

SMOKE SIGNALS

May 2023

A MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

Munahoo Neum,

Tzow Ewaniwe, good May. I would like to announce that here at the rancheria we have been very fortunate not to have any major damages from this extreme weather. If this beautiful weather we're currently experiencing stays persistent, it will allow our crews to finish up some much needed housing repairs and road work.

We're getting all prepped and ready for our 22nd Annual Powwow. The grounds are looking better and better each year, as well as our event itself. It's such an honor to be able to have an event that keeps on growing and flourishing. There are three BSR Princess contestants running this year. We wish the best of luck to all these young ladies.

Big Sandy Rancheria has recently lost one of our last remaining lineal descendants, Wilbur Beecher. As an addition to this our surrounding native communities have also experienced much devasting loses. We from BSR would like to give our condolences to all our relations. Thank you for all your time and energy and as always have a blessed rest of your month.

Council	Meetings	Tribal Office Holiday Schedule		
Tribal Council	General Council	Date	Holiday	
Wednesday, May 31, 2023	Sunday, June 25, 2023	Friday, May 26, 2023	National American Indian	
Wednesday, June 28, 2023	Sunday, September 24,2023	Monday, May 29, 2023	Memorial Day	
Wednesday, July 26, 2023		Tuesday, July 4, 2023	Independence Day	
Wednesday, August 30, 2023		Monday, September 4, 2023	Labor Day	
Wednesday, September 27, 2023		Friday, September 22, 2023	California American Indian Day	
Wednesday, October 25, 2023		Monday, October 9, 2023	Indigenous Peoples Day	
Wednesday, November 29, 2023		Friday, November 10, 2023	Veterans Day	
		Thursday, November 23, 2023	Thanksgiving Day	
		Friday, November 24,2023	Day After Thanksgiving	

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TRIBAL ELDER'S **Monthly Meeting**

Second Thursday of the month at 12:00pm

MAY 11, 2023

- Meetings are here for you to be informed about what is offered to the Tribal
- 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, May 18, 2023 9:00am-12:00pm

Big Sandy Rancheria 37387 Auberry Mission Road Auberry, CA 93602

BSR General Store

Open Everyday 6:00am-10:00pm

559-825-6645

37302 Rancheria Lane Auberry, CA 93602

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May Birthdays

Alexis Huerta Alyssa Perez Alyssa Garza **Angela Aparicio Austin Alarcon Brandi Kelley Candi Lewis** Carlos Bonilla **Danielle Salazar Douglas Stankewitz** Eli Villa **Eric Cogdell Gabriel Marvin Harrison Wesley**

Heidi Mills Isaiah Marquez Jeannette Sample Jordan Macumba Jovanni Telles **Judson Hall Julian Davis Kenneth Franco** Kiayona Beecher **Leland Jackson Loretta Sylvas** Lyle Patty Marlene Johnson Mason Walker

Michael Woods **Miles Baty Nathan Cordova** Olivia Hodges **Randy Lewis III** Reece Gillihan Reed Telles Roberta Perez Samuel Johnson Samuel III Atwell Sariah Telles Sofia Sewell Shayla Berry

Happy Birthday!!!

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SUGGESTED PHOTOS & INFORMATION:

- Original Distributees
- Photos 2023 Elders
- Your Family Tree
- Your Story
- Grinding Rock Stories &
- Baskets & Basket Designs
- Untold Stories
- Culture
- Making Acorn Mush
- Mono Hike/Trade Hike
- 1st Baptist Church
- Growing up at BSR
- Medicine Plants Wild Flower Names
- Traditional Foods
- Hunting/Fishing History of Twins
 - · What do you want those the come after you to know about the tribe?
 - · Anything you can think of to preserve your history.

CHRISSY ATWELL-VALLE

monogirl02@yahoo.com 559-359-1053 FB Messenger Chrissy Atwell



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FB Messenger Rondii Nieto Bonilla

Big Sandy Elder's

Munahoo All Elders!

I hope your Easter was a fun filled day with family and friends.

Last months meeting on April 13th, the elders
enjoyed a meal. The elders participated in a raffle, and got to
take home a plant. They enjoyed each others time
together and had fun. The elders went to the Hard Rock Casino
up near Sacramento, and had a wonderful time. The next elders
meeting will be May 11th, 2023, at 12:00pm. If you have any
questions you can contact Leann Anguiano at 559-374-0066.



