

# SMOKE SIGNALS August 2025

#### A MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

Munahoo, the Tribal Council is so happy with the progress of the Home-key Housing project, located on the "Comstock parcel". We are so excited to share with everyone that the home project is right on schedule.

Early Head Start (EHS) is continuing to be a huge success and we are so proud of our community in enrolling our young 0-3 aged children to the program. EHS is currently housed in our "old head start" building, as our crew is refurbishing the existing facility, which we are anticipating the facility will be completed by the end of July. We look forward to having a GRAND OPENING to our EHS facility, which all will be welcome to attend.

Our Native Tobacco Distribution department has been very busy. We have increased sales and have added Darrel Telles to our team, as he has had many years of transportation experience and added much-needed shipping components to our business. We would like to thank our employees Halley Smith, Jamie Robertson and Ernie Soto for adapting to change with new additions of Darrell Telles, Darin Loretz and George Edd, to enhance our business.

We have future plans to renovate the old "Sierra Veterinarian Hospital" in Auberry for our future Mono Museum. Our Crew will begin on this museum project, once we have the EHS building and other rehab home projects completed.

Great NEWS! we have been funded for our Missing and Murdered Indigenous People's grant that we applied for in April 2025. We announced this grant at the Fresno State MMIP event and shared that we will be working with our partners, Fresno County Sheriff's Office, Marjoree Mason Center, and the Central Valley Against Human Trafficking among others.

Tribal Member Day at Island Water Park was a huge success, as all that attended had a great time. Thank you, Leann Anguiano, for planning this event!!!

As we look forward to August, we have our Back-to-School event on August 8th 5pm-7pm, which is always well attended. We love seeing our kids getting ready to return to school and further their education, and we wish them much success.

We are please to announce that we have "Summer Youth Work Program" and have our young community members working with our Community Activities and Environmental Departments. They have done a great job, and we would like to thank; Jewels Moore, Heidi Mills, Michael Perez, Quinten Rodriguez, Sierra Riley and Biz Smith-Tex

We hope this newsletter finds you in good spirits and in good health. Please stay cool and hydrated during these hot days upon us.

Council	Meeting	Tribal Office Holiday Schedule		
Tribal Council	General Cou <mark>nci</mark> l	Date	Holiday	
Wednesday, August 27, 2025 Wednesday, September 24, 2025 Wednesday, October 29, 2025 Wednesday, November 26, 2025 Wednesday, December 17, 2025	Sunday, September 28, 2025 Sunday, December 14, 2025	Monday, September 1, 2025 Friday, September 26, 2025 Monday, October 13, 2025 Tuesday, November 11, 2025 Thursday, November 27, 2025 Friday, November 28, 2025 Wednesday, December 24, 2025 Thursday, December 25, 2025	Labor Day California American Indian Day Indigenous People's Day Veterans Day Thanksgiving Day Day After Thanksgiving Christmas Eve Christmas Day	

**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.



## Tribal Elder's Monthly Meeting



Second Thursday of the month at 12:00 pm

August 14, 2025

- 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, August 21, 2025

10:00am-12:00pm Big Sandy Rancheria 37387 Auberry Mission Road Auberry, CA 93602

**BSR General Store** 6:00am-10:00pm

559-825-6645

**37302** Rancheria Lane Auberry, CA 93602

## **August Birthdays**

Michael Adkins Gabriel Atwell Angela Ayala **Monique Bailey** Peter Ballard **Azeneth Baraias** Isabella Barrera **Shelby Baty** Gladys Beecher **Lori Beecher** Lisa Beecher Naiara Berry **Jude Berry Rochelle Bonillas** Serena Brown **Dorothy Campos** Mia Cano **Max Cano** Wiley Carpenter Shyanna Contreras Rebeka Cruz

**Joshua Davis Nathaniel Espinoza** Adrianna Garcia **Audria Garrison** Mia Gonzales Carrillo Guevara-Phelan **Nayeli Hodges** Elizabeth Hutchins **Mathis Jackson** Celeste Johnson **Emily Lara Brittney Jawne Lavell** Jessica Lewis Mileena Lewis Wanbli Lewis Kimimila Lewis **Jeffrey Marquez Christopher Martinez Jeff Marvin Michael Marvin** Neisha Marvin **Travis McFarland** 

Miracle Oliver Carl Oliver **Esperanza Perches Robert Perez** Tahnoni Perez Diana Reid **Maxwell Richards** Michael F. Richards Kayla Riley **Victor Rios** Amber Robertson Isaiah Rodriguez Elijah Rodriguez **Melanie Sandoval** Micah Sandoval Sammy Santillian Julian Segovia Gabriel Segovia **Howard Stamp Benjamin Valles Davis Wilson** 

#### NWI & CIMC WELLNESS & Healing for Elders

Big Sandy Rancheria had the privileged of sending one of our elders, Phyllis Lewis to the Wellness & Healing Conference. There were 19 tribes of California that attended. With Indigenous Wisdom, Humor, Storytelling, Raw Truth, forgiveness, grief, loss, and decades of Sobriety. Thank you Phyllis for representing Big Sandy.





