



# SMOKE SIGNALS

February 2022

## A MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

Munahoo Neum,

Tzow Pasikwa, meaning Good February. Happy Valentine's Day! Just a reminder to keep doing your part in helping reduce this pandemic. Make sure to keep your mask on when indoors and to wash your hands regularly. If we all keep doing these simple and effective techniques it will dramatically help the cause.

The Tribe recently had a new high speed diesel pump installed. This is a nice addition to the Fuel Station and should help with the traffic build up.

The Big Sandy Rancheria website has been updated. Please when you have a chance, check it out and all the opportunities and information that it has to offer at [bigsandyrancheria.com](http://bigsandyrancheria.com).

At home covid tests are now available for Big Sandy Rancheria tribal members to order. Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Order your tests now so you have them when you need them. The link to order tests is <https://www.covidtests.gov/>. If there are any questions or if you need help ordering for your household, please call the Tribal Office.

The Council is currently considering the status of the upcoming General Council meeting in March due to Covid concerns. Please look out for more information next month. Like always thank you all 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, February 23, 2022	Sunday, March 27, 2022	Monday, February 21, 2022	Presidents Day
Wednesday, March 30, 2022	Sunday, June 26, 2022	Friday, May 27, 2022	National American Indian Day
Wednesday, April 27, 2022	Sunday, September 25, 2022	Monday, May 30, 2022	Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 25, 2022	Sunday, December 11, 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, February 17, 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.



# TRIBAL ELDER'S Quarterly Meeting

Second Thursday of the month at 12:00pm

## FEBRUARY 10, 2022

- 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.

### Western Mono Language

#### Mono Language Valentines Word Search

Find the bolded Mono Language words.

Flower

**Heu-be-gha'**

Flowers are growing in the valley.

*Heu-be-gha' teu-beau-whey' nah-duh.*

Heart

**Seu-mahp**

He has a good heart.

*Mahu tzow seu-mahp gay.*

Sweets

**Pee-haht**

l	b	k	a	m	p	p	j	z	s
r	k	x	h	v	o	q	s	u	l
t	a	t	g	l	v	p	t	o	m
l	n	i	e	u	q	s	a	y	l
g	k	b	b	w	a	y	c	z	d
e	f	u	u	a	f	p	t	k	t
p	k	s	e	u	m	a	h	p	u
n	q	t	h	a	h	e	e	p	q
k	b	t	c	h	k	r	s	j	p
p	u	d	g	e	n	h	t	l	e

Love

**Sut-saa'**

I love my family.

*Nu sut-saa' ee nim.*

Hug

**Tza-pom**

Go hug your grandmother.

*Eu muah tza-pom a-gah.*



## February Birthdays

Julie Adkins  
Gilbert Beecher  
Howtza Thomas Beecher  
Rudy Colmenero  
Stephanie Coston  
Autumn Davis  
Robert Davis  
Brieanna Gillihan  
Robert Harlan  
Rebecca Hodges  
Logan Johnson  
Nadia Johnson  
Teresa Johnson

Rayetta Lara  
Constance Lewis  
Kristine Lewis  
Michael Minihane  
Phillip Moore  
Winston Moore  
Zachariah Oliver  
Naomi Orosco  
Giovanni Patty-Gallo  
Jonathon Reid  
Annie Riley  
Douglas Riley  
Fabian Riley

Virginia Riley  
Robert Robertson  
Larissa Rodriguez  
Quintin Rodriguez  
Samuel Samaniego  
Shaniah Samaniego  
Michael Sandoval  
Grant Sewell  
Theodore Stankewitz  
Michael Turner  
Paul Valles  
Theresa Williams-Lundy



Big Sandy Rancheria  
Social & Human Services Department

## Victims Assistance Program Monthly Zoom Meeting

**WEDNESDAY**

February 2, 2021

@ 1:30PM

Emergency Budgeting (continued)

**WEDNESDAY**

February 16, 2021

@ 1:30PM

Community Resources

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

For the month of January our students were learning about buildings and construction. Pictures of the local general store, CVIH clinic, and the elementary school were just a few examples of the pictures posted around the classroom. The students were very excited to point out the different places they see on their way to school.

During outdoor time the kiddos have a chance to wear hard hats and use measuring tape to “build”.

