

SMOKE SIGNALS July 2025

A MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

Munahoo Neum,

As we reflect on the past month of June, many of our Tribal Members participated in some of our exciting trips. Our Elders took a trip to Sacramento for the annual "Honoring our Elders event" at the State of California Indian Museum. Despite a few hiccups with the event, we appreciate our Elders going with the flow and thank you for your patience and understanding. The Elders also had a wonderful time at the Annual Santa Rosa Elders Gathering, where our elders danced away, in a dance competition. It's a fun-filled event, and we are grateful to our sister Tribe, Santa Rosa Tachi for organizing an event for all to attend. The Great America trip for our kids was a huge success, everyone had a great time, and as it was a long day, our kids are still talking about what a great time they had. We now have Pool days at the Sierra High School.

Our Tribal State Compact has finally arrived in Washington D.C. – Department of the Interior, Office of Indian Gaming on June 6, 2025. It took some time to get through the State of California's Assembly and Senate, but the Governor signed once again. We are in the 45-day period for the office of Indian Gaming/Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, to approve, which the deadline to approve/deny/deemed approved, is July 21, 2025. We are in communication with Office of Indian Gaming, to ensure that any comments they have, are addressed, and are hoping for a quick response prior to July 21, 2025.

Home-key housing project is well on its way and seeing the walls being erected is exciting. We are building 12 units, with the help of Self-Help Enterprises and Quiring Construction, as they are diligently working to have housing available as we know this is a great need for our people. This area is a construction site, so we do ask that you do not enter this are, for safety purposes.

July is going to be a busy with many events scheduled for the upcoming month. As a SAFETY REMINDER...there are NO FIREWORKS ALLOWED IN THE SIERRA NATIONAL FOREST. Please DO NOT SET OFF FIREWORKS. If you are found to be in violation, you can be fined and responsible for all damages. Please be mindful of others and not be in a position that could cause harm to others.

July 5th, we are bringing some excitement to the Mono Wind Casino – Bare Knuckle Fights! Come and cheer on our very own Bill "Lil Bear" Johnson as he will be in the ring showing us his skills. Ticket prices are \$60/\$80/\$100 and purchases are available online, at the General store, and on the night of the event. We unfortunately do not have a "discount" for Tribal members.

We encourage everyone to conserve water and do your part in preventing water issues. If anyone has a leaky water faucet, cooler, toilet, sink, etc., please contact the Tribal Office. We do wish you all the very best of health, and please be safe and stay hydrated during the months to come.

Council	Meeting	Tribal Office Holiday Schedule			
Tribal Council	Tribal Council General Council		Holiday		
Wednesday, July 30, 2025	Sunday, September 28, 2025	Friday, July 4, 2025	Independence Day		
Wednesday, August 27, 2025	Sunday, December 14, 2025	Monday, September 1, 2025	Labor Day		
Wednesday, September 24, 2025		Friday, September 26, 2025	California American Indian Day		
Wednesday, October 29, 2025		Monday, October 13, 2025	Indigenous People's Day		
Wednesday, November 26, 2025		Tuesday, November 11, 2025	Veterans Day		
Wednesday, December 17, 2025		Thursday, November 27, 2025	Thanksgiving Day		
		Friday , November 28, 2025	Day After Thanksgiving		
1		Wednesday, December 24, 2025	Christmas Eve 🗼		
* .	*	Thursday, December 25, 2025	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 p

July 10, 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, July 17, 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

July Birthdays

Arianna Atwell Samuel Atwell **Morgan Ballard** Eric Barber Jr. Roni Baty Phyllis Beecher **Koby Berry** Sunny Bonilla Jesse Canez Jose Cordova **Naomi Cowles** Mark Cruz Valerie Cruz **Barbara Culwell** Wawona Dick Kenneth Edd Jr. **Emett Edd Bryce Garrison Cody Garrison Azael Garza**