#### **Big Sandy Rancheria Elders**

#### **Hello Elders**

Hope you all are staying cool in this hot weather. On July 21, I took several Elders to Shaver Lake, we sat by the lake and ate lunch, we took them on a Pontoon boat ride around Shaver Lake twice. It was beautiful day.

On August 19th we are planning an Elder Movie Day. A flyer is attached, sign up with Leann Anguiano if you would like to go see a movie and have a delicious lunch.

Next Elder luncheon is on August 14th at noon. In September we will be attending the Acorn Festival. I have 25 rooms reserved for BSR Elders sign ups will be at this upcoming elders luncheon.

If you have any questions, please contact your elder liaisons Leann Anguiano or Matt Munoz.

## **Elders Luncheon**



Ruthie Beecher, Janine Vella, Miles Baty, Connie Lewis, Theresa Williams-Lundy, Doug Riley, Aleda Cogdell, Regina Rhoan, Tracy Williams-Hughey, Sharon Simpson-Baty, Loren Baty, Gina Mangiarelli, Chrissy Valle, Austin Alarcon, Tammy Riley, Jane Stamp, Jeannie Valles, Mae Berry, Pearl Hutchins, and Leann Anguiano



**Tracy Williams-**Hughey



Janine Vella



**Miles Baty** 



**Ruthie Beecher** 



**Connie Lewis** 



Aleda Cogdell



**Tammy Riley** 



**Doug Riley** 



Pearl





Regina Rhoan



**Loren Baty** 



Jane Stamp



Gina Mangiarelli



**Jeannie Valles** 



**Sharon** Simpson-Baty



Theresa Williams-Lundy

## **Elders Shaver Lake Day**











Leann Anguiano, Jane Stamp, Tammy Riley, Aleda Cogdell, Mae Berry & Gina Mangiarelli









Eagle sitting in the nest







## **Chumash Fire Department**

Big Sandy would like to thank the Chumash Fire Engine and US Forest Service for visiting Big Sandy Rancheria and engaging with our CAP and HeadStart kids. They all had a great time.



Noah Garcia, Fernando Garcia, Byron Riley, Travis McFarland, Kenny Franco, Quintin Rodriguez, Tahbizitnon Smith-Tex, Jimmy Llewellyn, Jewels Moore, Maysholet Marquez, Glenda Riley, Dorothy Walker, Melvin Wesley, Raylynn Walker, Braxton Wesley III



Kenny Franco, Byron Riley



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**Bella Peyron** 



**Lenora Johnson** 



**Dorothy Walker** 



Quintin Rodriquez, Jimmy Llwewllyn, Biz Smith-Tex



Llianna Garcia



Irissa Riley





**Maysholet Marquez** 

#### **Bare Knuckles Showdown**

Thank you to everyone that showed up to hoot and holler for our Big Sandy Tribal member Fighters in the Bare Knuckles Showdown











Mark Cruz, Charles Riley & Bill Johnson















## BSR ECE DEPARTMENT

Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Early Childhood Education Department

We are now accepting Head Start and Early Head Start applications for the 2025-2026 school year. If your child will be 3 years old by September 1st or are 4 years of age they are eligible for the program. For EHS if you are a pregnant woman you are eligible to receive services and resources.

Please contact HS at 559 374 0066 ext. 216 or EHS at Ext. 214 if you have any additional questions.



## Special Day

## Reminders

Last Day of EHS

August 1st, 2025

Last Day of

Summer Program

August 15th, 2025

**Community Food** 

Bank

August 21st, 2025

Centers Closed: ECE

**Staff Preservice** 

August 18th, 2025

to

August 29th, 2025

1st Day of ECE

**Programs** 

September 2nd,

## **BSR Environmental Department August 2025**

#### Did you know...

Manufacturing recycled paper uses only 60% of the energy needed to make paper from new materials.

