

SMOKE SIGNALS January 2025

A MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

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Tzow, Kowauneat, Good January. Happy New Year to all, hope that everyone had fun and enjoyed themselves at our BSR winter events this last holiday season. The tribe would like to give a huge shout out to all of our sponsors that made this year's Coats for Kids possible. Fresno County Sheriff's foundation, Central Valley Indian Health "CVIH", Pacific Ag Insurance, and the RedRum Motorcycle Club. Thank you for your gracious and continuous support it is much appreciated.

An update on what's new here on the Rancheria. We recently had our ground breaking for the new Homekey housing development on December 12th. This is a huge accomplishment for the tribe and will be providing 12 new units. If you wish to submit your housing application, please drop by the tribal offices or call (559) 374-0066 to request one emailed via mailed. A new application must be submitted at the beginning of each new year to keep in compliance.

Our next General Council meeting will be March 30, 2025. In the Big Sandy Rancheria GYM at 10:00 a.m. Just a courtesy reminder that these meetings are for tribal members only and no significant others may be present. Thank you for your time and energy, and like always have a blessed rest of your month.

Council Meetings		Tribal Office Holiday Schedule		
Tribal Council	General Council	Date	Holiday	
Wednesday, January 29, 2025	Sunday, March 30, 2025	Wednesday, January 1, 2025	New Year's Day	
Wednesday, February 29, 2025	Sunday, June 29, 2025	Monday, January 20, 2025	Martin Luther King Jr.	
Wednesday, March 26, 2025	Sunday, September 28, 2025	Monday, February 17, 2025	Presidents Day	
Wednesday, April 30, 2025	Sunday, December 14, 2025	Friday, May 9, 2025	National American Indian Day	
Wednesday, May 28, 2025		Monday, May 26, 2025	Memorial Day	
Wednesday, June 25, 2025		Friday, July 4, 2025	Independence Day	
Wednesday, July 30, 2025		Monday, September 1, 2025	Labor Day	
Wednesday, August 27, 2025		Friday, September 26, 2025	California American Indian Day	
Wednesday, September 24, 2025		Monday, October 13, 2025	Indigenous People's Day	
Wednesday, October 29, 2025		Tuesday, November 11, 2025	Veterans Day	
Wednesday, November 26, 2025		Thursday, November 27, 2025	Thanksgiving Day	
Wednesday, December 17, 2025		Friday, November 28, 2025	Day After Thanksgiving	
		Wednesday, December 24, 2025	Christmas Eve	
		Thursday, December 25, 2025	Christmas Day	

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Tribal Elder's Monthly Meeting



Second Thursday of the month at 12:00pm

January 9, 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, January 16, 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**

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January Birthdays

Happy Birthday

Brooke Ball Erica Ballard Eric Lee Barber **Ramona Barrientos Gabriella Baty Heather Blewett** Ashton Brown-Goodwin James Cogdell Jr. Aleda Cogdell **Darin Coleman** Jordyn Davis Emilio Eason Catalina Espinoza **Devin Fisher** Layanna Gopher Max Harrison Jack Harrison Marcus Harrison

Ashleigh Huerta Haileigha Johnson William Johnson **Brianna Johnson Adrian Johnson Emily Kipp Annie Knight** Irene Lara Phyllis Lewis Randy Lewis Jr. Jimmy Llewellyn Mitchell Llewellyn Alexander Mancera **Alex Marguez Brandon McFarland** Jesina Mendez Hayden Mjelde James Oliver Sandra Oliver

Amina Oliver Alan Orosco Jr. **David Ortiz** Nicholas Ramirez Morgan Reid **Michelle Reid** Morris Reid **Robert Rios** James Robertson III **Deshba Sanchez** Juanita Stamp **Aerius Telles Darrel Telles** Marissa Vasquez **Michael Vasques Raelynn walker Melvin Wesley** Anna Wilson

