

SMOKE SIGNALS

November 2025

A MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

Munahoo Neum,

We do hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and spirits. As we close the busy month of October, we would like to highlight our successful events that took place here at Big Sandy Rancheria.

On October 15th, we held our Annual Golf tournament, and it was a huge success, and once again, hosted a SOLD-OUT tournament at the Dragon Fly Golf Club course, located in Madera. Tribes from across the Central Valley were represented and all had a wonderful time (North Fork, Tule River, Tuolumne, Picayune, Cold Springs, Tejon, Tachi Yokut Rancheria/Tribes). We are blessed to have built relationships with our neighboring Tribes and vendors over the years that help us fund our education scholarship program, elders' programs, native youth programs and community enhancement projects here at BSR. On October 18th, we hosted an event at the Mono Wind Casino, Big Dawg Bare Knuckle Fight, and it was as successful as the first event we had in July. We would like to thank our Big Sandy Rancheria and Mono Wind Casino Staff, for all their hard work and dedication to ensure the event was organized and provide for the safety of our patrons. We had our very own Mark Cruz, as a fighter, he gave his all, and we are proud of his accomplishments and staying involved in this exciting venture. Mr. Kerry Smith has resigned as our General Manager at the Mono Wind Casino, as we wish him much success in his new adventure. During this time of the absence of General Manager, CFO, and Marketing Director, the Council has taken on these roles until replacements are made, as we are actively pursuing individuals for these primary officials' positions. With all the prior Gaming Experience of Tribal Council, we have no problem stepping in and ensuring the gaming operation continues smoothly. We would like to encourage everyone to attend our General Council meeting scheduled for Sunday, December 14th at 10 am, to get a complete update on all the departments as we are moving with many new adventures. We just initiated a new "ENERGY DRINK" that is a product of Big Sandy Rancheria, with many taste tests of this new product "T-ZOW" is now available at the General Store. You will be amazed how delicious this energy drink is and are very impressed with the artwork on the label to include the Tribes logo. We have added our energy drink to our Tobacco Distribution Order Form and will be shipping products to other Tribal Nations, to be sold in their convenience stores/casinos. Wishing you all a happy holiday season.

Council	Meeting	Tribal Office Holiday Schedu		
Tribal Council	General Council	Date	Holiday	
Wednesday, November 26,2025	Sunday, December 14, 2025	Tuesday, November 11, 2025	Veterans Day	
Wednesday, December 17, 2025			Thanksgiving Day	
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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

November 13, 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, November 20, 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

November Birthdays

Happy Birthday

Xochitl Barajas Nicholas Baty Brianna Beecher Subabzai Beecher Marissa Calderon **James Cogdell III Jenny Cruz** Ruben Duran Whalen Edd Carlos Espinoza Linda Gagne Kristen Guizar Patricia Hall Lorna Huerta **Tiffany Jeff Nathaniel Johnson-Sias** Randy Lewis

Monica Marquez **Maysholet Marquez** Alexia Marquez **Haley Martinez** Joel Marvin **Destiny Marvin** Linda Minihane Jewels Moore Micheal Nephew **Desiree Oliver** Jamie Oliver Jordan Oliver **Josephine Oliver-Tenorio Daniel Ortiz Anavey Pacheco** Alexandra Perez **Arleen Richards**

Reyann Riley

Anthony Riley Jr Savannah Rodriguez **Arrow Sample Mariah Sandoval Nancy Santillian** Benjiman Sheddan Katalina Soto **Speciahl Stevenson** Karla Sylvas **Alexis Telles Kyle Telles Jeannie Valles** Alyssa Villanueva Tanya Walker **Aimee Wison Wynonna Woods Neveah Woods**