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours or saves the equivalent of half a gallon of gasoline.

Every ton of paper recycled can save the energy equivalent of 165 gallons of gasoline.

A used aluminum can is recycled and back in use as a new can in as little as 60 days.

A typical glass processing facility can recycle 20 tons of color-sorted glass per hour.

Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 17 mature trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, and 2 barrels of oil.

#### Ten Easy Ways to Save the Earth

1. USE FLUORESCENT BULBS

You can save energy and money

2. TURN OFF YOUR COMPUTER AT NIGHT

Save 40 watts a day

3. RECYCLE

You'll help reduce pollution

4. GO VEGETARIAN

It takes more water to produce one lb.

Of beef.

5. TAKE SHORTER SHOWERS, SKIP BATHS

You'll save water and electricity on heating

6. USE BOTH SIDES OF PAPER

Set your printer's default option to Print double sided

7. SWITCH OFF THE LIGHT

Turn lights off when not in the room

#### **BSR Community Swap Meet**

When: August 23, 2025 8am—12pm
Where: 33041 Oakview Terrace
Complex

Auberry, CA. 93602
For information or questions:

Rebecca Riley @ (559) 374-0066.

Contact: Lori Beecher or

## Community Clean-up

## August 18th through the 22nd

A roll off will be available all week at the transfer station, All items need to be put inside of the roll off bin. Do not leave items next to the roll off. Items that cannot be dumped; motor oil, flammable liquids.



For information or any questions contact:

Lori Beecher @ 374-0066 ext. 200\*lbeecher@bsrnation.com



## **Social Services Department**

Calendar of Events for Community Resource Center and Beyond for August 2025 - BSR operates the Community Resource Center in Auberry in partnership with the Fresno American Indian Health Project. Below are the scheduled upcoming events. For more registration information about any of the events, email ssbsr1@bsrnation.com or sscoord@basrnation.com

We are pleased to announced that FAIHP will continue their produce box giveaway at the Auberry Community Resource Center on Fridays once a month, Starting September 5th through December 12, 2025

Date	Time	Event	Location	
8-5	1:00-3:00 pm	Sacred Circle and Medicine Wheel	Auberry Community Resource Center	
8-8	1:00-4:00 pm	One on One Substance abuse Counseling Disorder Counseling available (by appointment only)	Auberry Community Resource Center	
8-19	1:00-3:00 pm	Sacred Circle and Medicine Wheel	Auberry Community Resource Center	
8-20	9:00-3:00 pm	DSS eligibility for services (CalFresh, Medi-Cal, Cash Aid, etc.)	Auberry Community Resource Center	
8-21	10:00-12:00 pm	Big Sandy Food Bank	Big Sandy Rancheria	
8-22	1:00-4:00 pm	One on One Substance abuse Counseling Disorder Counseling available (by appointment only)	Auberry Community Resource Center	
8-22	5:00-7:30 pm	Pine Needle Medallion Weaving Class	Auberry Community Resource Center	



Fresno Family Literacy Program



STORYTIME & LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE





JOIN US FOR STORYTIME & LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON W/ BSR HEAD START CLASS

> Date: August 12th Time: 11:30am Location: BSR Head Start Class

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTACT JOCELYN SAAVEDRA AT 559-226-2880 EXT. 212 OR JSAAVEDRA@OVCDC.COM





Fresno County Family Literacy Program **Presents** 





August 28, 2025

Join us for a Book Read and Language **Experience Activity with BSR Youth Program** and Community

> **Location: BSR Gym** Time: 4:00 pm

For more information contact Parent Educators Jocelyn Saavedra (jsaavedra@ovcdc.com) or Juliana Velasquez (jvelasquez@ovcdc.com)

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For more information contact Parent Educators Jocelyn Saavedra (jsaavedra@ovcdc.com) or Juliana Velasquez (jvelasquez@ovcdc.com) at (559) 226-2880

## Fresno Family Literacy Program Bic Sandy



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is now in Fresno County. Register your family to receive free age-appropriate books each month from



Use Pass for over 200 California State Parks. Library cards are free and available at your local branch.









Earn a free book through Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Program for kids in Grades 1-6. Read any 8 books and record them on Summer Reading Journal. Bring completed journal to Barnes & Noble Store between July 1 and August 31, 2025.



