



SMOKE SIGNALS

March 2023

A MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

Munahao Neum,

Tzow Isaduwh, good March. Happy St. Patrick's Day! Enjoy the festivities and please be safe out there.

Here on the Rancheria, planning for this year's BSR Powwow has started. That being said BSR is currently looking for any interested young ladies wanting to be the 2023 BSR Princess. If you know anyone for princess who is interested the application's are on the Big Sandy Rancheria Website. The main contact for princess applications will be Leann Anguiano at (559) 374-0066 ext. 209 or email languiano@bsrnation.com.

Easter Egg Coloring will be Friday, March 24, 2023 at 6:00pm at the BSR gym. The Spring Gathering will be held on Saturday, March 25th, at 11:00am at the BSR Powwow Grounds. There will be food, prizes, games and an egg hunt. All event Flyers are attached.

General Council Meeting will be held on March 26, 2023 10:00 am here at the Big Sandy Rancheria gym. Please come and attend these important and informative meetings just a reminder the meeting are for adult tribal members only no significate others or children. Hope to see you all there and as always thank you for your time and energy, have a blessed rest of your month.

Council Meetings		Tribal Office Holiday Schedule	
Tribal Council	General Council	Date	Holiday
Wednesday, March 29, 2023	Sunday, March 26, 2023	Friday, May 26, 2023	National American Indian
Wednesday, April 26, 2023	Sunday, June 25, 2023	Monday, May 29, 2023	Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 31, 2023	Sunday, September 24, 2023	Tuesday, July 4, 2023	Independence Day
Wednesday, June 28, 2023		Monday, September 4, 2023	Labor Day
Wednesday, July 26, 2023		Friday, September 22, 2023	California American Indian Day
Wednesday, August 30, 2023		Monday, October 9, 2023	Indigenous Peoples Day
Wednesday, September 27, 2023		Friday, November 10, 2023	Veterans Day
Wednesday, October 25, 2023		Thursday, November 23, 2023	Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday, November 29, 2023		Friday, November 24, 2023	Day After Thanksgiving



TRIBAL ELDER'S Monthly Meeting

Second Thursday of the month at 12:00pm

MARCH 9, 2023

- 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.

Upcoming Events for Elders:

Tie Blankets

When: Saturday, March 4, 2023

Time: 10:00 - 2:00pm

Where: Big Sandy Rancheria (GYM)



NEXT FOOD BANK

**Thursday, March 16, 2023
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

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.

March's Birthdays

David Ballard
Haley Ballard
Marion Barrios
Kammie Baty
Michael Baty
Gabriel Beecher
Maddox Bewick
Natalie Colmenero
Bethany Costa
Leniah Edd
Aiyana Furr
Lisa Garcia
Miriam Garza
Alizabeth Huerta
Tyler Hughey
Robert Hutchins
Arcie Jackson

Jarilyn Jeff
James Johnson
Aarya Lara
Layla Lara
Noelani Lara
Dawn Lavell
Jason Lewis
Christopher Martinez
Ashleigh Marvin
Richard Marvin
Brent Merrick
Justin Moore
Maryah Muldrew
Rogelio Oliver Cinco
Alana Orosco
Adrian Ortiz

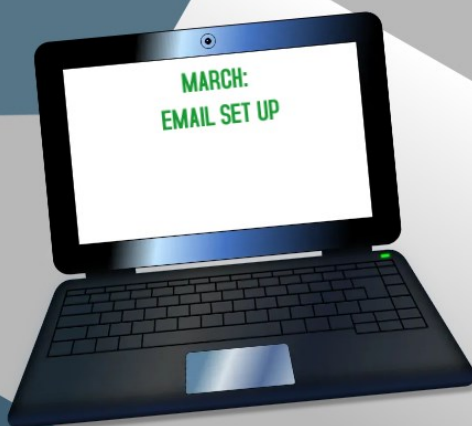
Michelle Perez
Mikaela Perez
Michael J. Richards
James Jr. Robertson
Dillon Rodriguez
Emmitt Sample
Dayle Sarabia
Fayla Gene Smith
Ernie Soto
Rodney Stankewitz
William Stankewitz
Detryona Stevenson
Adonis Travis Lizardo
Alexis Valle
Monte Villanueva
Weayaya Walker

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BSR COMPUTER LAB

MONDAY'S & WEDNESDAY'S
8-10AM

WE OFFER
COMPUTER
ACCESS TO
ANYTHING YOU
MY NEED HELP
WITH FROM
RESUME
BUILDING,
BASIC
COMPUTER
KNOWLEGDE &
MUCH MORE !



CONTACT:
ALYSHA: 5593740066 X 207
AEDD@BSRNATION.COM



BSR ELDER'S COMPUTER CLASS

Every Tuesday's
1-3pm

March: Setting up emails

Community members
who are in need of
transport to and from
computer lab call Brandi.