For the classroom Valentine’s card exchange, students will be able to bring a card and or candy to give to their friends. Students will decorate a bag at school to store their goodies to be enjoyed at home.

### Reading Tips for Parents of Preschoolers:

Read early and read often. The early years are critical to developing a lifelong love of reading. It's never too early to begin reading to your child!

**1)** Read together every day: Read to your child every day. Make this a warm and loving time when the two of you can cuddle close. **2)** Be interactive: Discuss what's happening in the book, point out things on the page, and ask questions. **3)** Read with fun in your voice: Read to your child with humor and expression. Use different voices. **4)** Know when to stop: Put the book away for awhile if your child loses interest or is having trouble paying attention. **5)** Read it again & again: Go ahead and read your child's favorite book for the 100th time!

## Special Day

### Reminders

#### Valentine’s Day Card

##### Exchange

February 14th, 2022

#### Community Food Bank

February 17th, 2022

##### Closed: Staff

##### Development Day

February 18th, 2022

#### Closed: President’s Day

February 21st, 2022

#### Closed: Mid-Winter

##### Break

February 22nd thru  
February 25th, 2022

#### Head Start Reopen

February 28th, 2022

559 374 0066 ext.216



## BSR ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

February 2022



# For Mother Earth

## Consider Recycling USED MOTOR OIL & OIL FILTERS

Recycling and reusing used motor oil is preferable to disposal and can provide great environmental benefits. Recycled used motor oil can be re-refined into new oil, processed into fuel oils, and used as raw materials for the petroleum industry.

Some of the many reasons to reuse and recycle used oil include:

- Recycling used oil keeps it from polluting soil and water.
- Motor oil does not wear out—it just gets dirty—so recycling it saves a valuable resource.
- Less energy is required to produce a gallon of re-refined base stock than a base stock from crude oil.
- One gallon of used motor oil provides the same 2.5 quarts of lubricating oil as 42 gallons of crude oil.

Local Use Motor Oil and Motor Oil Filter collection site:  
Ace Hardware – Prather - 855-8348.

- If you need assistance or have question about HHW, contact Rob Perez @ 374-0066 Ext# 224.

### Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Please consider proper disposal of HHW you no longer need. These chemicals are hazardous to our environment.

- Common items – paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides.
- Look at the labels for hazard clues – danger, warning, caution, toxic, corrosive, flammable, poison...
- Contact the Environmental Department or see Rob if you need assistance with proper disposal.

## *WATER TALK!* *WHAT IS AN* *AQUIFER?*



About 30 percent of California's total annual water supply comes from groundwater in normal years, and up to 60 percent in drought years. Local communities' usage may be different; many areas rely exclusively on groundwater while others use only surface water supplies. Contrary to popular opinion, groundwater does not exist in underground lakes. Groundwater fills pores (spaces) between sand, gravel, silt and clay in water-bearing formations known as aquifers.

<https://www.watereducation.org>

For more information on any programs, services or events of  
BSR's Environmental Department, please contact:  
Sue Carter \* 374-0066 Ext#204 \* [suecarter@bsmation.com](mailto:suecarter@bsmation.com)



## ***Work Force Development***

The crew has been very busy this year. They have been concentrating on two trail projects. Building the bridges on the Lewis Creek trail in Oakhurst, and working on the construction of the San Joaquin River Trail at Redinger Lake. If you have any questions please contact Rick Fleming WFD Manager (559) 374-0066 ext. 230.



*Removing big rocks to create wall trail*



*Trail after 75% filled, almost finished*



*Before removing trees from trail*



*After removing trees from trail*



# JOIN US IN A COOKING CLASS

February 8th and 22nd  
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



BIG SANDY RANCHERIA  
CAP DEPARTMENT



# MONO LANGUAGE

PA-SI-KWA (FEBRUARY)  
AKA-BANA-GHEE-THEA.  
(COLOR:RED)

FEBRUARY 7th, 14th, 28th  
Zoom starts 4pm

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE *Every Monday learn NEW  
Mono words through:  
hands-on activities*