Elder's Christmas Outing

At Chukchansi Casino



Aleda Cogdell, James Cogdell Gina Mangiarelli



Tiffany Lewis, Connie Lewis, Roger Lewis



Karen Robertson, James Robertson Jr. , James Robertson III



Sam Atwell & Wylenna Atwell



Jane Stamp & Loretta Sylvas



Anthony Riley & Mae Berry



Janine Vella & Ruthie Beecher



Tommy Garcia & Pearl Hutchins



Tracy Williams-Hughey & Theresa Williams-Lundy

Elder's Christmas Dinner

At Nativos Italian Restaurant



Aleda Cogdell & Gina Mangiarelli



Miles Baty



Aleda Cogdell, Leann Anguiano

Gina Mangiarelli



Anthony Riley, Roberta Perez, Melissa Perez, Tamara, Riley



Loretta Sylvas & Brandon McFarland



Elizabeth Hutchins, Tracy Williams-Hughey, Theresa Williams-Lundy, Pearl Hutchins



Loretta Sylvas, Brandon McFarland, Jane Stamp, Leann Anguiano



Matthew Munoz & Loretta Sylvas



Nioka Lewis, Lori Beecher, Jeannie Valles, Janine Vella



Mae Berry, Jude Berry, Aleda Cogdell



Jane Stamp & Matthew Munoz



Regina Rhoan, Millie Howard-Davis, Francis McCabe-Gann

BSR Head Start

Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Head Start Program

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful and joyful holiday season with your loved ones. As we step into 2025, we're excited to partner with you in making this year a successful and enriching one for your child.

Support literacy at home

Set a Reading Routine: Encourage 20 minutes of daily reading. Let your child choose books they enjoy to make reading a habit they look forward to.

Be a Role Model: Let your child see you reading. Whether it's a book, newspaper, or magazine, your example speaks volumes.

Use Resources: Explore audiobooks, digital libraries, and local library events to expand their access to engaging content.

Staying Healthy This Winter

The colder months can bring an increase in illnesses like colds and the flu, here are a few tips to keep your family healthy.

Teach Good Hygiene: Remind your child to wash their hands frequently with soap and water, especially before meals and after coughing or sneezing.

Keep Sick Kids at Home: If your child is feeling unwell, especially with a fever, cough, or runny nose, please keep them home to rest and recover.

Boost Immunity: Encourage a diet rich in fruits, vegetables, and plenty of fluids. Staying hydrated is important even in winter!

Vaccinate: If you haven't already, consider flu vaccinations to protect your family.

As temperatures drop, please remember to send your child with a warm jacket, gloves, and hat. We want all our little ones to stay cozy and warm during outdoor play.

Special Day

Reminders

Center Reopen

January 6th, 2025

Community Food

Bank

January 16th, 2025

Closed: MLK Day

January 20th, 2025

Closed: Staff

Development Day

January 31st, 2025

BSR Environmental Department January 2025

Difference between Surface water and Ground water

The main difference between surface water and groundwater is the quality of the respective water. Surface water can contain large amounts of contaminants due to air deposition of runoff, which means that extensive treatment of the water is required before it can be used as a human water supply. Surface water typically consists of chemical contaminants that have accumulated through runoff. Although groundwater is typically cleaner than surface water, it can still contain a variety of contaminants. Groundwater is an important part of the water cycle. Groundwater is apart of precipitation. It contains fewer contaminants, and requires less treatment before it can used as drinking water. Big Sandy relies on groundwater for most of our water supply.

Composting in the Winter

Wintertime Concerns about compost piles and bins are common. When you look at your compost bin and see them covered in ice you think they stopped working. Your compost will continue to decompose all winter, many organisms continue to thrive under the snow, just a little slower. You can cover your pile with straw or leaves this will help insulate its core to keep it warmer longer. The environmental department and the summer youth made there own composting bins, the winter compost that is being made will be used in the tribal garden in the spring.