Phyllis Lewis, Loretta Sylvas, Mae Berry, Jane Stamp, Tamara Riley
Valerie Cruz, Dennis Baty, Miles Baty, Samuel Atwell, Anthony Riley Sr.

Pearl Hutchins, Gina Mangiarelli, Aleda Cogdell

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: INDIAN MILLS PRESENTATION

CILS attorneys will be holding a FREE Indian Wills Presentation OPEN TO THE PUBLIC in partnership with Big Sandy Rancheria. Following the presentation, attendees will be invited to schedule an intake appointment with CILS to prepare their FREE or LOW-COST INDIAN WILL.

WHEN: Thursday, May 11, 2023 | 1 pm to 2 pm where: Big Sandy Rancheria, 37387 Auberry Mission Rd., Auberry, CA 93602

for questions, please contact the CILS Sacramento Office: 1-(800) 829-0284 (916) 978-0960





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BIG SANDY SOCIAL SERVICES

ICWA | CASE MANAGEMENT | SUPPORTIVE SERVICES



OUR SERVICES

The Social Services Department works to support BSR's Tribal families by providing culturally appropriate services, assistance, and support. By working with families and individuals we strive to identify the unique needs of each client. Our ultimate goal in providing these services is to encourage, promote, and maintain the overall health and well-being of Tribal members and their families.

For more information, please contact

Elizabeth (Liz) Taylor, Director of Social Services/ ICWA Representative

etaylor@bsmation.com

559-374-0049 - Desk phone 559-776-6322 - TEXT OR CALL

EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY

If requested we can provide personal support during educational intervention meetings including but not limited to; IEP meetings, SST meetings, and SARB hearings.

ICWA

The ICWA Rep will intervene in all eligible Child Dependency cases involving Tribal members and their children. This includes Tribal representation in State and County courts, case management, and service referrals.

OTHER SERVICES INCLUDE:

VICTIM ADVOCACY

EMERGENCY FOOD/BABY/ HYGIENE SUPPLIES

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

ASSISTANCE IN ACCESSING/IDENTIFYING RESOURCES

ADDITIONAL SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AS NEEDED



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 EXT 215 & 243

BSR Environmental Department May 2023

Groundwater

in aquifers below the surface of the Earth, is one of the Nation's most important natural resources.

Groundwater is the source of about 37 percent of the water that county and city water departments supply to households and businesses (public supply). It provides drinking water for more than 90 percent of the rural population who do not get their water delivered to them from a county/city water department or private water company.

Surface Water

Surface water is any body of water above ground, including streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands, reservoirs, and creeks. The ocean, despite being saltwater, is also considered surface water. Surface water participates in the hydrologic cycle, or water cycle, which involves the movement of water to and from the Earth's surface. Precipitation and water runoff feed bodies of surface water. Evaporation and seepage of water into the ground, on the other hand, cause water bodies to lose water. There are three types of surface water: perennial, ephemeral, and manmade. Perennial, or permanent, surface water persists throughout the year and is replenished with groundwater when there is little precipitation. Ephemeral, or semi-permanent, surface water exists for only part of the year. Ephemeral surface water includes small creeks, lagoons, and water holes. Man-made surface water is found in artificial structures, such as dams and constructed wetlands.

Thank you to all of the families who participated in the Spay/
Neuter and vaccination clinic and to the Animal Disaster team and West Side Rescue for funding this event!







For information or any questions contact:

Lori Beecher @ 374-0066 ext. 226 or Rebecca Riley ext. 240



HEADSUP

OVCDC Big Sandy Early Head Start May 2023 Newsletter

Accepting.Applications.for Encollment!

Applications for 2022-2023 school year continues to be accepted throughout the year. EHS is a comprehensive early learning program for children 6 weeks-36 months old. The EHS program delivers early learning/education, health nutrition, and family support services.

Come Join our Team!

Employment
Opportunities
-Teacher
-Site Supervisor
Open Until
Filled

Apply online @ ovedc.com

Important. Dates

May 1st: Parent Meeting (9:00-10:00 AM) May 12th: Muffins with Mom (8:30-9:00 AM) May 29th: Site Closed for Memorial Day

Reminders

Our center hours are Monday-Friday from 7:45-3:45 P.M.

Breakfast is from 8:30-9:00 A.M.

If you need any assistance, please contact us!