- \* Making a Kite
- \* Making Animal Masks
- \* Making "i love u" Cards

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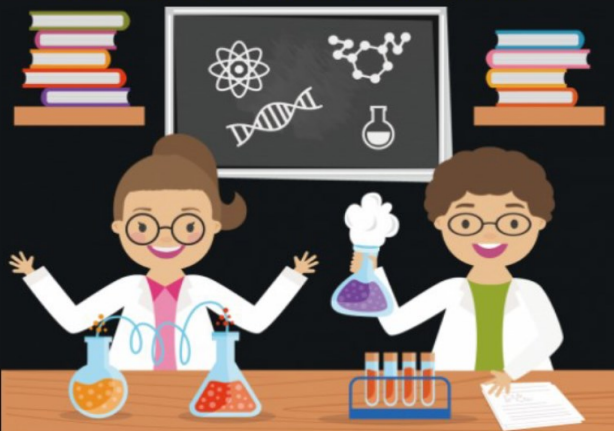
PASSCODE  
familytime

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CAP DEPARTMENT (559)374-0066  
FEATHER.FMONTENEGRO@BSRNATION.COM

BIG SANDY RANCHERIA  
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT  
FAMILY FORMATION

# SCIENCE DAYS

TUESDAYS IN FEBRUARY



Zoom Meeting Tuesdays at 5:00pm  
Meeting ID: 478 168 0681  
Password: 003355

for more information contact  
CAP Staff at 374-0066





# FEBRUARY

## Pa-si-kwa



Get Fit  
At Your Own  
Pace



Every Wednesday-Thursday-Friday

Meeting ID  
816 8550 4589  
PassCode  
209392

Zoom starts  
4PM

Need a stress  
Reliever,  
Exercise will  
help

### Fitness days

For More Info: CAP Department  
559-374-0066 or email  
Fmontenegro@bsrnation.com

BIG SANDY RANCHERIA COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT  
FAMILY BONDING ACTIVITY

## Sweetheart Tier Tray

JOIN US IN MAKING A FUN TIER TRAY CENTERPIECE



### WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Zoom Meetings  
Wednesdays at 5:00pm  
Meeting ID: 478 168 0681  
Password: 003355



For more information on this activity  
please contact CAP Staff at 374-0066





**BIG SANDY RANCHERIA  
CAP DEPARTMENT**



TOGETHERNESS

**TEEN TALKING  
CIRCLE**

CELEBRATION

EVERY THURSDAY IN FEBRUARY 3:30PM

**ZOOM ID  
872 6170 1036  
PASSCODE  
941597**

NATIVE

HERITAGE

Join us in connecting to our culture with  
interacting hands-on activities. All materials  
and handouts will be sent home via CAP  
deliveries.

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

## FEBRUARY CANDLE CRAFTS

Join us as we melt into your heart with a homemade gift! Via Zoom  
every Friday at 4pm! Meeting ID 673 735 6069 Passcode 642032



For more information on this activity contact the CAP Dept at  
559-374-0066 ext.214



# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Science Day ZOOM 5pm	2 BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Family Fitness ZOOM 4pm Sweetheart Tier Tray ZOOM 5pm	3 Teen ZOOM 3:30pm Family Fitness ZOOM 4pm	4 Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Family Fitness ZOOM 4pm Candle Crafts ZOOM 4pm	5
6	7 <b>TULE RIVER FOOD DISTRIBUTION 10:30-12PM</b> After School Program Delivery BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Mono Language ZOOM 4pm	8 Cooking Class ZOOM 4pm Science Day ZOOM 5pm	9 BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Family Fitness ZOOM 4pm Sweetheart Tier Tray ZOOM 5pm	10 <b>TRIBAL ELDERS MEETING 12PM</b> Teen ZOOM 3:30pm Family Fitness ZOOM 4pm	11 Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Family Fitness ZOOM 4pm Candle Crafts ZOOM 4pm	12
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27	28 After School Program Delivery BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Mono Language ZOOM 4pm					



# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Fingerprint Art ZOOM 5pm	2 BSR Computer Lab 10am Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Family Fitness ZOOM 4:30pm Birdfeeder Crafts ZOOM 5pm	3 Teen ZOOM 3:30pm Family Fitness ZOOM 4:30pm	4 Emergency Food Assistance 2-4pm Family Fitness ZOOM 4:30pm Keto Dishes ZOOM 4pm	5
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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