Earn a free personal pan pizza from Pizza Hut through the Book It! app. Parents can track their children's reading goals for young readers in Pre-K-6th grade during the summer months of June. July.

at (559) 226-2880



## **FAMILY SPIRIT**

Home Visiting Program



#### What is Family Spirit?

The Family Spirit Program is an evidence-based and culturally tailored home visiting intervention delivered by community-based Health Educators as an Indigenous solution to supporting caregivers during pregnancy and early childhood. Caregivers gain knowledge and skills to achieve optimum development for their children.

#### Who can enroll?

Native American Pregnant women, expecting fathers, grandparents, and other caregivers of Native American children ages 0-5.



#### Big Sandy Rancheria Health Educators



Stephanie Casillas SScord@bsrnation.com 559-374-0066 ext 242

Jazmine Garcia SSbsr1@bsrnation.com 559-374-0066 ext 215

#### How can I sign Up?

Call or stop by the Big Sandy Rancheria Social Services Department. Or complete our online interest form, and we will contact you directly.



Online Interest Form

AUBERRY
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE CENTER



#### **Outreach Pop Up Events**

Fresno County Department of Social Services Outreach staff and Big Sandy Rancheria Social Services staff will be onsite to provide assistance with NEW and EXISTING applications for assistance programs.



#### **Programs**

Medi-Cal CalFresh Cash Aid



#### **Dates**

July 16 August 20 September 17 October 15 November 19



Time: 9AM-3PM

Walk-In's Available

For More Information Contact: Jazmine Garcia BSR Case Manager 559-787-4116

Auberry Community Resource Center 33041 Auberry Rd., Auberry, CA





## bye bye mattress A Program of the Mattress Recycling Council



BIG SANDY RANCHERIA

# MATTRESS COLLECTION FOR BSR RESIDENCE

Big Sandy Rancheria and the Mattress Recycling Council are working together to provide free recycling services of old mattresses and box springs for the BSR residences.

August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

8:30am-4:30pm

To disgard your used mattress or box spring:

- Drop off at the BSR transfer station
- · Leave next to your bins on collection day
- Contact the Environmental Department if you need any assistance.

For any questions, please contact Rebecca Riley @ (559) 374-0046

Mattress Recycling Council®
Stacking Up Success Since 2015

#### BIG SANDY RANCHERIA

# Youth Advisory Council

Join the BSR CAP and Environmental
Department as youth leaders in your
community. Participate in key prevention
and environmental issues. Meetings are
held on the last Friday of every month
at the BSR Computer Lab building. Ages
14-18 welcome.

August Date: 8/29/25 @4pm.





For questions, please contact: Rebecca Riley or Brandi Kelley @ (559) 374-0066 ext. 240 or 206

## **BSR CAP** Department



HELLO August



Come Build Confidence

WHILE DESIGNING YOUR SCHOOL

SUPPLES

**Every Monday in** August

6:00pm-8:00pm

For more information contact Aurelia Rios bsrcap3@bsrna<mark>tion.com 559=374-</mark>0066 x207 37387 Auberry Mission Rd

Come join us at BSR GYM for a Relaxing Night of

**Self Care** 

while we discuss the importance of self care

**Every Tuesday** From 6:00-8:00 PM

- 8-5
- 8-12
- 8-19
- 8-26
- Hand masks
- **Face Masks**
- **Eye Masks**



37387 Auberry Mission Road, Auberry CA 93602 Contact |Valery Burt| @ bsrcap2@bsrnation.com (559)374-0066 x228

Big Sandy Rancheria CAP Department BSR GYM

WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS IN AUGUST



**Every Thursday in August** 

scrapbooking

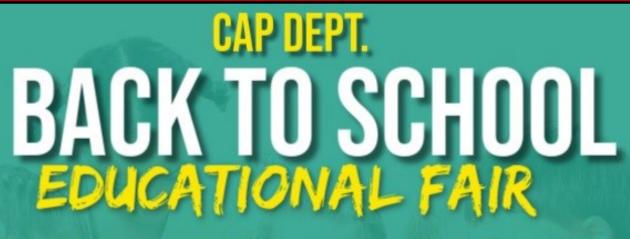
Come Join us for a fun night of putting all of our memories into a scrapbook. If you have any questions please contact Michelle Perez at (559)374-0066 or bsrcap4@bsrnation.com