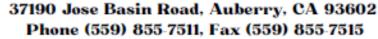












Blossom Garcia, Family/Child Service Specialist bgarcia@ovcdc.com

Head Start



Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Head Start Program

Smokey Bear stopped by for a visit on April 25th! All the students were filled with anticipation and excitement to see Smokey Bear. Cal fire and the Forestry department did a great lesson on fire safety.

May 25th will be the last day of Head Start for the 2022-2023 school year. It has been a great year of growth, friendships, and lots of fun. Our annual graduation ceremony will be May 25th at 6:00 pm at the BSR POW WOW grounds.

Parents with Head Start children moving on to Foothill next year:

Please remember to turn in any registration documents and update immunizations before the end of May this will ensure your child is pre enrolled and ready to begin in August.

We are now accepting Head Start applications for the 2023-2024 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.

Parents please remember that drop off time is between 8 am and 8:30 am. If you are going to be later than 8:30 am please call the Head Start at 374-0066 ext.216 so the teachers know to expect your child for breakfast. Head Start has a required 85% attendance policy, which is typically an absence of a day or two a month.

Special Day Reminders

Community Food Bank

May 18th, 2023

Closed: Staff

Development Day

May 19th, 2023

BSR POW WOW

May 20th & May 21st, 2023

Last Day of Head Start

May 25th, 2023

Graduation

May 25th, 2023 @ 6:00 pm

559 374 0066 ext. 216



More Information please contact: Arianna Atwell aatwell@bsrnation.com or (374)0066 ext. 207

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BSR CAP Department Presents, Community Health

HANDMADE Soap making class

6-8pm, Wednesdays in May

Come make soap while learning what each plant symbolizes. We will be making a new soap each week all separately, representing good virtue and self respect. Dinner will be provided.

If you have any questions please contact Destiny Marvin dmarvin@bsrnation.com









The Social and Human Services Department would like the community to join us in this support group. Every Tuesday In May 6-7PM we will be at the High School to walk/talk/run and even do stadiums!

MEET US THERE OR SIGN UP FOR TRANSPORTATION, LET US KNOW!

-light snack and water provided-

This night is to spread awareness and be here for any members needing

assistance with Domestic Violoence

-Upon Request Services Available-

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE - CONTACT SHANIAH TO SIGN UP - LIMITED SEATING
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT SSAMANIEGO@BSRNATION.COM

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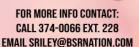
BSR CAP Department Family Bonding

CUSTOM CANDLE MAKING IN MAY

We will be making custom candles for loved ones. The first week we will be designing wax paper that will fit around your candle to give it that customized touch. Then we will work on making the candles with colors and scents of your choice. Dinner will be provided.



AT THE BSR GYM FROM 6PM-8PM ON THURSDAY'S MAY 4TH, 11TH, 18TH, 25TH





BSR PRESENTS

ELDER'S COMPUTER

TUESDAYS:11AM-1PM

19,580 If you are in need of transport please contact

Contact: Destiny Marvin



dmarvin@bsrnation.com



559 374 0066 X243







MONDAY & WEDNESDAY 11am-1pm

For the month of May we will be learning the basics of excel, simple formulas, basics of spreadsheets & more

CONTACT Destiny Marvin 559 374-0066 DMARVIN@BSRNATION.COM



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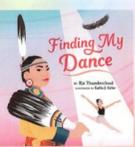


Fresno County Family Literacy & Language Program

Presents







May 11, 2023

May 25, 2023

Join us for a book read and language experience activity with BSR CAP After School Youth Program and Community

> This is a Family Formation Activity Location: BSR Gym Time: 4:30pm

For more information contact J.J. Rodriguez





MAY FAMILY FITNESS



BSR CAP Department

Basketball Night Monday's, Wednesday's and Friday's 6PM-8PM

Volleyball **Night** Tuesday's and Thursday's 6PM-8PM

Fitness Room Open 8AM-8PM Monday-Friday



Call:374-0066Ext.228 Email: sriley@bsrnation.com

BSR CAP SCHOOLS OUT TRIP TUESDAY JUNE 13TH



MONTEREY BAY AOUARIUM Sign up

Join us for an educational filled day at the Monterey Bay Aquarium to learn about our coastal ocean life. There will be different animal feedings and auditorium programs for you to attend and enjoy with your family.