Brandon Gladden David Hall Noah Johnson Demitrian Johnson Miah Lara **Myah Lara** Jesse Lara Catalina Lara **Wakinyan Lewis** Melba Llewellyn Jesse Macumba Gina Mangiarelli Phillip Marquez **Angelita Marquez** Levi Marvin Kathleen McDaniel Elizabeth Minihane Tristan Mjelde Ericka Munoz Jacquilyn Munoz **Gwen Nunez**

Shehna Oliver Leah Oliver Cinco **Jimeshia Oliver Tenorio** Aaron Ortiz **Isaac Perches** Saige Riley **Charles Riley** Sky Riley Jamie Robertson **Natalie Rodriguez** Ellianna Rodriguez **Davien Segovia Jason Smith** Patricia Soto Selena Soto **Enrique Suarez Johnny Telles Kayleen Telles** Lena Walker **Tahawnee Young**

Elders Luncheon



Miles Baty Gina Mangiarelli



Connie Lewis



Jane Stamp



Mae Berry Pearl Hutchins



Tracie
Williams-Hughey



Theresa Williams-Lundy



Tamara Riley



Phyllis Lewis
Pearl Hutchins



Ruthie Beecher

Big Sandy Rancheria Elders

Hello Elders

Only a few elders attended the Honored Elders Day in Sacramento. It was a quick trip up and back. We had 18 elders attend the Tachi Elders gathering in Lemoore. Everyone had a great time. See attached pictures.

July 21st 2025 We will have Shaver Lake Day. Elders will sit at the lake, put your feet in the water and get out of the heat. Lunch will be served. We will leave BSR Gym at 9am and return when everyone is ready. If you would like to attend, please contact Leann Anguiano 559-917-1674.

July 10th 2025 Elders Luncheon BSR Gym 12pm.

The weather is surely warm now. Please stay cool and hydrated.

And as always if you have any question please feel free to contact me.

Tachi Elders Gathering



Roger Lewis, Connie Lewis, & Theresa Williams-Lundy



Jane Stamp, Connie Lewis & Theresa Williams-Lundy



Gina Mangiarelli, Matt Munoz, Tammy Riley & Mae Berry



Aleda Cogdell & Mae Berry



Ruthie Beecher & Janine Vella



Antone Riley



Connie Lewis, Matt Munoz & Antone Riley



Michelle Smith, Ruthie Beecher, Antone Riley & Tammy Riley



Loretta Sylvas & Jane Stamp



Tammy Riley, Ruthie Beecher & Antone Riley



Matt Munoz & Connie Lewis



Matt Munoz, Janine Vella, Jeannie Valles, Cindy Sandoval, Michelle Smith, & Gina Mangiarelli



Theresa Williams-Lundy, Jane Stamp & Matt Munoz



James Robertson, Karen Robertson & James Robertson III



Jane Stamp



Jane Stamp & Roger Lewis



Connie Lewis, Roger Lewis, Jane Stamp & Theresa Williams-Lundy



Loretta Sylvas, Karla Sylvas, & Heidi Mills

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

Centers Closed

July 4th, 2025

Policy Council meeting

July 9th, 2025

Centers Closed:

Staff Development

Day

July 11th, 2025

Community Food

Bank

July 17th, 2025

Centers Closed:

Staff Development

Day

July 18th, 2025

BSR Environmental Department July 2025

Groundwater

Groundwater feeds our drinking water supply and is found <u>under</u> the ground. Help protect groundwater...

- Keep pollutants from entering groundwater – keep trash piles covered from rain runoff.
- Prevent toxins from leaching into groundwater – pesticides, car fluids, burn pile runoff, etc.
- Groundwater recharges our streams, lakes and wetlands.
- Travis is our water tech at Big Sandy Rancheria. He works hard to make sure our water is tested regularly and safe to drink.

Environmental Benefits

- Reduces Toxins: Soils that have been exposed to toxic matter, such as fuels or pesticides, regenerate into healthy soil faster if composted soil is added to the mix.
 Composting prevents the spread of these contaminants into water sources and nearby plants, meaning that not only the soil, but also the water and plants in the area will be healthier.
- Reduces Pollution: Composting keeps organic matter out of landfills, reducing the amount of methane production happening in garbage disposal areas.
- Promotes Healthy Growth: Soils, trees and plants in areas with compost are healthier.
 Incidences of plant diseases and pests that kill or damage plants and trees are lower when the soil has composted matter in it.

