



SMOKE SIGNALS

January 2022

A MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

Munahoo Neum,

Tzow Kowauneat, Good January. Happy New Year! May everyone have a great start to the new year!

The Tribe finally received a second tank for the gas station. Having this second tank should be a solution to running out of gas regularly. This is a huge accomplishment and blessing for Big Sandy Rancheria. Beginning January 1, 2022, in order to receive tribal discounts for the Mono Wind Casino restaurant and fuel, you must provide your tribal ID. Tribal ID applications are available at the tribal office or online. Please make sure to call the Gaming Commissioners ahead of time to set up an appointment to have an ID made.

Tribal Bingo was a hit with taking care of the tribal adults and children on the same day. The big winner who took home the Chevy Impala was the one and only James Robertson Jr! Congratulations James on your big win, enjoy! Due to COVID-19, the Tribal Offices are still closed. If anything changes, the Tribal Council will make sure to notify all tribal members. 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, January 26, 2022	Sunday, March 27, 2022	Monday, January 17, 2022	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Wednesday, February 23, 2022	Sunday, June 26, 2022	Monday, February 21, 2022	Presidents Day
Wednesday, March 30, 2022	Sunday, September 25, 2022	Friday, May 27, 2022	National American Indian Day
Wednesday, April 27, 2022	Sunday, December 11, 2022	Monday, May 30, 2022	Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 25, 2022		Monday, July 4, 2022	Independence Day
Wednesday, June 29, 2022		Monday, September 5, 2022	Labor Day
Wednesday, July 27, 2022		Friday, September 23, 2022	California American Indian Day
Wednesday, August 31, 2022		Friday, November 11, 2022	Veterans Day
Wednesday, September 28, 2022		Thursday, November 24, 2022	Thanksgiving Day
Wednesday, October 26, 2022		Friday, November 25, 2022	Day After Thanksgiving
Wednesday, November 30, 2022			
Wednesday, December 11, 2022			

BSR General Store

Open Everyday
6:00am-10:00pm

559-825-6645

37302 Rancheria Lane
Auberry, CA 93602

RANCHERIA



Thursday, January 20, 2022
9:00am-12:00pm

Big Sandy Rancheria

37387 Auberry Mission Road
Auberry, CA 93602

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

BSR Elders Program

Munahoo All Elders,

In December, some of the elders made their way to Las Vegas! We all stayed at the Excalibur Hotel & Resort. The trip was a blast! Four of the elders woke up early on the second day being there and went to check out the Famous Welcome to Las Vegas sign. All the elders that went to Vegas seen the show Cirque du Soleil, at the KA Theater in the MGM Grand. A couple of the elders stopped at the Seven Magic Mountains in Las Vegas then on the way home they stopped at Calico Ghost Town. A couple elders went to Flyover in Las Vegas. They rode in flight motion seats through Iceland. Below are some pictures of the trip.

Starting in February, the Tribal Elders Meetings will be one every quarter of the year. The next Tribal Elders meeting will be on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 12:00pm.



Western Mono Language

Baby	Oo-wah'-noog
Baby Basket	Pah-sahk
Blanket	Pee-jo
Bottle	Oss
Cry	Toyah-get
Diaper	Pee-sho-ghee



The baby cried.
 Oo-wah'-noog ya-gaht.
 The baby is asleep.
 Oo-wah'-noog oo-wheet.
 Bring me the baby bottle.
 Oo-wah'-noog oss e-ghea-kee.

January Birthdays

Brooke Ball
Erica Ballard
Eric Lee Barber
Ramona Barrientos
Gabriella Baty
Ashton Brown-Goodwin
Aleda Cogdell
James Cogdell
Darin Coleman
Annie Cunningham
Jordan Davis
Catalina Espinoza
Devin Fisher
Jack Harrison
Marcus Harrison
Max Harrison
Ashleigh Huerta
Adrian Johnson

Brianna Johnson
Haileigha Johnson
William Johnson
Emily Kipp
Irene Lara
Carolyn Oleita Lee
Phyllis Lewis
Randy Lewis
Mitchell Llewellyn
Jimmy Llewellyn
Alexander Mancera
Alex Marquez
Brandon McFarland
Jesina Mendez
Heather O'Brien
James Oliver
Sandra Oliver
Stephen Oliver

Alan Orosco
David Ortiz
Nicholas Ramirez
Michelle Reid
Morgan Reid
Morris Reid
Robert Rios
James Robertson
Steven Samaniego
Gage Sandoval
Skylar Sandoval
Juanita Stamp
Darrel Telles
Marissa Vasquez
Michael Vasquez
Raelynn Walker
Melvin Wesley
Anna Wilson



Big Sandy Rancheria
Social & Human Services Department

Victims Assistance Program Monthly Zoom Meeting

WEDNESDAY

January 5, 2021

@ 1:30PM

Victim Programs (Local)

WEDNESDAY

January 19, 2021

@ 1:30PM

Creating a Safety Plan &
Emergency Budget

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/8806916871?pwd=UXloN2RaZHIERVZMN0tUK1hKLzdWUT09>

Meeting ID: 880 691 6871

Passcode: BSR2



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

Emergency Food Assistance Program

Please bring your own bags or boxes to carry food supplies

**Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
Hours: 2pm-4pm**

Location: 37387 Auberry Mission Rd.
Auberry, Ca 93602
Contact : (559) 374-0049 EX 215 & 243

Head Start



Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Head Start Program

December was full of fun activities for the Head Start students.