Big Sandy Rancheria Elders

Hello Elders

I hope you're all doing well. Wow! Months are flying by, and our elders have been busy. On September 28 through October 3rd 2025 four elders attended the National Elders Conference in Oklahoma on the Choctaw nation it was a very informative conference, they got to meet Elders from all over the USA, Canada and Alaska they also got to visit the Choctaw Cultural center, what an amazing museum. On October 6 was our Fresno Fair Senior Day outing elders enjoyed corn dogs, cinnamon rolls, visited all the exhibits and had an amazing day there. After we all had lunch at El Pueblito Mexican restaurant. At the elders luncheon we had guest speakers from Crime Victim Assistant Center they passed out information and explained their services located in Fresno. On October 23, 2025, Our Elder Pearl Hutchins was honored at the 56th annual awards ceremony in Pechanga Casino Resort. She was honored for her dedication to teaching and preserving our culture. Congratulations Aunt Pearl it is a well-deserved honor you are always willing to share and teach without any compensation. On October 24, 2025, Turtle Lodge held their annual community dinner where they honored 5 elders from Big Sandy congratulations to Brenda Harrison, Janine Vella, Darrel Telles, James Robertson Jr and Deborah Cunningham. On October 25, 2025, Sierra Mono Museum invited our tribal elders for a tour and even though I was unable to attend it was nice to see some of our elders still make there way over. I am working on Dates for our Elders Christmas at Chukchansi we usually have a nice dinner and exchange gifts. The next elder luncheon is on November 13, 2025, at noon we will also have another guest from the Disability rights of California they will do a small presentation. If you have any questions, please contact myself Leann Anguiano

Senior Day at the Big Fresno Fair







Steve Cape, Gina Mangiarelli, Aleda Cogdell, Tammy Riley, Jane Stamp, Antone Riley, Janine Vella, Ruthie Beecher, Mae Berry and Roberta Perez























Elders Luncheon

James Rowland—Crime Victim Assistance Center

Gave a presentation on what services are offered to the community, some of the services: are: Assault, Crimes Against the Elderly, Elderly Abuse, Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and much more. For more information you can contact:

Fresno County Plaza, 2220 Tulare Street, Suite1111



Fresno Ca 93721 (559) 600-2822 Monday—Friday 8:00—12:00 / 1:00—5:00

























Honored Elders Award—Pearl Hutchins



Ms. Pearl Hutchins, a western Mono from Big Sandy Rancheria, has dedicated her life to preserving and sharing her community's Culture. Her compassion for teaching is reflected in her commitment to oral history, cultural presentation, and language preservation. For over 30 years, Pearl has represented Big Sandy Rancheria and Auberry on the Central Valley Indian Health Board, and for more than 40 years, she's been active with the California Indian Basket weavers Association, promoting Tribal artistry and knowledge. Pearl has served several terms on the Big Sandy Tribal Council and has championed health, education, and cultural Preservation. Pearl's talents extend to painting, sewing, quilting, and cooking. She curated and displayed traditional baskets, medicinal plants, soaproot brushes, and foods and most importantly, has been integral to preserving the Mono language. She compiled a Mono language dictionary and is working on a calendar featuring her art, with translations in both English and Mono. Though Pearl is retired she continues to mentor other in basket weaving, traditional foods, native plants and our Mono language. CONGRATULATIONS on an award well deserved!!

SIERRA TRIBAL CONSORTIUM—HONORING ELDERS



Janine Vella, Darrel Telles, James Robertson, Brenda Harrison and Deborah Cunningham





















Fall Festival

























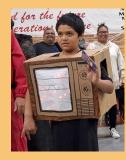














BSR ECE DEPARTMENT

Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Early Childhood Education Department

Germ Proof Your Child:

Here are a few tips to keep your family healthy during the cold and flu season. 1) Hand Washing: hands should be washed for 20 seconds. This should be done before meals, after bathroom breaks, and if your child touches other kids, toys, and pets. 2) Keep wipes & sanitizing gel while on the go. 3) Sneeze and cough into a tissue. Or use the crook of your elbow 4) Do not let your child share drinks, utensils, or personal items with anybody. Including you and siblings.

Just a reminder to pack an extra pair of clothes, shoes, and sweater or jacket for your child

We are still accepting applications for Head Start for the 2025–2026 school year!

Children who will be 3 years old by September 1st or are 4 years old are eligible for Head Start.

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:

Veterans' Day

November 11th, 2025

Community Food

<u>Bank</u>

November 20th, 2025

Centers Closed: ECE

Staff Development

Day

November 21st, 2025

Centers Closed:

Thanksgiving Week

November 24th to 28th, 2025

Centers Reopen:

December 1st, 2025

BSR Environmental Department November 2025

Why Recycle Abandoned Vehicles?