Brandi: 5593740066X 206
Alysha: 5593740066 X 207
aedd@bsrnation.com

BIG SANDY SOCIAL SERVICES

ICWA | CASE MANAGEMENT | SUPPORTIVE SERVICES



OUR SERVICES

The Social Services Department works to support BSR's Tribal families by providing culturally appropriate services, assistance, and support. By working with families and individuals we strive to identify the unique needs of each client. Our ultimate goal in providing these services is to encourage, promote, and maintain the overall health and well-being of Tribal members and their families.

For more information, please contact

Elizabeth (Liz) Taylor, Director of
Social Services/ ICWA Representative

etaylor@bsmation.com

559-374-0049 - Desk phone
559-776-6322 - TEXT OR CALL

EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY

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

ICWA

The ICWA Rep will intervene in all eligible Child Dependency cases involving Tribal members and their children. This includes Tribal representation in State and County courts, case management, and service referrals.

OTHER SERVICES INCLUDE:

VICTIM ADVOCACY

EMERGENCY FOOD/BABY/ HYGIENE
SUPPLIES

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

ASSISTANCE IN
ACCESSING/IDENTIFYING RESOURCES

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AS
NEEDED



**Big Sandy Rancheria
Social & Human Services Department**

Emergency Food Assistance Program

Please bring your own bags or boxes to carry food supplies

**Please contact Elizabeth Taylor to
schedule pickup date and time.**

Location: 37387 Auberry Mission Rd.
Auberry, Ca 93602
Contact : (559) 374-0049 EX 215

HEADS UP

OVCDC Big Sandy Early Head Start March 2023 Newsletter

Accepting Applications for Enrollment!

Applications for 2022-2023 school year continues to be accepted throughout the 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.

Come Join our Team!

Employment Opportunities

**Teacher
Site
Supervisor
Open Until
Filled**

Important Dates

**March 3: Half-Day Closure
at 11:45 A.M. for Staff
Development Day
March 6: Parent Meeting
@ 9:00 A.M.**

Reminders

Our Center hours are Monday-Friday from 7:45-3:45 P.M. Breakfast is from 8:30-9:00 A.M. Please follow up for any missed teacher conferences. If you need any assistance, please contact us!



37190 Jose Basin Rd. Auberry Ca. 93602

(559) 855-7511, fax (559) 855-7515

Blossom Garcia, Family/Child Services Specialist- bgarcia@ovcdc.com

Head Start



Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Head Start Program

Our Valentine's day card exchange was a success. Thank you to every family for participating and making it a special day for our students.

Our annual Easter egg hunt will be held on March 31st during outdoor time. Please be on the look out for a flyer with more details.

Parents please remember that drop off time is between 8 am and 8:30 am. If you are going to be later than 8:30 am please call the Head Start at 374-0066 ext.216 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.

Quality time

1. **Play with your children.** Let them choose the activity, and don't worry about rules. Just go with the flow and have fun. 2. **Read every night:** Cuddling up with your child and a book is a great bonding experience that will set them up for a lifetime of reading. 3. **Make and eat meals with your children whenever possible.** If time is limited, look for simple meals that require very little preparation, or grab a healthy snack such as an apple and sit for a few minutes and chat with your child.

Special Day

Reminders

Community Food Bank

March 16th, 2023

Easter Egg Hunt

March 31st, 2023

Closed: Spring Break

April 3rd thru April 10th,
2023

Head Start Reopens

April 11th, 2023

559 374 0066 ext. 216

BSR Environmental Department March 2023

How does Ground water & Surface water interact

Surface water and groundwater systems are connected in most landscapes. Streams interact with groundwater in 3 basic ways: **1.** streams gain water from inflow of groundwater through the streambed. **2.** Streams lose water by outflow through the streambed. **3.** Or they do both depending on the location of the stream. It is groundwater contribution that keeps streams flowing between precipitation events or after the snowmelt. For a stream to gain water, the elevation of the water table in the vicinity of the stream must be higher than the stream water surface. For a stream to lose water to ground water, the water table must be below the elevation of the stream-water surface in the vicinity of the stream.

