



SMOKE SIGNALS

May 2026

A MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

Munahoo Neum,

Tzow E-Wani-We, Good May.

This last month we had a great turnout with our events from our Elder's Gathering to our Big Dawg Fight Night. Thank you to all who were able to attend and to our BSR Staff for all of your hard work, we are grateful, you made BSR shine. As an addition to this, we have our upcoming 25th Annual Pow Wow & Gathering on May 16th & 17th. We have quite a few royalty contestants this year. So, if you see them out and about, please support them in their ticket sales. Vendor Applications will be handled by Joel Marvin (559) 374-0066 ext. 234, and Hand Game sign-ups will be Matthew Munoz ext. 213.

An update on what's been happening with Big Sandy. The tribe meet up with BIA and their special task force, the Missing and Murder Unit (MMU). Making critical resources available in response to tackling the Missing and Murder Indigenous People (MMIP) crisis this nation is facing. Tribal council made a testimony at the State Capitol Assembly about the MMIP Grant we were awarded and the implementation of it.

We attended Central Valley Indian Health (CVIH) groundbreaking in Clovis, CA. This expansion project will add to their existing building and offer a Mental Therapist and eye doctor. The tribe will be participating in all Tribal Leaders Summit held in Sacramento.

We would also like to congratulate all the new graduates this year. Celebration of Success (COS) is going to be held at Sierra High School on 5/22/26 around 5 p.m. May this be one steppingstone in their long and prosperous life's becoming young adults. Next General Council meeting will be on June 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. here at the BSR GYM. Reminder these meetings are confidential, and only tribal members may attend. Significant others or non-tribal are NOT allowed. Like always thank you for your time and energy, and may you have a blessed rest of your month. (To-Ghee) That's all/The end.

Council Meeting		Tribal Office Holiday Schedule	
Tribal Council	General Council	Date	Holiday
Wednesday, May 27, 2026	Sunday, June 28, 2026	Friday, May 8, 2026	National American Indian Day
Wednesday, June 24, 2026	Sunday, September 27, 2026	Monday, May 25, 2026	Memorial Day
Wednesday, July 29, 2026	Sunday, December 13, 2026	Friday, June 19, 2026	Juneteenth
Wednesday, August 26, 2026		Friday, July 3, 2026	Independence Day
Wednesday, September 30, 2026		Monday, September 7, 2026	Labor Day
Wednesday, October 28, 2026		Friday, September 25, 2026	California American Indian Day
Wednesday, November 25, 2026		Monday, October 12, 2026	Indigenous People's Day
Wednesday, December 16, 2026		Wednesday, November 11, 2026	Veterans Day
		Thursday, November 26, 2026	Thanksgiving Day
		Friday, November 27, 2026	Day After Thanksgiving
		Thursday, December 24, 2026	Christmas Eve
		Friday, December 25, 2026	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 **Luncheon**