Big Sandy Rancheria GYM 37387 Auberry Mission Auberry, CA 93602



please bring your own pictures



AUGUST 8TH 2025 5:00PM

-BACKPACKS AND SUPPLIES GRADES K-12TH

- -FAMILY SUPPORT
- -RESOURCES
- -DINNER
- -EDUCATIONAL BOOTH





## **CONTACT BRANDI KELLEY FOR MORE INFO:**

bkelley@bsrnation.com 559-374-0066 EXT.206



Expand your horizons and embrace the joy of learning with our afterschool program

## OUR SERVICES

☐ Homework Help ☐ Cultural Activities ☐ Supporting Creativity

Sign-up Now Program Begins
August I3th, 2025
3:30pm-6:00pm for more
information contact Brandi
Kelley at bkelley@bsrnation.com
or 559-374-0066 ext.206
Location: 37387 Auberry Mission
Rd. Auberry CA, 93602



## Big Sandy Rancheria

**Community Swap Meet** 

When: August 23, 2025

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 semi annual swap meet at the BSR Oakview Terrace complex. Individuals actively contribute to reducing their environmental impact by engaging in these events. Items finding new homes mean less clutter in landfills and a decreased carbon footprint associated with manufacturing new goods.

For information please contact:

Lori Beecher or Rebecca Riley @ 374-0066 ext. 240 and ext.200





www.bigsandyrancheria.com







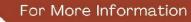
OurTribal Early Childhood Education Program offers outstanding facilities aimed at fostering the growth and development of your young children. We currently serve families with children 0-5.



- LEARNING WITH PLAY-BASED ACTIVIES
- 2 EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM
- 7 PROFESSIONAL STAFF







559-374-0066 EXT. 216

Scan QR Code to access Interest Form





## **AUGUST 2025**



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY ALL CAP PROGRAMS CLOSED	2
3	4 Summer Program 8:00am-6:00pm Teen Confidence Building 6:00pm-8:00pm	5 Summer Program 8:00am-6:00pm Relaxing Night of Self Care 6:00pm-8:00pm	6 TULE RIVER DISTRIBUTION 10:30AM-12:00PM Summer Program 8:00am-6:00pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	7 SUMMER PROGRAM CLOSED Scrapbooking 6:00pm-8:00pm	8 BACK TO SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL FAIR 5:00PM-7:00PM	9
10	11 Teen Confidence Building 6:00pm-8:00pm	12 Family Literacy Book Read 11:30am Relaxing Night of Self Care 6:00pm-8:00pm	13 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AFER SCHOOL PROGRAM STARTS 3:30pm-6:00pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	14 Family Literacy Book Read 1:00pm ELDERS LUNCHEON 12:00PM Scrapbooking 6:00pm-8:00pm	15 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	16
17	18 Elders Movie Day Sierra Vista Cinema Teen Confidence Building 6:00pm-8:00pm	19 Relaxing Night of Self Care 6:00pm-8:00pm	20 Pop up Event 9:00am-3:00pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	FOOD BANK 10:00AM- 12:00PM Scrapbooking 6:00pm-8:00pm	22 Basketball Night 6:00pm 8:00pm	23 BIG SANDY SWAP MEET 8:00AM-12:00PM
24	25 Teen Confidence Building 6:00pm-8:00pm	26 Relaxing Night of Self Care 6:00pm-8:00pm	27 Mattress Recycling 8:30-5:30pm TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING 10:00AM	28 Family Literacy 4:00pm Scrapbooking 6:00pm-8:00pm	29 Youth Advisory Council 4:00pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	30
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## SEPTEMBER 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOR DAY ALL OFFICES CLOSED	2 6:00-8:00pm	3 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	4 6:00pm-8:00pm	5 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY ALL CAP PROGRAMS CLOSED	6
7	8 6:00pm-8:00pm	9 6:00-8:00pm	10 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	ELDERS LUNCHEON 12:00PM Family Literacy 1:00pm Cake Decorating 6:00pm-8:00pm	12 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	13
14	15 6:00pm-8:00pm	16 6:00-8:00pm	17 Pop up Event 9:00am-3:00pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	18 FOOD BANK 10:00AM-12:00PM 6:00pm-8:00pm	19 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	20
21	22 6:00pm-8:00pm	23 6:00-8:00pm	TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING 10:00am Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	25 6:00pm-8:00pm	26 CALIFORNIA AMERICAN INDIAN DAY  ALL OFFICES CLOSES	27
28 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING 10:00AM	29 6:00pm-8:00pm	30 6:00-8:00pm				

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



### \*\*Transportation is for Elders only until further notice\*\* We apologize for the inconvenience.

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 Kelley 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.



#### Big Sandy Rancheria

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