

# SMOKE SIGNALS April 2024

#### A MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

Mun-a-hoo neum, tzow poo-he-theu-deu, Good April. Hope everyone is in good health and spirits. Big Sandy Rancheria had a great turn out for the Spring Gathering event, thank you to everyone that showed up. Here is the latest update on The Tribal Gaming Compact. The Tribal State Gaming Compact has been scheduled for a hearing before the legislation Committee on April 17, 2024. Tribal council are in hopes that the legislative committee will approve the compact before the summer recess occurs. Once The Secretary Of The State receives the approved compact, the compact will then be submitted to the Department of Interior in Washington D.C. Central Office of Indian Gaming and Solicitors office for review. The Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs will then execute signature on the compact. The Work Force Development crew has been doing some wood clearing out on the Auberry "Airport" property. If you need wood, please contact Matthew Munoz at (559) 374-0066 ext.213 or call the Tribal office . This year we have two princess contestants for our upcoming Pow-Wow! Both of them are tribal members too which makes it twice as exciting. Our first contestant is Jaime Oliver, the daughter of Heather Oliver, and the other is Ricki Burroughs the daughter of Michelle Burroughs. If you see these two princesses going around selling tickets, please support both these great candidates. The next general council meeting will be on June 30<sup>th</sup>. here at the BSR GYM. Hope to see you all there and like always

Council Meetings		Tribal Office Holiday Schedule		
Tribal Council	General Council	Date	Holiday	
Wednesday, April 24, 2024	Sunday, June 30, 2024	Friday, May 10, 2024	National American Indian Day	
Wednesday, May 29, 2024	Sunday, September 29, 2024	Monday, May 27, 2024	Memorial Day	
Wednesday , June 26, 2024	Sunday, December 15, 2024	Thursday, July 4, 2024	Independence Day	
Wednesday, July 31, 2024		Monday, September 2, 2024	Labor Day	
Wednesday, September 25, 2024		Monday, October 14, 2024	Indigenous People's Day	
Wednesday, October 30, 2024		Monday, November 11, 2024	Veterans Day	
Wednesday, November 27,2024		Thursday, November 28, 2024	Thanksgiving Day	
Wednesday, December 18,2024		Friday, November 29, 2024	Day after Thanksgiving	
		Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve	
		Wednesday, December 25, 2024	Christmas	

thank you for your time and energy have a blessed rest of your month.

**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.



#### **April Birthdays**

	HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
Dakota Ballard	Tiffany Lewis	Jessica Richards-Short	
Rita Barrientos	Wakinyan Lozano	Sierra Riley	
Bret Begaye	Joseph Macumba	Irissa Riley	
Teresa Berry	Dena Martinez	Wilbur Robertson	
Celestina Bonilla	Dillion Marvin	Brandi Robertson	
Andre Brown	Amy Marvin	Ruby Rodriguez	
Elliot Carpenter		Vanessa Santillian	
Mechelle Davis Aiyana Espinoza	King Moore	Christina Servantes	
	Donna Oliver	Emily Sewell Victoria Sewell	
Árianna Garcia	Heather Oliver	Sharon Simpson-Baty	
Jocelynn Herrera Oliver	Tatianna Oliver	Glenda Stankewitz-Kasper	
Bessie Hodges	Raelene Osborne	Edgar Williams	
Pearl Hutchins	Brittany Patty	Donald Vore	
Sienna Johnson	Helga Paxson	Yalanda Walker Ruben Walker III	
Beverly Lewis	Michael Perez		