Recycling abandoned vehicles is beneficial year-round. Winter is a beneficial time because it helps prevent environmental hazards such as toxic fluids leaking during freezing and thawing cycles, improves community safety, and creates space, aligning with broader goals of resource conservation and reduced pollution. If you have an abandoned vehicle you would like to have removed, please contact Rebecca Riley @ (559) 374-0046.

MATTRESS RECYCLING!

Open to BSR tribal members, the environmental department, in partnership with the Mattress Recycling Council, is collecting discarded mattresses. Upcoming dates: November 19th and December 17th from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. For any questions, please call Rebecca Riley @ (559) 374-0046 if you need assistance with disposing of your mattresses.

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What is Ozone?

Ozone can be good or bad for a healthy environment, depending on where it's found in the atmosphere. Stratospheric Ozone is the Earth's sunscreen. It is good because it protects living things from ultraviolet radiation from the sun. Ground-level ozone is bad because it can trigger a variety of health problems, particularly for children, the elderly, and people of all ages who have lung diseases such as asthma. Ozone sticks around when weather conditions are such that the air stays in place. Adding that to a deep snowpack, ozone is likely to be created more readily. Bad air can get trapped low to the ground due to a phenomenon known as temperature inversion. When there is snow on the ground and sunshine, this sunlight is reflected, creating warmer air above the surface.

Environmentally friendly Holidays!!! Reduce, reuse, repair, and recycle

Electronics, clothes, plastics, and other items we buy cause carbon emissions at each point in production, from the extraction of raw materials to manufacturing and transporting goods to market. To protect the climate, buy fewer things, shop second-hand, and repair what you can. Plastics alone generated 1.8 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions in 2019 – 3.4 percent of the global total. Less than 10 percent is recycled, and once plastic is discarded, it can linger for hundreds of years. Buying fewer new clothes – and other consumer goods – can also reduce your carbon footprint. Every kilogram of textiles produced generates about 17 kilograms of CO2e.



For information or any questions contact:

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



Social Services Department

Calendar of Events for Community Resource Center and Beyond for November 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

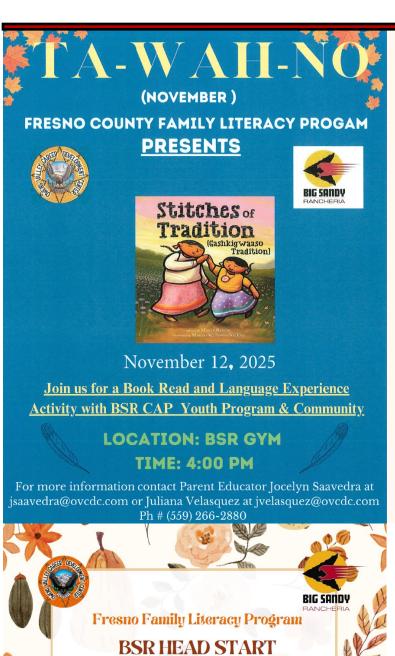
ssbsr1@bsrnation.com or sscoord@basrnation.com

Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP)

Big Sandy Rancheria hosted a meeting for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Taskforce on October 27th. The meeting was attended by 30 people and included representatives from BSR, North Fork Rancheria, Dunlap, Cold Springs, and other Tribes. Other participants included Fresno County Board of Supervisor member Luis Chavez, a representative from Fresno County Board of Supervisor member Nathan Magsig, detectives from the Fresno County Sheriff's Office, representatives from Fresno State University, Fresno County Department for Social Services, Fresno County Department for Public Health, Indigenous Justice, and Fresno American Indian Health Project (FAIHP) among others.

They were welcomed by BSR Tribal Council and the meeting began with a prayer from Audrey Osborne. There was discussion of the preventative work around MMIP as well as finding justice for past victims. BSR's grant will include working with the Marjaree Mason Center with a dedicated case manager for Native American cases, training and prevention programs around Human trafficking from the Central Valley Against Human Trafficking Program and partnering with the Sheriff's Office to build greater understanding, awareness, and responsiveness to the issue.