12:00pm - 1:00 pm

Thursday May 14, 2026

- 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, May 21, 2026

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**

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May Birthdays



Happy Birthday

Austin Alarcon

Angela Aparicio

Mae Atwell

Samuel Atwell III

Miles Baty

Kiayona Beecher

Gilbert Beecher IV

Harley Berry

Shayla Berry

Carlos Bonilla

Eric Cogdell

Nathan Cordova

Julian Davis

Kenneth Franco

Alyssa Garza

Reece Gillihan

Judson Hall

Olivia Hodges

Alexis Huerta

Ezra Huffman-Grow

Leland Jackson

Marlene Johnson

Samuel Johnson

Brandi Kelley

Candi Lewis

Randy Lewis III

Jordan Macumba

Isaiah Marquez

Gabriel Marvin

Heidi Mills

Lyle Patty

Alyssa Perez

Danielle Salazar

Jonah Salinas

Jeannette Sample

Sofia Sewell

Douglas Stankewitz

Loretta Sylvas

Sariah Telles

Reed Telles

Jovanni Telles

Eli Villa

Mason Walker

Harrison Wesley

Michael Woods

Hello BSR Elders

Spring is back! The weather has been crazy, welcoming the little rain we got, hope you all stayed warm in the cool weather. We held our Elders Gathering on April 9th, it was an amazing event. We had a total of 203 who attended from North Fork Rancheria, Tachi Yokuts, Tule River Reservation, Dunlap Band of Mono Indians, Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians, Wukchumni Tribe, Cold Springs Rancheria, Big Sandy Rancheria, we had elders all the way from Yaqui Arizona, New Mexico. There was a delicious lunch served with raffles prizes and bingo. Everyone had a good time reconnecting with old friends and making new friends.

We had a few elders that attended the MMIP Cultural Protocols and Community Response Gathering at Choinumni Park. It was a great event with a lot of information; it was a lot of fun for the kids and adults. It was good to see everyone.

Here is some up and coming events for May, Recognizing Mothers May 1, 2026, 5:00pm – 7:00pm in the Big Sandy Gym, come and honor your mother with a delicious meal. May 14th Elders Luncheon at 12:00pm. A delicious lunch will be served and raffle prizes to be handed out. BSR 25th Annual Pow Wow May 16th and 17th. This will certainly be the event of the year. See you all there.

Something to look forward to in the month of June. Honoring Elders Day in Sacramento June 6, 2026, 9:00am-4:00pm. Santa Rosa Rancheria will be having their Elders Gathering, June 11, 2026, 12:00-3:00pm. Come dressed in your best disco attire.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the elders, please feel free to contact Leann Anguiano (559) 917-1674.

Elders Gathering



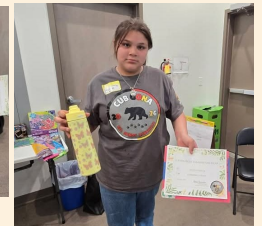
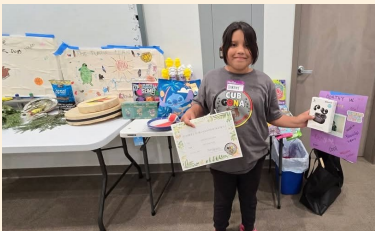
Eagle Walk



Sage Gathering



Gona



BSR ECE DEPARTMENT

Parents with Head Start children moving on to Foothill next year: Please remember to turn in any registration documents and update immunizations before the end of May this will ensure your child is pre enrolled and ready to begin in August.

We are now accepting Head Start and Early Head Start applications for the 2026-2027 school year. If your child is between 6 months to 4 years of age, they are eligible for our programs.

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 center at 374-0066 ext.216 so the teachers know to expect your child for breakfast.

Special Day

Reminders

Closed: National
American Indian Day

May 8th, 2026

Dental Screenings:

May 13th, 2026

Closed for Pow Wow

May 15th, 2026

BSR Pow Wow

May 16th & 17th, 2026

Community Food Bank

May 21st, 2026

Staff Development

Day:

May 22nd, 2026

Closed: Memorial Day

May 25th, 2026

End of Year Ceremony:

May 28th, 2026

Staff Development

Day:

May 29th, 2026



BSR Environmental Department May 2026

Surface Water

Surface water is any body of water above ground, including streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands, reservoirs, and creeks. The ocean, despite being saltwater, is also considered surface water. Surface water participates in the hydrologic cycle, or water cycle, which involves the movement of water to and from the Earth's surface. Precipitation and water runoff feed bodies of surface water. Evaporation and seepage of water into the ground, on the other hand, cause water bodies to lose water. There are three types of surface water: perennial, ephemeral, and man-made. Perennial, or permanent, surface water persists throughout the year and is replenished with groundwater when there is little precipitation. Ephemeral, or semi-permanent, surface water exists for only part of the year. Ephemeral surface water includes small creeks, lagoons, and water holes. Man-made surface water is found in artificial structures, such as dams and constructed wetlands.