Soil Erosion can have serious consequences including:

Soil erosion is the gradual process of the top layer of soil, or topsoil, being removed by water, wind, or tillage. Soil erosion can occur naturally, but human activities can increase the rate by up to 1,000 times. These activities include: deforestation, overgrazing, improper land use changes, and plowing fields. Soil erosion of the detachment and movement of soil particles from the point of origination through the action of water or wind. Thus, minimizing the impact of water or wind forces is the main objective for erosion control.

You can reduce soil erosion by:

- 1. Maintaining a healthy, perennial plant cover.
- 2. Mulching
- 3. Planting a cover crop, vegetable gardens
- 4. Placing crushed stones or woodchips

The Benefits of Recycling Tires

Here is 7 uses for recycling scrap tires:

- 1. Shredding tires for use as fuel in hightemperature combustion devices.
- 2. Rubber Mulch for playgrounds.
- 3. Crumb Rubber for surfacing athletic tracks.
- 4. Rubber Powder for plastic sealing materials and asphalt.
- Steel belt tires can be extracted, smelted and repurposed.
- 6. Fiber and nylon can extracted for carpets, concrete, and stucco.



For information or any questions contact:

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





Ground Breaking Event For Homekey Housing Project

On Thursday, December 12th BSR celebrated a groundbreaking celebration with approximately 50 people for it's \$4.5 million Homekey Housing Development. It will be a 12-unite complex and was the first Tribal Homekey project approved in the state of California. The California Housing and Community Development Department awarded the project. BSR was assisted by Self Help Enterprises, which has been helping Tribal and rural Communities for 60 years. Additional Support was provided by the Rural Community Assistance Corporation. Among the Attendees was Fresno County Board of Supervisor Nathan Magsig presenting a proclamation to BSR's Tribal Council to honor Big Sandy on the achievement of the successful Homekey Project. After the event at the gym, there was actual groundbreaking event at the site that included Tribal Council and Elders as well.



Matthew Munoz, Elizabeth Hutchins, Leann Anguiano, Chris Rodriguez, Joel Marvin, Nathan Magsig



Elizabeth Hutchins, Jane Stamp, Leann Anguiano, Joel Marvin, Jeannette Sample, Chris Rodriguez, Matthew Munoz, and Phyllis Lewis

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA FOR ADULT STUDENTS REGISTRATION OPEN!



PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER FOR THE ADULT EDUCATION/STATE CENTER ADULT EDUCATION CONSORTIUM.

- (SCAEC will continue to have a representative on campus monthly to provide transition assistance and to give information to students.
 Appointments can be made with the SCAEC transitional specialist for individualized help.)
- Enrollment Procedures: High School Diploma, Workforce Development, Professional Development
- Students must sign into their Google account to fill out all forms.
- (Must be completed every school year)
- https://tinyurl.com/STATE-CENTER-REG-FORM
- Contact the teacher or registrar to update your information as needed or to make an appointment to complete enrollment.

Carolyn Mayes: Adult Education Teacher, Email:cmayes@sierrausd.org Office Big Sandy Rancheria:(559)374-0066 ext. 241, Office Alt Ed: (559)855-3020

Big Sandy Rancheria Computer Lab

- High school diploma completion and support
- Professional development support
- Workforce development services
- Drivers license education
- Career development support

For any questions or additional information contact Rebecca Riley: Education Coordinator, Email: rriley@bsrnation.com, Phone: (559) 374-0066 ext. 240









BSR CAP DEPARTMENT



COMMIT TO YOUR SMALL GOALS **Native Inspired Candle** and Soap



6:00pm-8:00pm

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

CAP Department

Community

VOLLEYBALL NIGHT

EVERY THURSDAY IN JANUARY 6:00pm - 8:00pm **Family Fitness**

BIG SANDY

Contact Jimmy Llewellyn (559)374-0066 X 207



37387 Auberry Mission RD. CA 93602



For more information call 559)374-0066 ext.207

BASKETBAL

GAME NIGHT

bsrcap4@bsrnation.com 7387 Auberr<mark>ry</mark> Mission Road, Auberry CA 93602



Pine Needle Basket Making

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RIC CONDI

Join this beginner friendly activity as we share on the topic

Healing Family Trauma

Every Tuesday 6:00-8:00 pm



For more information please contact Valery Burt bsrcap2@bsrnation.com or (559)374-0066 x228 37387 Auberry Mission Road, Auberry CA 93602 Made with PosterMyWall.com