#### **Big Sandy Rancheria Elders**

#### Hello Elders,

BSR would like to welcome our newest Elders Robert Hutchins Jr. and Dawn "Tippy" Lavell. Robert became an elder on March 2nd and Dawn on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Welcome both of you to the Elder community. Elders luncheon went well. The elders celebrated St. Patrick's Day and Easter all in one luncheon. There was 19 elders that attended this luncheon. A handful of Elders went on the Zoo Trip with the CAP department last month. They enjoyed the Zoo. Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Elders will go on a total of two trips this year. One of the trips will be the Acorn Festival, at Black Oak Casino. The second elder trip has not yet been decided. Please be patient. All of the elders will be informed as soon as one is scheduled. This is a reminder, elders that are 55-59year's old are not eligible to receive the water and food boxes. The funding is from CIMC the program has an age limit of 60years. old. So you will not be eligible for these items until you turn 60 yrs. old and you must live within the service area. The next Elders meeting/luncheon will be on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm at the BSR GYM. Hope to see you all there. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Leann Anguiano. languiano@bsrnation.com or cell phone number 559-917-1674.

# Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Elders



Pearl Hutchins, Mae Berry, Theresa Williams-Lundy



Jane Stamp and Ta<mark>mara</mark> Riley



**Jeannie Valles** 



Regina Rhoan and Theresa Williams-Lundy



**Tamara Riley** 



Phillip Moore , Loretta Sylvas, Jane Stamp, Jeannie Valles, Theresa Williams-Lundy, Connie Lewis, Anthony Riley, Leann Anguiano, Jeanette Sample, Lori Beecher, Pearl Hutchins, Miles Baty, Douglas Riley, Tamara Riley, James Cogdell, Aleda Cogdell, Gina Mangiarelli, Matthew Munoz, Joel Marvin Mae Berry



Aleda Cogdell and Jim Cogdell



**Gina Mangiarelli** 



Tamara Riley and Anthony Riley



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### OVCDC Big Sandy Early Head Start April 2024 Newsletter

### Accepting.Applications.for Enrollment[\_

We are accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school 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.

### ImPortant.Dates

EHS Spring Gathering: TBA April 26th: Center Closed 1/2 Day for Staff Development

### 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!







37190 Jose Basin Road, Auberry, CA 93602 Phone (559) 855-7511, Fax (559) 855-7515 Blossom Garcia, Family/Child Service Specialist, bgarcia@ovcdc.com Nikita Henderson, Site Supervisor, nhenderson@ovcdc.com



# BSR Head Start

#### Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Head Start Program

In March, we had a roaring good time with a special visit from our forest friend, Smokey Bear! Our class was delighted to learn all about fire safety and the importance of taking care of our environment. Smokey Bear and his friends shared a story and taught us sign language. A big thank you to Smokey Bear for making our day extra special!

Our little egg-hunters had a blast at our annual Easter Egg Hunt! The kids were excited as they dashed around, searching high and low for eggs. It was a joyous celebration of springtime!

We hope everyone has a fun and relaxing spring break and will see you on April 2nd. Parents please remember that drop off is between 8 am and 8:30 am. If you are going to be later than 8:30 am please call the Head Start, so the teachers know to expect your child for breakfast.

## Special Day Reminders

#### Spring Break:

March 19th thru April 1st,

2024

Head Start Reopens:

April 2nd, 2024

#### Community Food Bank

April 18th, 2024

#### Closed: Staff Development

<u>Day</u>

April 26th, 2024

559 374 0066 ext. 216





### **BSR Environmental Department April 2024**

#### Why is Groundwater Important to Humans

Contaminated groundwater can make people sick. Water infrastructure requires regular maintenance. Groundwater sometimes contains naturally present germs and harmful chemicals from the environment, such as arsenic and radon. More often, however, human activities contaminate ground water.

The United States uses 82.3 billion gallons per day of fresh groundwater for public supply, private supply, irrigation, livestock, manufacturing, mining, thermoelectric power, and other purposes.

The most common method to access groundwater is by drilling wells into the aquifer systems. Rainwater seeps through the earth into these systems, resulting in natural, clean groundwater

#### Community Clean-up April 15th through the 19th

A roll off will be available all week at the transfer station, all items need to be put inside of the roll off bin. Do not leave items next to the to the roll off. Items that cannot be dumped; motor oil, flammable liquids.