Charlie (Elf on the Shelf), made his first appearance in the classroom. Charlie is a “magic elf” that reports to Santa every night and lets Santa know if the Head Start students are making good choices. Every morning the students look forward to finding Charlie’s new spot.

On the last day of Head Start before our break we had breakfast for lunch, waffles, hard boiled eggs, and fruit!

For our winter family engagement we sent home two books; “A is for Acorn, A California Indian ABC” & a Christmas book, gingerbread camper to decorate at home, and a stocking with goodies

Thank you to BSR Tribal Council for the Head Start stocking donations!

The Head Start program recently hired Lynette Manuel as a teaching assistant.

Age appropriate chores:

Chores teach concepts like delayed gratification, working as a team, and discipline. Chores also develop self esteem within children. The responsibility of chores will develop a stronger character in them and they will see themselves as accomplishing goals. Here are a few to start out with: **1)** Picking up their toys **2)** Picking out clothes and dressing themselves **3)** Putting dirty clothes in a hamper **4)** Putting dirty dishes in the sink.

Special Day

Reminders

Head Start Reopen

January 3rd, 2022

Closed: Martin

Luther King Jr. Day

January 17th, 2022

Community Food

Bank

January 20th, 2022

Closed: Staff

Development Day

January 28th, 2022

559 374 0066 ext.216

Work Force Development

Work Force Development Department would like to welcome two new crew members. Mason Sandoval, a tribal member with Big Sandy Rancheria and Haley Morrow. The crew is continuing to work on the Lewis Creek trail in Oakhurst, building and repairing bridges. If you have any questions please contact Rick Fleming
WFD Director (559) 374-0066 ext. 230.



Broken bridge to be removed



Taking old bridge apart to install new bridge



New bridge footing being constructed



Bridge being constructed over creek



New bridge being installed

BSR Environmental Department January 2022

Education and Outreach

As we enter into 2022, be on the look out for bi-weekly environmental education as a part of the weekly deliveries. Don't forget to send pictures of completed activities. We love to see families engaging with the material!

Clean Groundwater Water

Our community efforts towards preventing groundwater pollution has made great strides. Tribal members have been properly disposing of motor oil, removing abandoned vehicles off their property, and cleaning up trash and junk around their homes. Please contact us if you need an extra trash pick up when cleaning up your property.

Clean Surface Water

- Be sure to clear away leaves and debris.
- Consider disconnecting your downspouts.
- Use lawn or garden chemicals sparingly.
- Mow your lawn less often.
- Plant native, low maintenance plants and grasses.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

It's not only a simple resolution, it's one that benefits the environment, creates jobs, reduces litter, and benefits future generations. When it comes to impactful resolutions, recycling just makes sense.

- Start by participating.
- Know what to throw [and what not to throw].
- Properly dispose of masks, wipes, and gloves.
- Return items to stores for recycling.
- Keep electronics and batteries out of the recycling cart.
- Reduce, reuse, and rethink.

Air Quality

Air pollution is actually worse during the winter months. Cold air is denser and moves slower than warm air. This density means that cold air traps the pollution but also doesn't whisk it away. Air pollution in winter remains in place for much longer and therefore is breathed in at a higher rate than during the summer. Growing indoor houseplants is an excellent way to purify the air. Houseplants are the best solution to getting more oxygen circulating in your home. You can reduce the levels of carbon monoxide, formaldehyde, xylene, and benzene by adding some potted plants to spruce up the décor.

Composting

Composting is possible during the winter months. To start, one of the most important things you can do in the fall/winter is gather leaves for use in composting. Leaves and pine needles are excellent brown, carbon-rich materials that improve compost pile aeration and reduce odors. Leaves can be stockpiled in bags or bins for use throughout the year. If leaves are to be stored in an open bin, you might find it helpful to cover them with a tarp in order to keep them from getting wet and matting together.

Things to come:

- Tire collection
- Abandoned vehicle removal
- Lightbulb and battery collection.
- Community clean up day
- Continued education on recycling, household waste, and pollution control efforts.



For additional information or for any questions contact:

Rebecca Riley @ 374-0066 ext. 240





BIG SANDY RANCHERIA
CAP DEPARTMENT



MONDAY CULTURE NIGHT

JANUARY 3RD, 10TH, 24TH, 31ST

4PM-5PM ZOOM MEETING STARTS
MEETING ID
826 8893 1011
PASSCODE
familytime

NEW YEAR, NEW ME, WHO THIS?
EVERY MONTH IS A NEW MONO
COLOR AND WORD TO LEARN
THROUGH HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CALL OR EMAIL
CAP DEPARTMENT (559)374-0066
FEATHER AT FMONTENEGRO@BSRNATION.COM

Big Sandy Rancheria Community Activities Department
Family Bonding Activity

Tuesdays in January

Enjoy wreaths at any time of the year!