Benefits of recycling abandoned vehicles

Old vehicles that are no longer in use account for a substantial part of our environmental waste. Recycling these vehicles is beneficial to the environment, it reduces the emission of greenhouse gases. Recycling old vehicles provide enough steel to produce almost 13 million new vehicles every year and saves an estimated 85 million barrels of oil each year. Recycling your old parts can save retail customers about 50 percent when purchasing used parts over new parts. By recycling old unwanted vehicles it will reduced 62% of waste and reduced landfill by 35%. These are some benefits of recycling old vehicles. Not only are you putting money in your pocket, you will be protecting our ecosystem and wildlife. If there are any vehicles On the Rancheria that you would like to get rid of Contact: Lori @ (559) 374-0066 Ext. 226

Community Swap Meet/ Earth Day

When: April 22, 2023 8am—12pm

Where: 33041 Oakview Terrace
Complex

Auberry Ca. 93602

For information or questions:

Contact: Lori Beecher @ 374-0066
ext.226

Benefits of using Compost

1. It improves the structure and health of the soil by adding organic matter.
2. It helps the soil to retain moisture and nutrients.
3. It attracts beneficial organisms to the soil and reduces the need for pesticides and fertilizers.
4. Reduces the potential for soil erosion

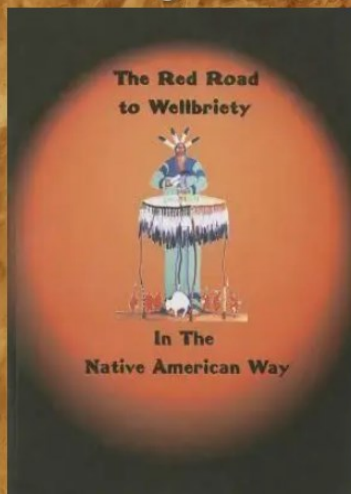
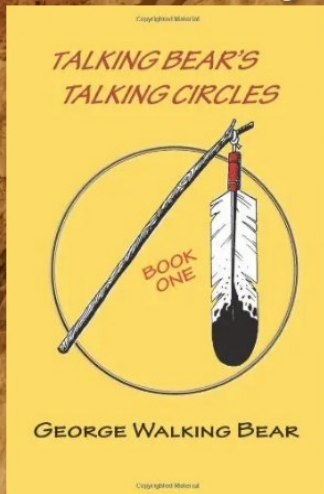


For information or any questions contact:

Lori Beecher @ 374-0066 ext. 226 or Rebecca Riley ext. 240



Join us as we share in a Community Reading Circle!



SELF REFLECTION ACTIVITY

EVERY MONDAY IN MARCH 6-8PM

Join us as we read together and share the stories and journeys we find in these wonderful books!

After we will self reflect and share our own stories to empower one another.



Contact Brandi Kelley for more information on the activity at
559-955-7264

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BSR CAP Department



Family Awareness

Crochet Every Thursday in
March 6pm-8pm @BSR Gym

Families come out and learn how to
crochet together!

Introduction to the
chain stitch

Scarfs

Headbands

Pot Holders

Tutorials will be provided in the
class.

Every Thursday in March

3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30



Light meal will be provided!

For more info please contact Saige
Riley sriley@bsrnation.com or
(559)374-0066 Ext.228

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BSR CAP Department Family Knowledge

Rope Baskets

**FRIDAYS, MARCH
10TH, 17TH & 31ST**

BSR Gym 6-8PM

Contact: Alysha 559-374-0066 X 207
aedd@bsrnation.com



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MARCH FAMILY FITNESS



BSR CAP Department

Basketball
Night
Monday's,
Wednesday's
and Friday's
6PM-8PM

Open Gym
Tuesday's and
Thursday's
6PM-8PM

Fitness Room
Open 8AM-8PM
Monday-Friday



Call: 374-0066 Ext. 228
Email: sriley@bsrnation.com

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Fresno Family Literacy Program in Collaboration
with Fresno Language Program Presents



Family Formation Event



BSR EARLY HEAD START STORYTIME & LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE

Join us for Storytime & Language Experience with
BSR EHS Class virtually on Cisco WebEx

Dates: March 7th & March 21st

Time: 2:30-3:00pm



For more information please contact Jocelyn Saavedra at
559-226-2880 Ext. 212 or jsaavedra@ovcdc.com



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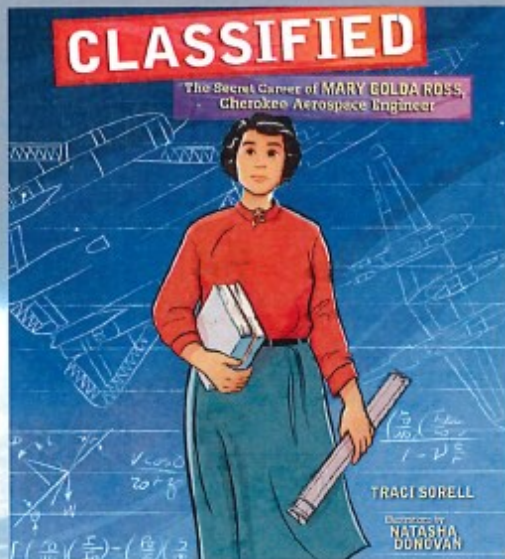
Time: 11:30-12:00pm