Solid-waste Management

Solid-waste management is collecting, treating and disposing of solid material that is discarded because it has served its purpose or is no longer useful. Improper disposal of solid waste can create unsanitary conditions, and these conditions in turn can lead to pollution of the environment. The task of solid-waste management presents complex technical challenges. They also pose a wide variety of administrative, economic and social problems that must be managed and solved.

This is why the environmental department has maintained its recycled mattress efforts monthly as well as many other programs. For any questions on what discarded items can be recycled please call (559) 374-0046.

The Environmental Department would like to thank all who participated in the BSR Swap. There was a big turn out with 17 vendors and a variety of valuable treasures to choose from. There were food items, baked goods, rock art, misc. household goods, and environmental education information. The swap meet was started by the environmental departments as a way to reduce the amount of household items going into the landfill. Having the continued community support, increases our reduce, reuse, and recycling efforts.



For information or any questions contact:

Lori Beecher @ 374-0066 or Rebecca Riley @ 374-0046.





FRESNO FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM

BSR EHS Storytime & Language Experience



JOIN US FOR STORYTIME & LANGUAGE
EXPERIENCE W/ BSR EHS CLASS

Date: May 12th

Time: 11:00am

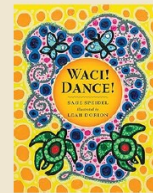
Location: BSR EHS Classroom

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



Fresno Family Literacy Program

BSR HEAD START STORYTIME & LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE



Join Us for Storytime & Language Experience
w/BSR Head Start Class

Date: May 12th, 2026

Time: 11:30am

Location: BSR Head Start Class

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

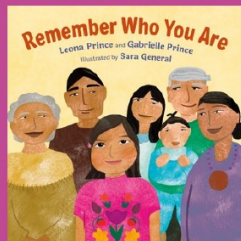


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FRESNO COUNTY FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM PRESENTS



MAY 14, 2026



MAY 28, 2026

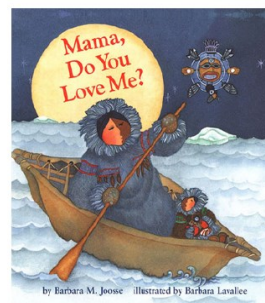
JOIN US FOR A BOOK READ AND LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE
ACTIVITY WITH BSR CAP YOUTH PROGRAM & COMMUNITY

LOCATION : BSR GYM
TIME: 4:00PM

for more informaton contact Parent Educators : Jocelyn Saavedra at
jsaavedra@ovcdc.com or Juliana Velasquez at jvelasquez@ovcdc.com.
phone # (559) 226-2880



MAY Fresno Family Literacy Waga Corner



Mono word for Mother
piya

Mono word for Love
sulsaa



"Mama Do You Love Me" revolves around the theme of unconditional love and the importance of family. The story, written by Barbara Joosse, is a tale that teaches children about the love and care that a mother provides to her child.

1. Creative Gift Ideas
 2. Handprint or Footprint Art: Create beautiful art pieces using handprints or footprints to make flowers, butterflies, or other designs. This is a simple yet meaningful keepsake.
- Homemade Coupon Book: Kids can make a coupon book filled with sweet favors like "One big hug," "Help with chores," or "Movie night with Mom".
- Photo Frame: Decorate a simple photo frame with stickers, gems, or paint, and add a cherished family photo.
- Memory Jar: Fill a jar with notes that share favorite memories or reasons why they love their mom. This can be a daily reminder of their affection.
- Personalized Recipe Book: Kids can compile family recipes, adding illustrations and personal touches to create a unique keepsake.