#### What is Composting?

Composting is the natural process of recycling organic matter, such as leaves and food, scraps, into a valuable fertilizer that can enrich soil and plants. Composting simply speeds up the process by providing and ideal environment for bacteria, fungi, and other decomposing organisms (such as worms sowbugs, and nematodes) to do their work in your composting pile.

#### Why Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

It helps sustain the environment for future generations. Reduces the amount of waste that will need to be recycled or sent to landfills and incinerators. Allows products to be used to their fullest extent. It also saves landfill space by keeping useful materials out.

#### BSR Community Swap Meet Earth Day

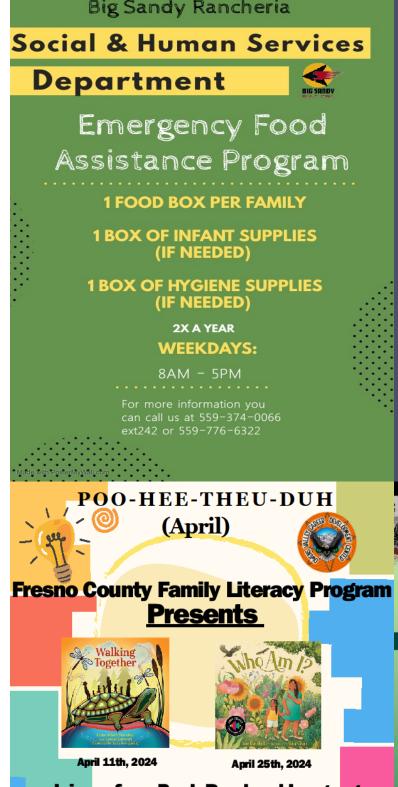
When: April 20, 2024 8am—12pm Where: 33041 Oakview Terrace Complex Auberry Ca. 93602 For information or questions: Contact: Lori Beecher @ 374-0066 ext.226



For information or any questions contact:

Lori Beecher @ 374-0066 ext. 226 \*lbeecher@bsrnation.com \* Rebecca Riley ext. 240

**Big Sandy Rancheria** 



Join us for a Book Read and Language Experience Activity with BSR CAP Youth **Program & Community** 

#### **Location: BSR Gym** Time: 4:30

For more information contact Parent Educators Jocelyn Saavedra (jsaavedra@ovcdc.com) or Juliana Velasquez (jvelasquez@ovcdc.com) at (559) 226-2880



## SANDY ocial Services



#### **OUR SERVICES**

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The Social Services Department works to support BSR's Tribal Familes by ensuring they have services, assistance and support. By working with each individual and family we can identify and access ungive needs. Our goal is to encourage, promote and maintain the overall health and well being of Tribal Members and their families.

ICWA The ICWA Rep will intervene in

all eligible Child Dependency Cases involving Tribal Members and their children. This includes Tribal representation in court, case management, and service referrals.

#### **EDUCATIONAL**

#### ADVOCACY

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

OTHER SERVICES

> Victim Advocacy Emergency F00d/Baby/Hygiene Supplies > Educational Outreach Assistance In Identifying/Accessing Resources > Additional Supportive Services

CONTACT SSAMANIEGO®BSRNATION.COM OR DESK 559-374-0066 EXT242 OR CELL 559-776-6322



Monday's, Tuesday's & Wednesday's in April

11am-1pm At the computer lab you can work on the following topics:

- Complete School work, GED, classes, etc.
- Driver's Training, including practice tests
- Strengthening Computer Skills

There will be Driver's training curriculum provided. Come out and practice until you feel confident enough to pass the **Drivers Test** 

For More Info Contact Saige Riley Email: sriley@bsmation.com Phone: (559)3740066 X 228





### EDUCATIONAL FAMILY+FRIENDS



**BSR CAP Department** Family Fitness

FILMS NIGHT ENJOY A NIGHT OF () During: HOMEMADE DINNER AND 1st, 8th, 15th,22nd,29th MOVIES PROVIDED BY THE CAP STAFF AT THE BSR GYM!

