NIETO rondii@yahoo.com 559-361-7242 FB Messenger @Rondii Nieto Bonilla



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Garden Day 9:30-1:00pm Dream Catcher Class 4:00-6:00pm	2 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY NO CAP PROGRAMS	3
4	5 Community & Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Leather Crafts 4:00-6:00pm	6 Community & Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Community Beading 4:00-6:00pm	7 Garden Day 9:30-1:00pm Community & Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Cardio Training 4:00-6:00pm	8 TULE RIVER FOOD DISTRIBUTION 10:30-12:00PM CIMC ELDERS LUNCHEON 10:00-2:00PM Story Time Program 4:30pm Dream Catcher Class 4:00-6:00pm	9 Healthy Relationships Event 6:00-8:00pm	10 Regalia Workshop 10:00-2:00pm
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18	19 PRESIDENTS DAY ALL OFFICES CLOSED	20 Community & Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Community Beading Workshop 4:00-6:00pm	21 Garden Day 9:30-1:00pm Community & Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Cardio Training 4:00-6:00pm	22 Story Time 4:30pm Dream Catcher Class 4:00-6:00pm	23 Family Baking 4:00-6:00pm	24 Regalia Workshop 10:00-2:00pm
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24	25 Community & Elders Computer Lab 11:00- 1:00pm Educational Movie Night 4:00-6:00pm	26 Community & Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Community Beading Workshop 4:00-6:00pm	27 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING 10:00AM Community & Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Community Dodgeball 4:00-6:00pm	28 Keto Class 4:00-6:00pm	29 CAP OFFSITE	30 Regalia Workshop 10:00-2:00pm
31 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING 10:00AM						

### **Big Sandy Rancheria Transportation Services**

We will be reducing transports to one day a week. Please make sure that you schedule your transport as soon as possible. To schedule an appointment please contact:

# BSR CAP Department: Saige Riley @ (559)374-0066 ext. 228 You can also stop by the gym in the CAP OFFICE

#### YOUR APPOINTMENT MUST BE MADE AND VERIFIED WITH THE CAP DEPARTMENT BEFORE YOUR SPOT CAN BE RESERVED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES. SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS ONLY WITH SAIGE RILEY 24 HOURS PRIOR FOR LOCAL TRANSPORTS AND 1 WEEK IN ADVANCE FOR FRESNO TRANSPORTS.

The transporter will wait 15 minutes after your scheduled departure. If you do not arrive on time, your appointment will be canceled and can be rescheduled <u>with Saige</u> <u>Riley only</u>. There are new rules for the transportation services, please call the transporter for a copy of revised rules. Transportation services are for Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Members. The transporter cannot transport kids to school that have missed the bus. All CVIH appointments are to be scheduled with CVIH transporter. If the CVIH transporter is unable to transport you, they will need to reschedule your appointment. This applies to all medical, dental, nutrition & referral appointments. \*ATTENTION ALL TRANSPORTATION PARTICIPANTS\* Big Sandy Rancheria will be requiring updated signatures for transportation rules and regulations.



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37387 Auberry Mission Rd P.O. Box 337

Auberry, CA 93602