**WINTER
WREATH
CRAFTS**

**Zoom Meeting
Tuesdays at 5:00pm**

Meeting ID: 478 168 0681
Password: 003355



For more information please contact CAP staff
374-0066 ext 214



BIG SANDY RANCHERIA
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT
FAMILY BONDING ACTIVITY



Wednesdays in January MOSAIC ART

Zoom meetings at 5:00pm

come join us for
some fun mosaic
art projects
we will start out
with the basics
and work our
way up to a
beautiful planter

JAN 5

Color Mosaic
Letter



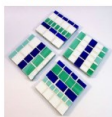
JAN 12

Paper mosaic
animal



JAN 19

Mosaic
coaster



JAN 26

Mosaic Cinder Block Planter



FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT CAP STAFF
AT 374-0066 ext 214

Wildlife Teen Activity Kindness

Thursday's in January!

We will be making feeders for
our wildlife friends! Learning
to coexist and respecting nature
is a great skill to have!



Zoom at 4 pm
Meeting ID 673 735 6069
Passcode 642032
Contact CAP for more information.
559-374-0066

BSR CAP DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

Our Family's Recipe Box

Join us in the Month of January ! We are starting the New Year off with this amazing Family Activity that you can cherish and pass down for many generations to come!!

Designing and staining your Familys very own Recipe Box !



**800M @
4PM ON
FRIDAYS**

Meeting ID 673 735 6069 Passcode 642032

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS ACTIVITY CONTACT
THE CAP DEPT. 559-374-0066



JOIN US IN A COOKING CLASS

**JANUARY 4TH & 18TH
ZOOM @4PM
MEETING ID 673 735 6069
PASSCODE 642032**



FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT THE CAP DEPARTMENT
AT 559-374-0066 EXT.214

INGREDIENTS FOR THE CLASS ARE PROVIDED IN
THE CAP DELIVERY!

CAP Computer Classes

- ▶ Computer Basics
- ▶ Elders Classes
- ▶ Tutoring
- ▶ Adult Education

Classes held Mondays and
Wednesdays @ 10am.



**Questions? Contact
Rebecca Riley @
374-0066 ext.240**

Mun-ah-hoo Neum Are you ready for fitness?

BIG SANDY RANCHERIA & COMMUNITY
ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT
FAMILY BONDING ACTIVITY

FROM THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME, LET'S GET FIT!!

**ZOOM
MEETING
816 8550 4589
PASSCODE
209392**

Powwow Fit
Lets exercise and practice
PowWow Dancing, even if
you never danced before.
Slow pace, great for
beginners!

EVERYTHING YOU NEED WILL BE SENT HOME!

**EVERY WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY-FRIDAY
4pm-5pm
FOR MORE INFORMATION
CAP DEPARTMENT:
FEATHER (559)374-0066
FMONTENEGRO@BSRNATION.COM**



January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 After School Program Delivery BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Culture Night ZOOM 4pm	4 Cooking Class ZOOM 4pm Winter Wreath ZOOM 5pm	5 BSR Computer Lab 10am VAP ZOOM MEETING 1:30PM Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Family Fitness ZOOM 4pm Mosaic Art ZOOM 5pm	6 Teen ZOOM 4pm Family Fitness ZOOM 4pm	7 CLOSED GYM CAP STAFF DEVELOPMENT	8
9	10 After School Program Delivery TULE RIVER FOOD DISTRIBUTION 10:30-12PM BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Culture Night ZOOM 4pm	11 Winter Wreath ZOOM 5pm	12 BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Family Fitness ZOOM 4pm Mosaic Art ZOOM 5pm	13 Teen ZOOM 4pm Family Fitness ZOOM 4pm	14 Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Family Fitness ZOOM 4pm Family Recipe Book ZOOM 4pm	15
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February

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Big Sandy Rancheria Transportation Services



We will be reducing transports to one day a week. Please schedule your transport as soon as possible. To schedule an appointment please call

Tammie Walker
(559)374-0066 ext. 214 or 111
You can also stop by the office

YOUR APPOINTMENT MUST BE MADE WITH TAMMIE WALKER *BEFORE* YOUR SPOT CAN BE RESERVED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES. SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS *ONLY* WITH TAMMIE. 24 HOURS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. 1 WEEK IN ADVANCE FOR FRESNO

The transporter will arrive after your scheduled departure. If you do not arrive on time, your appointment will be canceled and can be rescheduled with Tammie only. The transportation services, please call the transporter for a cancellation. Transportation services are for Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Members. We do not transport kids to school that have missed the bus. All CVIH appointments to be scheduled with CVIH transporter. If the CVIH transporter is unavailable to transport you, they will need to reschedule your appointment. This applies to all medical, dental, nutrition & referral appointments.

DUE TO THE COVID-19, THERE IS NO TRANSPORTATION UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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