> APRIL, MONDAY 4:00-6:00PM

#### **COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIP**

For more information please contact: Arianna Atwell, aatwell@bsrnation.com or (559)374-0066 Ext. 207

For more info contact **Jimmy Llewellyn** (559)374-0066 x 228



April 3rd,10th,17th,24th

From 4pm-6pm

Wednesday Nights at the BSR Gym

Join us for a weekly walk throughout the community. We

will meet every night at the gym and begin our walk at 4:15pm.

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BSR CAP DEPARTMENT FAMILY BONDING **COOKING CLASS** APRIL 4TH, 11TH, 18TH, 25TH

BASKETBALL

COME JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY AT THE BSR GYM FROM 4PM-6PM AS WE LEARN TO MAKE KETO MEALS. KIDS 12 AND YOUNGER MUST HAVE A PARENT PRESENT TO PARTICIPATE.

BSR CAP Department Have you ever had goals you couldnt reach?

Are you held back from your goals? Now is your chance to reach and go for them.

Location: BSR Gym

April 12th, 19th, 8 26th

### Come join us

This will help you get to your goals and strive for them even harder and want them more then you thought you would. With this you will be cutting things you want out of magazines and gluing them to your board.

Light meal will be provided





For more information contact Manuel Sanchez (559)374-0066 Ext. 228

# POSITIVE CONFIDENCE BUILDING DRUN & DANCE

# PRACTICE OR SHARPEN UP YOUR STEPS AND SKILLS FOR THE POW WOW'S

# LEAD BY WILLIAM JOHNSON AKA LIL BEAR For More info contact brandi kelley 559-374-0066 April 13th & 27th 10-2pm







# Workshop

# April 9th & 23rd 4-6pm Big Sandy Gym

Bring your glasses and come and bead with us, we share knowledge about this beautiful craft! All materials are provided!! Contact Brandi Kelley to sign up or need more info. Bkelley @bsrnation.com 559-374-0066 ext.206

# **Big Sandy Rancheria**

**Community Swap Meet** 

When: April 20, 2024

8 am—12 pm

Where: 33041 Oakview Terrace Complex

Auberry Ca 93602

Reduce - the waste

Recycle - the present

Reuse - the old

BSR Environmental Department would like to invite you to join us for our community Swap Meet at Oakview Terrace complex. The purpose of these events is to educate people on how to prevent unnecessary waste.

For information or any questions contact:

Lori Beecher @ 374-0066 ext. 226



**BSR CAP Department** 

# HONORING S MOTHER'S Event

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#### Friday, May 3rd 6:00pm-8:00pm at the BSR Gym JOIN US AS WE GATHER TO HONOR OUR MOTHERS WITH A NIGHT OF FUN WITH A SMALL VOLLYBALL TOURNAMENT. LIGTH MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED





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Join us as we kick off the first morning of our powwow with a light walk/run. All ages are welcome! We will provide waters and a light snack.





# Saturday, May 18, 2024

Registration starts at 7:30am in front of the social services building at the powwow grounds.

> For more info contact: Saige Riley (559)374-0066 EXT. 228 or sriley@bsrnation.com

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# 23RD ANNUAL POWWOW & GATHERING

## "HONORING BASKETMAKERS"

# SAT, MAY 18TH SUN, MAY 19TH

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)

#### 2024 HEAD STAFF

MASTER OF CEREMONIES- FRANKIE WILLIAMS, ARENA DIRECTOR- JR MANUEL LEAD GOURD- RON SIX BEARS ALEC, Head Man- Benard Baga, Head Woman- Heidi Jaramillo Head Teen Boy- Bo Gomez, Head Teen Girl- Jaeden Legrant, Head Junior Boy- Austin James Alarcon, Head Junior Girl- Aria Naylor, Head Tiny tot Boy- Forrest Weber, Head Tiny Tot Girl- Dayle Sarabia, Northern Host Drum- Spirit Ground, Southern Host Drum- Red Buffalo Drum, Color Guard- American Indians Veterans Association