Admission and Meals will be provided

MONTEREY BAY AQUARIUM

886 CANNERY ROW MONTEREY, CA 93940 Sign ups start
May 4th
Sign up deadline
is June 1st



For more info contact Saige Riley:

(559)374-0066 Ext. 228 sriley@bsrnation.com









T-shirts will be given out to those who come first, while supplies last!

Registration begins at 7:30am by the Social Services Building on Jose Basin Road

For more information please contact:

aatwell@bsrnation.com or (559) 374-0066 Ext. 207

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"HONORING FIRST RESPONDERS"

SAT, MAY 20TH SUN, MAY 21ST

GOURD DANCING 11AM GRAND ENTRY 12PM GOURD DANCING 6PM GRAND ENTRY 7PM

HAND GAME TOURNAMENT 2PM

REGISTER SATURDAY AT 1PM \$3,000 IN PRIZE CASH GOURD DANCING 11AM GRAND ENTRY 12PM

ALL DRUMS WELCOME

HAND DRUM CONTEST SATURDAY DURING DINNER BREAK - 5PM

Dance Competitions - 1st, 2nd, 3rd place

Cash Prizes for each Category

MEN: FANCY, GRASS, NORTHERN, SOUTHERN, GOLDEN AGE WOMEN:
FANCY SHAWL,
JINGLE,
NORTHERN,
SOUTHERN,
GOLDEN AGE

TEEN & JUNIOR BOYS:
FANCY & GRASS
(COMBINED)
NORTHERN &
SOUTHERN
(COMBINED)

TEEN & JUNIOR GIRLS:

FANCY SHAWL &

JINGLE
(COMBINED)

NORTHERN &

SOUTHERN
(COMBINED)

2023 HEAD STAFF

MASTER OF CEREMONIES- FRANKIE WILLIAMS, ARENA DIRECTOR- JR MANUEL,

LEAD GOURD- RON SIX BEARS ALEC, HEAD MAN- MICHAEL ROBLES, HEAD WOMEN- ERIKA MUNOZ, HEAD TEEN BOY- MURPHY BEAR MCCLOUD, HEAD TEEN GIRL- JENESIS DURAN, HEAD JUNIOR BOY- MICHAEL WOODS, HEAD JUNIOR GIRL, RAELYNN WALKER, HEAD TINY TOT BOY- BRAXTON WESLEY, HEAD TINY TOT GIRL- BELLA PEYRON NORTHERN HOST DRUM- INDIAN HILL SINGERS, SOUTHERN HOST DRUM- RED BUFFALO DRUM

COLOR GUARD- AMERICAN INDIAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION

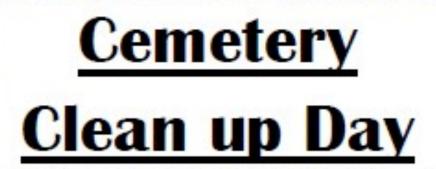
FREE EVENT OPEN TO PUBLIC

VENDOR BOOTHS
ARTS / CRAFTS

CONTACT JOEL MARVIN EXT 234

DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

WWW.BIG SANDY RANCHERIA.COM
37802 JOSE BASIN RD., AUBERRY CA 93602
FOR MORE INFORMATION 559-374-0066, LIZ KIPP EXT. 212
MATTHEW MUNOZ EXT. 213 JOEL MARVIN EXT. 234



BIG SANDY RANCHERIA TRIBAL CEMETERY

LOCATION: 37575 AUBERRY MISSION RD

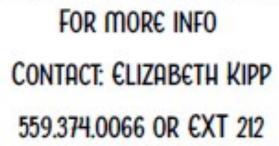
DATE: MAY 27TH, 2023

TIM€: 8:00 - 12:00PM

SANDWICHES WILL BE PROVIDED

MUST BRING YOUR OWN TOOLS!











Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Traditional Instruments 6:00-8:00pm	Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Volleyball 6:00-8:00pm	3 Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Basketball 6:00-8:00pm Handmade Soaps 6:00-8:00pm	4 Volleyball 6:00-8:00pm Handmade Soaps 6:00-8:00pm	5 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY NO CAP PROGRAMS	6
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Big Sandy Rancheria Transportation Services



We will be reducing transports to one day a week. Please make sure that you schedule your transport as soon as possible. To schedule an appointment please contact:

BSR CAP Department: Saige Riley @ (559)374-0066 ext. 228 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* SAIGE RILEY 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 Saige</u>

<u>Riley 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.

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