BSR Cap Department

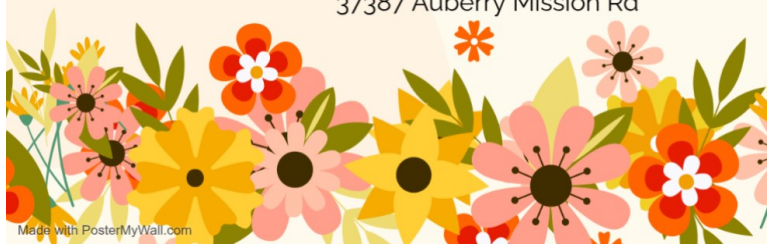
Let's learn about Mental Health

Making Pine Needle Basket

May
4th, 11th, and
the 18th

6:00pm-8:00pm

For more information contact Aurelia Rios
bsrcap3@bsrnation.com 559-374-0066 x207
37387 Auberry Mission Rd



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May



Join us at the BSR gym
to learn the importance of confidence
While beading your pen

Every
Tuesday
6-8PM



5-5-26
5-12-26
5-19-26
5-26-26

37387 Auberry Mission RD,
Auberry CA 93602

For more information
contact Valery Burt @
bsrcap2@bsrnation.com or
call 559374-0066



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BASKETBALL NIGHTS

FAMILY FITNESS

WEDNESDAY

5-6-26

5-13-26

5-20-26

5-27-26

EVERY DAY AT

6:00-8:00PM

FRIDAYS

5-1-26

5-15-26

5-22-26

5-29-26



FOR ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT VALERY BURT

559-374-0066

OR EMAIL

BSRCAP2@BSRNATION.COM

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MAY CAP DEPARTMENT

OPEN GYM EVERY THURSDAY

6:00-8:00PM

How to strengthen family bonds

5/7

5/14

5/21

5/28

Come join us for a fun
night of open activities
or crafts

contact Valery Burt for
More information

bsrcap2@bsrnation.com
or call 559-374-0066



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Adult Education in the BSR Computer Lab

Sierra Unified School District and Sierra Alternative Education are pleased to partner with Big Sandy Rancheria to offer in person help for students seeking their high school diploma using our online program. I will be in the computer lab at Big Sandy Rancheria:

- 8-3pm every Tuesday
- 1-4 on Wednesdays.

For any questions about getting your high school diploma, what steps to take you can contact Carolyn Mayes at Sierra Alternative Education at 559-855-3020, or sign up for adult school using the QR code below.

Please scan the QR code below to register for Adult Education/State Center Adult Education Consortium.

Enrollment Procedures: High School Diploma

Students must sign into their Google account to fill out all forms.

<https://tinyurl.com/STATE-CENTER-REG-FORM>



COMMUNITY RESOURCE POP-UP EVENT

HOSTED AT OAKVIEW TERRACE BIG SANDY RANCHERIA COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

DURING THE EVENT, ATTENDEES WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Apply for county social services programs and receive updates on existing county benefits
- Learn more about Big Sandy programs and connect with community service providers offering valuable resources
- DSS outreach staff will be onsite to assist with applications for Medi-Cal, CalFresh, and Cash Aid programs

This event is a great opportunity to ask questions, gather information, and explore services available to support you and your family

dates and time for event
1:00 pm- 4:00 pm

5/20 6/17 7/15 8/19 9/16 10/21

Contact for more questions: Jazmine Garcia-(559) 374-0066(ext. 215)

location: 33041 Auberry rd, Auberry CA 93602



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 14-22 welcome.

May Date:
5/27/26 @4pm.

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



Mattress recycling for BSR

Mattress Collection

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 residents.



Dates

May 27th

8:30 am-4:30 pm



Mattress Recycling Council'
Stacking Up Success Since 2015

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



Clovis Community College
SPRING 2026

EARN COLLEGE CREDIT

Class held on sight at the Big Sandy Rancheria Computer Lab
 For High School and Adult Education Students



When?