BSR Community Swap Meet

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

Auberry, CA. 93602

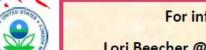
For information or questions:

Contact: Lori Beecher or

Rebecca Riley @ (559) 374-0066.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Common household recycling is simple and effective. Items like cereal boxes, cleaned cans from food or CRV, junk mail, and paper plates and cups. Locally, any CRV collection can be taken to the Prather or Friant recycling centers.



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 July 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

Date Time		Event	Location		
7-5	5:00-10:00 pm	Bare Knuckle Showdown	Mono Wind Casino		
7-8	1:00-3:00 pm	Sacred Circle and Medicine Wheel	Auberry Community Resource Center		
7-11	1:00-4:00 pm	One on One Substance abuse Counseling Disorder Counseling available (by appointment only)	Auberry Community Resource Center		
7-14 - 7-18	All Day	Youth GONA Sign up www.FAIHP.org	Camp Sierra		
7-16	9:00-3:00 pm	DSS eligibility for services (CalFresh, Medi-Cal, Cash Aid, etc.)	Auberry Community Resource Center		
7-17	10:00-12:00 pm	Big Sandy Food Bank	Big Sandy Rancheria		
7-22	1:00-3:00 pm	Sacred Circle Medicine Wheel	Auberry Community Resource Center		
7-25	1:00-4:00 pm	One on One Substance abuse Counseling Disorder Counseling available (by appointment only)	Auberry Community Resource Center		
7-28	4:00-6:00 pm	Paint Night and Plant Talk	Auberry Community Resource Center		



FRESNO FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM



BSR EARLY HEAD START



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

JULY 8, 2025

TIME: 11:00AM Location: BSR EHS Classroom

For More Information Contact: Jocelyn Saavedra at 559-226-2880 Ext. 212 or jsaavedra@ovcdc.com









BSR HEAD START



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

> Date: July 8th Time: 11:30am

Location: BSR Head Start Class



FOR MORE INFORMATION:





Taka-sa-konin



Fresno County Family Literacy Program **Presents**





July 10th, 2025

July 24th, 2025

Join us for a Book Read and Language Experience **Activity with BSR CAP Youth program & Community**

> **Location: BSR Gym** Time: 1:00 pm

For more information contact Parent Educators Jocelyn Saaveda at jsaavedra@ovcdc.com or Juliana Velasquez at jvelasquez@ovcdc.com phone: 559-226-2880



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is now in Fresno County. Register your family to receive free age-appropriate books each month from birth to age 5!



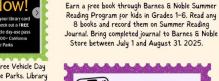
your library card to check out a Free Vehicle Day Use Pass for over 200 California State Parks. Library cards are free and available at your local branch.





Summer at your library







Literacy Resources for the Summe

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.



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.

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

Big Sandy Rancheria

Health Educators

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

Who can enroll?

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



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.

June Date: 7/24/25 @4pm.

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.



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











Recycling old mattresses? July 30th 8am-5pm, bring mattresses and box springs to the BSR transfer station.

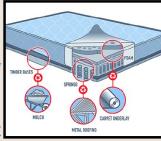
RETAILER TAKE BACK

If you are having your mattress delivered. California law requires your retailer to offer to take back your old



DROP IT OFF

Drop off your old mattress at no additional cost at participating locations. Then you mattress can be recycled into hundreds of new products.



MATTRESS RECYCLING MAKESA DIFFERENCE.

More than 75 percent of a mattress can be recycled into other products, diverting valuable resources from local landfills.





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



WHAT IS THE **ECOLOGICAL** IMPACT OF A **MATTRESS?**

Millions of mattresses nd up in landfills each year, contributing significantly to waste.