EVERY WEDNESDA & FRIDAY JANUAR

6:00pm - 8:00pm

MUSIC-GAMES-FOOD

We Invite You To Our

End Of The Year

Game Night

Big Sandy Rancheria's CAP Department will be hosting a Game Night here at the GYM for the communtiy! All of your avorite games as well as badmitten. Come bring in the New Year with us in a healthy and safe way.

> WHERE? 37387 Auberry Mission Rd. Auberry CA,93602

DECEMBER 31st 7:00PM to MIDNIGHT

Contact Brandi Kelley for more information at bkelley@bsrnation.com 559-374-0066 ext.206



WHEN?



FRESNO MADERA AGENCY ON AGING

Join us at the Monthly Big Sandy Rancheria Elders Luncheon for information on services on Thursday, January 9 at 12 PM at Big Sandy Rancheria GYM. **Our Service:**

- Adult Care information
 - Health Care Information & Advocacy
- Case Management & Referrals
- 🤜 Meal Assistance program
- Supportive Services



https://www.fmaaa.org/

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.



<u>Programs</u>

Medi-Cal CalFresh Cash Aid



Dates January 15

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



Big Sandy Rancheria

CAR SEAT CHECK UP EVENT

Sponsored by Big Sandy Rancheria Head Start and Social Services



REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL JANUARY 31, 2025

Register online Or fill out an application with BSR Social Services



Space is limited

Please be advised this event is for families/guardians with children that are required by state law (8 years of age and 4 foot 9 inches) to ride in a vehicle with a proper child safety restrain system.

Healthy Relationship

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FOOD.MUSIC.GROUP ACTIVITIES Learn facts about dating violence.

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Big Sandy Gym 37387 Auberry Mission Rd. Auberry CA,93602



Contact Brandi Kelley for more information at 559-374-0066 ext.206 or bkelley@bsrnation.com

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Spring 2024 EARN COLLEGE CREDIT

Class held on site at the Big Sandy Rancheria Computer Lab

Interdisciplinary Studies 50 College Success College INTDS 50 - 81853 3 Unit Course

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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 and UC

March 17th - May 23rd Big Sandy Rancheria Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00PM - 7:15PM

Questions? Please contact Nate Saari: <u>nate.saari@cloviscollege.edu</u> / (559)776-8281 or sign up with Rebecca Riley (559)374-0066 Ext. 240





JANUARY 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NEW YEARS DAY ALL OFFICES CLOSED	2 Community Volleyball Night 6:00-8:00pm	3 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY CAP PROGRAM CLOSED	4
5	6 Native Inspired Candle and Soap Making 6:00pm-8:00pm	7 Pine Needle Basket Making for Beginners 6:00pm-8:00pm	8 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	9 ELDERS LUNCHEON 12:00PM Book Read 4:00pm Community Volleyball Night 6:00-8:00pm	10 TULE RIVER FOOD DISTRIBUTION 10:30-12:00PM Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	11
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26	27 Native Inspired Candle and Soap Making 6:00pm-8:00pm	28 Pine Needle Basket Making for Beginners 6:00pm-8:00pm	29 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	30 Community Volleyball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	31 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	



FEBRUARY 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 DIY Ribbon Rose Making 6:00pm-8:00pm	4 No-Sew Heart Pillow 6:00pm-8:00pm	5 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	6 Charcoal Art 6:00pm-8:00pm	7 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	8
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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 <u>with Brandi</u> <u>Kelley only</u>. 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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