March 16th – May 20nd
 Big Sandy Rancheria
 Mondays & Wednesdays

Interdisciplinary Studies 50

College Success
 INTDS 50 – 80689
 3 Unit Course

- This class is transferable for Area E CSU GE credit INTDS-50 will prepare you for academic success throughout your college journey.
- Explore personal responsibility, critical thinking, self-awareness, self-motivation, and effective communication.
- Build relationships with Clovis Community College faculty, staff, and support services.
- 3 transferable units to CSU's and UC's

Questions? Please Contact

Nate Saari: nate.saari@cloviscollege.edu / (559) 776-8281

Rebecca Riley: (559) 374-0066 Ext. 240



Fresno EOC
**Foster
 Grandparent
 Program**

**Senior
 Volunteers
 55+**

SENIOR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer Eligibility:

- Age 55+
- Income meets program guidelines
- Background clearance
- Physical health status
- Enthusiasm and compassion
- Positive outlook on life

Senior volunteers provide one-to-one mentoring and emotional support to underserved infants, children, and teens throughout Fresno and Madera Counties, promoting literacy and academic success and fostering social-emotional and cognitive-behavioral development. **This is a rewarding opportunity to make a difference in a child's life!**

CONTACT US: 559-263-8932

Email: FGP@fresnoeoc.org



Website: www.fresnoeoc.org/fgp • Facebook: @FresnoEOCFosterGrandparents



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 We got you covered!

Ages:
 60+

Services offered:

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- Text & call to family and friends
- Identifying spam calls and messages
- & much more!



Want to learn to use your smartphone or computer, send emails, and connect with others?

Join our fun, easy technology classes—no experience needed and **FREE** for those 60 and older!



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 LOCATIONS ACROSS **FRESNO &
 MADERA COUNTY**



CALL TO ENROLL TODAY!
559-263-8911



**SENIOR
 PLANET**
 Aging with Ambition

Funding for this project has been provided in part through a grant by the Broadband Adoption of the California Advanced Services Fund, a program administered by the California Public Utilities Commissions.

ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY

37387 AUBERRY MISSION RD AUBERRY, CA 93602

MON 10AM - APRIL 6TH

THURS 10AM - APRIL 9TH

MON 10AM - APRIL 13TH

THURS 10AM - APRIL 16TH

MON 10AM - APRIL 20TH

THURS 10AM - APRIL 23RD

MON 10AM - APRIL 27TH

THURS 10AM - APRIL 30TH

CONTACT US: 559-263-8911



Big Sandy Rancheria CAP
department presents:



Recognizing Mothers

Join us May 1st, 2026
5:00PM-7:00PM

Make your mother feel
special today!

www.happyhour.com



Bring your family for a
fun activity as you create
your own little wire gem
trees for the mom in your
life. Family photos and a
meal will be provided.

37387 Auberry Mission
RD Auberry CA 93602

Contact Valery Burt at
bsrcap2@bsrnation.com
or 559-374-0066 ext

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Big Sandy Rancheria

HEALTH AND WELLNESS RUN & WALK

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH 2026

*Starts in front of BSR Social Services building and goes back
Jose Basin rd. There will be signs to follow. T-shirts and
wellness bags provided to the first 50 participants.*

*Sign ups begin at 7:45am
Location: 37802 Jose Basin Rd Auberry CA, 93602*

Contact Brandi Kelley for more info

***bkelley@bsrnation.com
or 559-374-0066***

Big Sandy Rancheria- 25th Annual POWWOW & GATHERING

MAY 16 & 17, 2026

Honoring- Cultural Educators

**OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC-
"FREE"
ADMISSION**

*Saturday: 11am Gourd Dancing, 12pm Grand Entry.
2pm Hand Game Tournament-Registration 1pm.
5pm Hand Drum Contest.
6pm Gourd Dancing, 7pm Grand Entry.*

Sunday: 11am Gourd Dancing, 12pm Grand Entry.