FREE EVENT OPEN TO PUBLIC

### VENDOR BOOTHS Arts/crafts

DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

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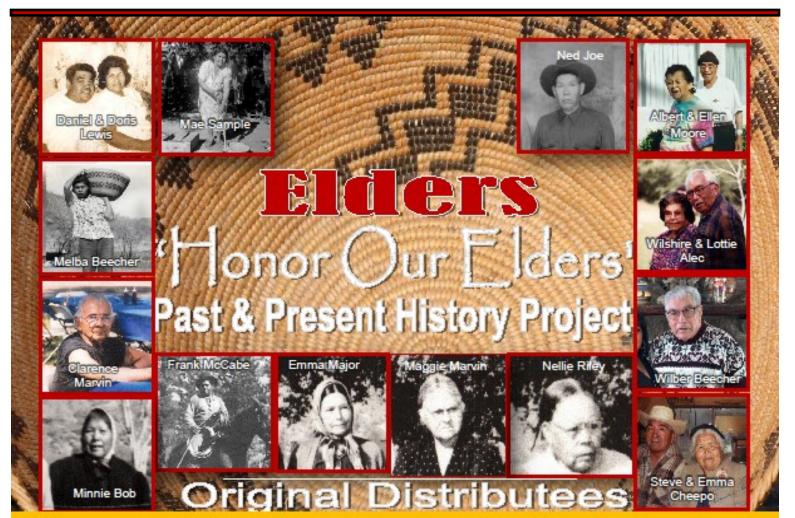
Made FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:(559)374-0066, LIZ KIPP EXT 212, MATTHEW MUNOZ EXT. 213 JOEL MARVIN EXT. 234

# 2 May 2024 MMIW/R Proclamation City of Fresno

PROTECT WOMEN

8 am Morning Prayer 9 am MMIW/R Proclamation Fresno City Hall

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We are excited to announce we are approaching the end of our BSR Project. We currently need Elder summaries and additional information regarding the history of BSR. Please call if you have photos, or information to include.

#### SUGGESTED PHOTOS & INFORMATION:

- Original Distributees
- Photos 2023 Elders
- Your Family Tree
- Your Story
- Grinding Rock Stories & Photos
- 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 who 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



RONDII NIETO rondii@yahoo.com 559-361-7242

Located: Educational Complex /Computer Lab, 37151 Jose Basin Road, Auberry, CA 93602

April	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Keto Cooking Class 4:00-6:00pm	5 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	6
					NO CAP PROGRAMS	
7	8 Community & Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Educational Cinema Nights 4:00-6:00pm	9 Community & Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Community Beading 4:00-6:00pm	10 Community & Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Walking With The Community 4:00-6:00pm	11 TULE RIVER FOOD DISTRIBUTION 10:30-12:00PM ELDERS MEETING 12:00PM Family Literacy Program Book Read 4:30pm Keto Cooking Class 4:00-6:00pm	12 Vision Boarding 4:00-6:00pm	13 Drum And Dance 10:00-2:00pm
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28	29 Community & Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm Cultural Paint 4:00-6:00pm	30 Community & Elders Computer Lab 11:00-1:00pm				

# May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 MMIW MORNING PRAYER 8:00AM MMIW/R PROCLAMATION FRESNO CITY HALL 9:00AM Family Game Nights 4:00-6:00pm	3 HONORING MOTHERS EVENT 6:00-8:00PM	4
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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 <u>Before</u> your spot can be reserved for the transportation services. Schedule appointments <u>ONLY WITH SAIGE RILEY</u> 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 Riley</u> <u>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.



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