Date	Time	Event	Location
11-10	9:00-12:00 pm	Community Crafting	Auberry Community Resource Center
11-14	9:00-12:00 pm	Community Crafting	Auberry Community Resource Center
11-14	1:00-4:00 pm	One on One Substance abuse Counseling Disorder Counseling available (by appointment only)	Auberry Community Resource Center
11-18	10:00-12:00 pm	Elderberry Syrup Demonstration with Michelle Pipkin	Big Sandy Rancheria
11-19	9:00-3:00 pm	DSS eligibility for services (CalFresh, Medi-Cal, Cash Aid, etc.)	Auberry Community Resource Center
11-20	10:00-12:00 pm	Big Sandy Food Bank	Big Sandy Rancheria
11-25	5:30-7:00 pm	Sacred Circle and Medicine Wheel	Auberry Community Resource Center











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





WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS

11-5, 11-7, 11-12, 11-14

11-19 , 11-26 LOCATION: BIG SANDY GYM

37387 Auberry Mission RD , Auberry CA 93602

For additional information contact nikie smith @bsrcap5@bsrnation.com or call (559)374-0066





S:00 - 8:00 PM











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





BIG SANDY RANCHERIA

outh 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 1422 welcome.

November Date: 11/20/25 @4pm.

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







Come and see us

FLU SHOT CLINIC 2025

ONLY FLU SHOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Big Sandy: Big Sandy Gym

37387 Auberry Mission Rd. Auberry Ca. 93602

10/30/25 10 am-12 pm

11/20/25 10 am-12 pm

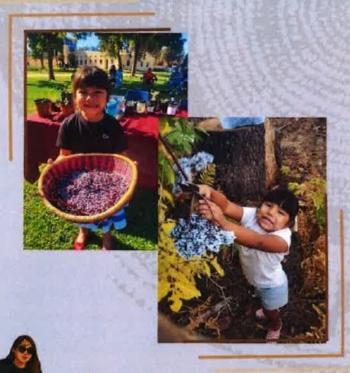
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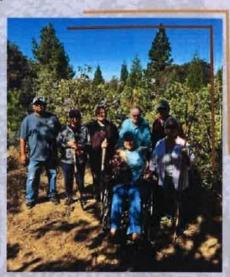
For more information contact the Central Valley Indian Health Outreach Dept. 559-299-2634

Herberry Demonstrati

JOIN GARDEN COORDINATOR, MICHELLE PIPKIN, TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE ELDERBERRY SYRUP, A TRADITIONAL REMEDY KNOWN FOR SUPPORTING THE IMMUNE SYSTEM AND REDUCING COLD AND FLU SYMPTOMS. MICHELLE WILL WALK YOU THROUGH THE PROCESS, SHARE TIPS, AND HIGHLIGHT THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF THIS POWERFUL BERRY.

November 18th. 2025 10am-12pm Big Sandy Rancheria Gym 37387 Auberry Mission Rd Auberry, CA 93602

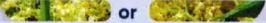






For more information Contact:

Alisa (559) 320-0490 etc. 605





Michelle (559) 320-0490 etc. 502









BIG SANDY RANCHERIA

HERITAGE DINNER

November is Native American Heritage Month. This month was established to honor and recognize Native American as the first people of this nation and to celebrate both their cultural heritage and integral importance to our past, our present, and our future.

NOVEMBER 21ST 5:00-7:00PM

Join us as we remember and share traditions and uplift each other while we sit as a strong community and feast on a delicious meal.

Location: 37387 Auberry Mission Rd Auberry CA, 93602

Contact: Brandi Kelley for more information at bkelley@bsrnation.com







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NOVEMBER 2025



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DECEMBER 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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7	8 Gingerbread House Making 6:00pm-8:00pm	9 Beaded Ornaments 6:00pm-8:00pm	10 Basketball Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	11 Flu Vaccination 10:00am-12:00pm ELDERS LUNCHEON 12:00PM Winter Craft Night 6:00pm-8:00pm	12 Produce Box Giveaway 1:00pm-3:00PM KIDS BINGO 6:00PM	13 ADULT BINGO 6:00PM
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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

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