2026 Head Staff

MC- Frankie Williams
Arena Director- JR Manuel
Lead Gourd- Ron Six-Bears Alec
Head Man- Stoney Dodson
Head Woman- Samantha Williams
Teen Boy: Seamus Bear McCloud
Teen Girl: Laura Davis
Junior Boy: Liam Manuel
Junior Girl: Jimeshia Oliver
Tiny Tot Boy: Noah Kai Johnson
Tiny Tot Girl: Shawnee Manuel
Northern Host Drum: Spirit Ground
Southern Host Drum: Red Buffalo
Color Guard: Indigenous Warrior Flag
Group- Central California
Tabulator: Jamie Robertson
Head Judge: Rebecca Manuel
Exhibition Hoop Dance: Logan Ramirez

Dance Competitions

1st/2nd/3rd Place CASH Prizes Each Category

MEN

-FANCY
-GRASS
-CHICKEN DANCE
-NORTHERN
-SOUTHERN
-GOLDEN AGE

WOMEN

-FANCY
-SHAWL
-JINGLE
-NORTHERN
-SOUTHERN
-GOLDEN AGE

TEEN/JR BOYS

- FANCY & GRASS
(COMBINED)
-NORTHERN &
SOUTHERN
(COMBINED)

TEEN/JR GIRLS

-FANCY & JINGLE
(COMBINED)
-NORTHERN &
SOUTHERN
(COMBINED)

"FREE" Vendor Booths

Contact Joel Marvin- 559-374-0066 ext. 234

Alcohol/Drug FREE Event

**MORE INFORMATION: 559-374-0066 Liz, ext. 212, Matt, ext. 213, Leann, ext 209,
Chris, ext 210. VENDORS CONTACT: Joel ext. 234.**



POWWOW LOCATION:
37802 Jose Basin Rd.,
Auberry CA 93602

www.bigsandyrancheria.com



3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

MAY 16TH, 2026

Location: Big Sandy Rancheria Gym
37387 Auberry Mission Road

Winner takes all



Registration: \$100 per team

Youth Division: Ages 12-17

Adult Division: Ages 18+

- Double Elimination
- Registration Fee, Team Roster, and Liability Form due before first game
- Co-ed optional

MORE INFORMATION: cmember@bsrnation.com

BIG SANDY RANCHERIA CEMETERY CLEANUP DAY

*Saturday
May 23, 2026*

Morning hour
(before it gets hot)

Please join us in our Annual Cemetery Cleanup Day. As time in memorial, families of those interned at the BSR Cemetery help with removal of debris and place new flowers on our beloved.

Please bring your own tools for cleaning, as we will provide trash bags for debris.

Breakfast Burritos will be made available for those in attendance.

Address: 37575 1/2 Auberry Mission Rd., Auberry California 93602
559-374-0066





MMIP Cultural Protocols & Community Response Gathering

Big Sandy Rancheria Social Services Program

On April 11, 2026, Big Sandy Rancheria proudly sponsored and participated in the MMIP Cultural Protocols and Community Response Gathering at Choinumni Park.

The day brought together culture, connection, and community healing. Participants took part in men's and women's talking circles, Elders Bingo, and a variety of hands-on cultural teachings. These included acorn processing led by Chrissy Atwell of BSR, the walnut dice game, clapstick making, pine needle basket weaving, and pine nut necklace making. BSR Social Services team members Renee Riley and Rena Picaso also facilitated traditional hand games.

Big Sandy Partners, Marjaree Mason Center, Central Valley Against Human Trafficking, and local law enforcement including the Fresno County Sheriff's Office and BIA MMU attended to listen, learn, and strengthen community relationships.

Special thanks to the Choinumni Tribe, Indigenous Justice, Cultural Practitioners and the MMIP Fresno County Coalition for their dedication and collaboration in making this meaningful gathering a success.