For more information contact Jocelyn Saavedra at
559-226-2880 Ext. 212 or jsaavedra@ovcdc.com

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Fresno County Family Literacy & Language Program Presents



March 9, 2023



March 23, 2023

**Join us for a book read and language experience activity with
BSR CAP After School Youth Program and Community**

This is a Family Formation Activity

**Location: BSR Gym 37387 Auberry Mission Road
Auberry CA 93643**

Time: 4:30pm

For more information contact J.J. Rodriguez

559-226-2880 or jrodriguez@ovcdc.com



FAMILY BONDING ACTIVITY

EGG COLORING

PAINT • DYE • CREATE

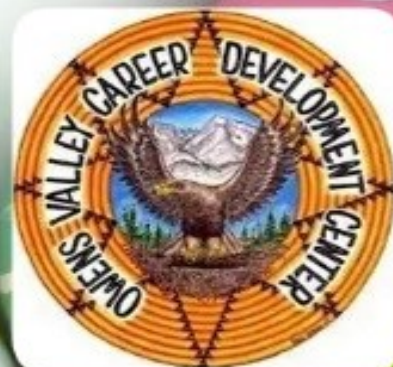
ALL EGGS WILL BE IN THE SPRING GATHERING EGG HUNT

**MARCH 24TH
6:00-8:00PM
AT THE BSR GYM**



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**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
BKELEY@BSRNATION.COM
559-9557264**



BIG SANDY RANCHERIA CAP DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

SPRING GATHERING

MARCH 25TH | 11AM-2PM

FAMILY BONDING EVENT
AT THE BSR POW WOW GROUNDS

CONTACT BRANDI KELLEY FOR MORE INFORMATION
559-955-7264 OR BKELLEY@BSRNATION.COM

GAMES

EGG HUNT

FOOD

PRIZES

& MORE!



Big Sandy Rancheria

Community Swap Meet/Earth Day

When: April 22, 2023

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/Earth Day at Oakview Terrace complex. The purpose of these events is to educate people on how to prevent unnecessary waste. Along with celebrating Earth Day and raising awareness of the need to protect Earth's natural resources for future generations.

For information or any questions contact:

Lori Beecher @ 374-0066 ext. 226



March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Computer Lab 1:00-3:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm	2 Family Fitness/Open Gym 6:00-8:00pm Family Awareness Crochet 6:00-8:00pm	3 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY NO CAP PROGRAMS	4
5	6 Computer Lab 1:00-3:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Reading Circle & Self Reflection Journal 6:00-8:00pm	7 Elders Computer Lab 1:00-3:00pm Family Fitness/ Open Gym 6:00-8:00pm	8 Computer Lab 1:00-3:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm	9 ELDERS MEETING 12:00PM Book Read 4:30pm Family Fitness/Open Gym 6:00-8:00pm Family Awareness Crochet 6:00-8:00pm	10 Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Family Knowledge With Rope Baskets 6:00-8:00pm	11
12	13 Computer Lab 1:00-3:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Reading Circle & Self Reflection Journal 6:00-8:00pm	14 Elders Computer Lab 1:00-3:00pm Family Fitness/ Open Gym 6:00-8:00pm	15 Computer Lab 1:00-3:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm	16 FOOD BANK 9:00-12:00PM Family Fitness/Open Gym 6:00-8:00pm Family Awareness Crochet 6:00-8:00pm	17 Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Family Knowledge With Rope Baskets 6:00-8:00pm	18
19	20 Computer Lab 1:00-3:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Reading Circle & Self Reflection Journal 6:00-8:00pm	21 Elders Computer Lab 1:00-3:00pm Family Fitness/ Open Gym 6:00-8:00pm	22 Computer Lab 1:00-3:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm	23 Book Read 4:30pm Family Fitness/Open Gym 6:00-8:00pm Family Awareness Crochet 6:00-8:00pm	24 FAMILY BONDING ACTIVITY EGG COLORING 6:00-8:00PM	25 SPRING GATHERING 11:00-2:00PM POW WOW GROUNDS
26 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING 10AM	27 Computer Lab 1:00-3:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Reading Circle & Self Reflection Journal 6:00-8:00pm	28 Elders Computer Lab 1:00-3:00pm Family Fitness/ Open Gym 6:00-8:00pm	29 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING 10AM Computer Lab 1:00-3:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm	30 Family Fitness/Open Gym 6:00-8:00pm Family Awareness Crochet 6:00-8:00pm	31 Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Family Knowledge With Rope Baskets 6:00-8:00pm	

April

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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:
Brandi Kelley @ (559)374-0066 ext. 206
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 BRANDI KELLY* 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 *with Brandi Kelley only*. 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.



Big Sandy Rancheria

37387 Auberry Mission Rd

P.O. Box 337

Auberry, CA 93602