120 YEARS

Mattresses take up to 800 million cubic feet in landfills and can take up to 120 years for a single mattress to decompose





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







Inviting Tribal Members Only

Must Provide Own Transportation

Tickets will be given at the gate

Lunch & Drink Wristbands will be provided

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025

6099 W. Barstow Ave Fresno, CA 93723 Park Hours: 10:30am - 8:00pm

Deadline to sign up will be Friday, July 11th
Please contact Leann Anguiano for more information
(559) 374-0066 | (559) 917-1674 | languiano@bsrnation.com

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BSR Island water park sign up 2025

Name:	Event date: July 19, 2025.
Phone#:	Time: 10:30 AM
Tribal Member Name:	Age:
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Note:

You will be responsible for everyone you signed up.
There is a \$5 parking fee that is your responsbiltly
Tickets will be given at the gate from 10:30-11:30am
Ice chest and food may be brought into the park no glass
NO alcohol or illegal drugs may be brought into the park.
Children under 2 are free



July 2025

July 7th July 14th July 21st

July 11th July 18th July 25th July 28th

CAP department will be at the High School pools from 12:30-4:30 on pool days. Children MUST be 11 years of age or older to get dropped off with staff and have a permission slip filled out. All participants will need a summer application on file, there will be no transportation provided to the high school pools children must be picked up by 4:30 from the High school.

Children 10 years of age or younger MUST be chaperoned by an adult 18 years or older. A snack will be provided.

For any further questions contact Michelle Perez at 559-374-0066 ext 207 or bsrcap4@bsrnation.com



Big Sandy Rancheria



Contact: Leann Anguiano (559) 917-1674

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







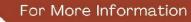
OurTribal Early Childhood Education Program offers outstanding facilities aimed at fostering the growth and development of your young children. We currently serve families with children 0-5.



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







559-374-0066 EXT. 216

Scan QR Code to access Interest Form





JULY 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Summer Program 8:00am-6:00pm Beaded Hats 6:00-8:00pm	2 Summer Program 8:00am-6:00pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	3 Summer Program 8:00am-6:00pm Cake Decorating 6:00pm-8:00pm	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY ALL OFFICES CLOSED	5 BARE KNUCKLES SHOWDOWN DOORS OPEN 5PM FIGHTS STAR
6	7 Family Pool Day 12:30-4:30pm Community Badminton 6:00pm-8:00pm	8 Summer Program 8:00am-6:00pm Early Head Start Book Read 11:00am Head Start Book Read 11:30am Beaded Hats 6:00-8:00pm	9 Summer Program 8:00am-6:00pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	10 Summer Program 8:00am-6:00pm ELDERS LUNCHEON 12:00PM Family Literacy 1:00pm Cake Decorating 6:00pm-8:00pm	11 Family Pool Day 12:30-4:30pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	12
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20	21 Elders Day Shaver Lake Depart Gym 9:00am Family Pool Day 12:30-4:30pm Community Badminton 6:00pm-8:00pm	22 Summer Program 8:00am-6:00pm Beaded Hats 6:00-8:00pm	23 Summer Program 8:00am-6:00pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	24 Summer Program 8:00am-6:00pm Family Literacy 1:00 pm Youth Advisory Meeting 4:30pm Cake Decorating 6:00pm-8:00pm	25 Family Pool Day 12:30-4:30pm Basketball Night 6:00pm 8:00pm	26
27	Family Pool Day 12:30-4:30pm Community Badminton 6:00pm-8:00pm	29 Summer Program 8:00am-6:00pm Beaded Hats 6:00-8:00pm	Mattress Recycling 8:00am-5:00pm Summer Program 8:00am6:00pm TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING 10:00AM Resketball Night	31 Summer Program 8:00am-6:00pm Cake Decorating 6:00pm-8:00pm		



August 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 CAP CLOSED STAFF DEVELOPMENT	2
3	Summer Program 8:00am-6:00pm Confidence Building With Teens 6:00pm-8:00pm	5 Summer Program 8:00am-6:00pm Dreamcatcher Making 6:00pm-8:00pm	6 Summer Program 8:00am-6:00pm Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	7 Last Day Of Summer Program Family Fun Game Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	8 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	9
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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.



Big Sandy Rancheria

37387 Auberry Mission Rd P.O. Box 337 Auberry, CA 93602