TRIBALLY APPROVED HOMES



Purpose

Foster caregivers play a critical role in supporting children's emotional needs and maintaining a connection to their families during difficult times

Our TAH Specialist will provide comprehensive support, supervision, and coordination for children in out-of-home care and their families, aimed at ensuring safety, stability, and permanency. Our services offer referrals, educational advocacy, and resource coordination, in partnership with county agencies.

To learn more, call 555-374-0066 Option 8

CRITERIA

Must be at least 21 years of Age

Must have stable income

Be willing to have a background check

1. May own or rent their home
2. Must participate in training and home study
3. Have a desire to help children and their families
- 4.
- 5.

www.bigsandyrancheria.com

6.



OUR VOICES MATTER. OUR RELATIVES MATTER.
THE CENTRAL VALLEY MMIP LINE WAS
CREATED TO SUPPORT INDIGENOUS FAMILIES,
RAISE AWARENESS, AND RESPOND TO THE
CRISIS IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITIES.

If you or someone you know needs support,
resources, or help navigating a situation,
reach out.

 **559-351-3269**



CENTRAL VALLEY MMIP

Big Sandy Rancheria Social Services

Housing Disability & Advocacy Program



Support for People with Disabilities Who Need Housing.

If you have a disability expected to last 12+ months, are currently not receiving disability benefits, and are struggling with housing/homelessness this program can help you apply for SSI/SSDI and find stable housing

Eligibility [Must meet all]

- Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Citizen
- Individuals, youth and families not currently receiving disability benefits
- People who are good candidates for SSI/SSDI due to a disability lasting 12+ months
- People who are homeless, at risk or chronically homeless

What We Offer

- Assistance applying for disability benefits (SSI/SSDI)
- Help finding stable housing while applying for benefits
- Housing Habitability interventions to keep you housed
- Wrap around services and case management
- Guidance and advocacy to navigate housing and disability systems



For more information stop by the Social Services Office
or give us a call (559)-374-0066 option 8

JOIN US FOR:

Honoring the Spirit of our Elders: Past, Present, and Future

47th ANNUAL



**PRE-REGISTRATION
ENCOURAGED!**

Refer to the back of this postcard for details.

**FREE EVENT
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Artist: Meyo Marrufo (Eastern Pomo)

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026 | 9 AM TO 4 PM

**NATIVE ELDERS LUNCHEON - GUEST SPEAKERS
CULTURAL SHARING - ARTISAN BOOTHS - INDIAN TACOS**

INDIAN
HERITAGE

STATE INDIAN MUSEUM
2618 K STREET, SACRAMENTO, CA 95816





GROOVY

ELDERS GATHERING

JOIN THE FUNK!

June 11th, 2026
12pm-3pm

Recreation Gym
corner of 16th & Jersey

Come dressed in your best disco attire
and join the fun
there will be Raffles, Games and Dance Contest

for further questions please feel free to
contact The Elders Center @ (559)924-2500



Bureau of Indian Affairs - Office of Justice Services
Missing and Murdered Unit



SEEKING INFORMATION

\$5,000 REWARD

Name: Bessie Renee Walker

Last Seen: August 5, 2021

Height: 5'2"

Hair: Brown

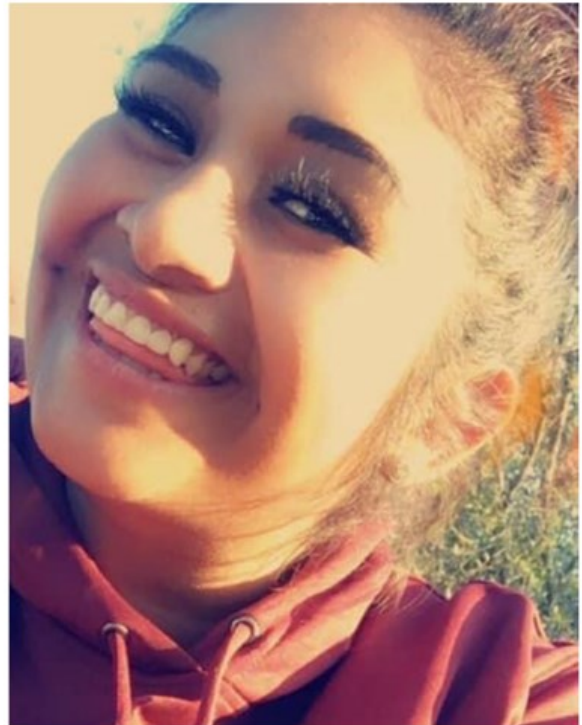
Eyes: Brown

Weight: 165 Pounds

Last known location:

Auberry, CA

Case #: B022030381



The Missing and Murdered Unit is offering up to **\$5,000** for information regarding the death investigation of Bessie Renee Walker.

Special Agent: Brandi Bends

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NOTE: Please reference the case agent when submitting a tip. Reward eligibility and amount are subject to fund stipulations. Visit the MMU webpage for full details.



MAY 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 ALL CAP PROGRAMS CLOSED RECOGNIZING MOTHERS 5:00PM - 7:00PM	2
3	4 ASP 3:30-6:00pm Earn College Credit 6:00-7:30pm Pine Needle Baskets Making 6:00pm-8:00pm	5 ASP 3:30-6:00pm Beaded Pens 6:00pm-8:00pm	6 ASP 3:30-6:00pm Earn College Credit 6:00-7:30pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	7 TULE RIVER DISTRIBUTION 10:30AM-12:00PM ASP 3:30-6:00pm Open Gym Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	8 NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN DAY ALL OFFICES CLOSED	9
10	11 ASP 3:30-6:00pm Earn College Credit 6:00-7:30pm Pine Needle Baskets Making 6:00pm-8:00pm	12 Family Literacy Book Read EHS-11:00am HS-11:30am ASP 3:30-6:00pm Beaded Pens 6:00pm-8:00pm	13 ASP 3:30-6:00pm Earn College Credit 6:00-7:30pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	14 ELDERS LUNCHEON 12:00PM -1:00PM Family Literacy Program 4:00pm ASP 3:30-6:00pm Open Gym Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	15 ALL CAP PROGRAMS CLOSED	16 BSR 5K WALK RUN 7:45AM BSR 25TH ANNUAL POW WOW & GATHERING 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
17 BSR 25TH ANNUAL POW WOW & GATHERING	18 ASP 3:30-6:00pm Earn College Credit 6:00-7:30pm Pine Needle Baskets Making 6:00pm-8:00pm	19 Beaded Pens 6:00pm-8:00pm	20 Pop-Up Event 1:00-4:00pm ASP 3:30-6:00pm Earn College Credit 6:00-7:30pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	21 FOOD BANK 10:00AM-12:00PM ASP 3:30-6:00pm Open Gym Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	22 Youth Advisory Council 4:00pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	23 BIG SANDY CEMETERY CLEANUP DAY
24	25 MEMORIAL DAY ALL OFFICES CLOSED	26 ASP 8:00am-6:00pm Beaded Pens 6:00pm-8:00pm	27 BSR Mattress Recycling 8:30-4:30pm TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING 11:00AM Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	28 Family Literacy Program 4:00pm ASP 3:30-6:00pm Open Gym Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	29 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	30
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JUNE 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Hand Games 6:00pm-8:00pm	2 Medicine Bag Making 6:00pm-8:00pm	3 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	4 Open Gym 6:00pm-8:00pm	5 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY ALL CAP PROGRAM CLOSED	6 HONORED ELDERS DAY SACRAMENTO 9:AM-4:00PM
7	8 Summer Programs Begins 8:00pm-6:00pm Hand Games 6:00pm-8:00pm	9 Medicine Bag Making 6:00pm-8:00pm	10 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	11 SANTA ROSA ELDERS GATHERING 12:00PM-3:00PM Open Gym 6:00pm-8:00pm	12 ASP 3:30-6:00pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	13
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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.



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