

SMOKE SIGNALS May 2024

A MESSAGE FROM TRIBAL COUNCIL

Munahoo Neum,

Tzow Ewaniwe, good May. The Tribe is pleased to announce that the Fresno American Indian Health Project (FAIHP) satellite office located at the Oak View Terrace property in Auberry, is now fully operational. The services provided are Youth services, Substance Abuse services, Red Warrior Project-HIV/AIDS services, After School services, Native Wellness services, Cultural services for sobriety and recovery, supportive services, Care integration services, just to name a few. The offices are open Monday to Friday, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The phone number is (559) 320-0490 ext. 605.

It's that time of the season again, the flowers are out, and everything is in full bloom. It could not be better timing for our up coming 23rd Annual Powwow and Gathering on May 18th and 19th. Make sure to mark it on the calendar, and if you are a Hand Game player, get your squad together and start practicing; we are already getting teams signing up, so yah-bah-ish.

Recently, this last month, BSR hosted the Central Valley Indian Health training work session here at the gymnasium. It was a great turnout, with local sister tribes attending as well as many representatives from all types of organizations, from tribal leaders to county specialists. The meeting was focused on the Indian Child Welfare Act and its applicable laws. There were three local ICWA representatives answering questions and just giving an overall summary of how vital ICWA is and how it should be applied.

The next event that we will be having is our Honoring Mothers event May 3rd from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy a night of fun and visiting with family and friends. Also, just a friendly reminder that this upcoming May 10th is Native American Indian Day, and all tribal offices will be CLOSED. Our next general council meeting will be on June 30, 2024. Thank you for all your time and energy and, as always, have a blessed rest of your month.

Attention 2024 Graduating Tribal Members - High School/College/State University

If you are a Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Member and you will be graduating this year, Please contact

Elizabeth Kipp at phone number 559-374-0066 ext.212

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

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



Second Thursday of the month at 12:00pm

May 9, 2024

- 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



NEXT FOOD BANK

Thursday, May 16, 2024 9:00am-12:00pm Big Sandy Rancheria 37387 Auberry Mission Road Auberry, CA 93602

BSR General Store

Open Everyday 6:00am-6:00pm

559-825-6645 37302 Rancheria Lane Auberry, CA 93602

May Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Austin Alarcon
Angela Aparicio
Samuel Atwell III
Miles Baty
Kiayona Beecher
Shayla Berry
Carlos Bonilla
Eric Cogdell
Nathan Cordova
Julian Davis
Kenneth Franco
Alyssa Garza
Reece Gillihan

Judson Hall

Olivia Hodges
Alexis Huerta
Leland Jackson
Marlene Johnson
Samuel Johnson
Brandi Kelley
Candi Lewis
Randy Lewis III
Jordan Macumba
Isaiah Marquez
Gabriel Marvin
Heidi Mills
Lyle Patty
Roberta Perez

Alyssa Perez
Danielle Salazar
Jonah Salinas
Jeannette Sample
Sofia Sewell
Douglas Stankewitz
Loretta Sylvas
Sariah Telles
Jovanni Telles
Reed Telles
Eli Villa
Mason Walker
Harrison Wesley
Michael Woods

Big Sandy Rancheria Elders

Mun-a-Hoo Elders! There were twenty-three BSR elders that attended the last luncheon. The next elders luncheon will be on May 9th, at 12:00pm, in the Gym. Please save the date for May 18th and 19th for the Big Sandy Rancheria 23rd annual Pow Wow and Gathering. BSR Elders will have a booth this year to do fundraising. The funds that are made will be used for trips, dinners, movies, or whatever the group decides to do. If anyone has anything they would like to donate to the elders booth so they can use for raffle, or if someone wants to make a donation, please let Leann or Matt know at the next elders luncheon. The elders booth will also need volunteers for both days. Please stay cool as the weather is getting warmer. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Leann Anguiano at languiano@bsrnation.com or cell phone number 559-917-1674.

Big Sandy Rancheria Tribal Elders



Michelle Smith, Mae Berry, and Loretta Sylvas



Florence Dick and Phyllis Lewis

Brian Sample



Douglas Riley



Matthew Munoz, Pearl Hutchins, Lauralee Riedell, and



Phillip Moore



Jane Stamp, Connie Lewis, and **Theresa Williams-Lundy**



Tamara Riley, Mae Berry, and Anthony Riley

HEADS, UP

OVCDC Big Sandy Early Head Start May 2024 Newsletter

Accepting Applications for Enrollment!

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.

Important Dates

EHS Spring Gathering: TBA

May 24th: Center Closed 1/2 Day for Staff Development May 27th: 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!



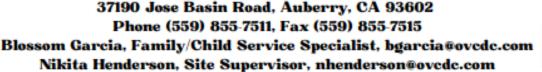














BSR Head Start



Special Day Reminders

Kindergarten Round

Up:

May 2nd, 2024

Spring/Grad Pictures:

May 7th, 2024

Closed: California

Native American Day

May 10th, 2024

Community Food Bank

May 17th, 2024

BSR POW WOW

May 18th & 19th, 2024

Closed: Staff

Development Day

May 24th, 2024

Closed: Memorial Day

May 27th, 2024

Last Day of Head Start

and Graduation

May 30th, 2024

Celebration of Success

May 31st, 2024

BSR Environmental Department May 2024

Adapting to climate Hazards

The way your communities adapts to climate change will depend on how climate change is affecting the region where that community is located. Climate change is not the same everywhere. For example in some areas it causing floods to become more frequent. In other areas it might be a heat wave that are more hazardous in your area. Indigenous and local communities live in close contact with their environment: they know it intimately, they depend on it, and are directly affected by it's degradation. It effects not only our traditional supplies for basket making it also effects our natural medicine that we use. Therefore, efforts to maintain, restore and manage a healthy environment are more likely to succeed if they intergraded into the traditional knowledge of these communities.



The Environmental Department took part in the Community Shredding Event, that was held on Saturday March 16th. Partners, Included Central Valley Community Bank and Friends of Auberry Library. There were 35 community members that participated and got rid of their unwanted papers. It was a beautiful day and so nice to see people from the community.

Here are Four Examples of Ground Water

- Artesian Well—Is a well that brings groundwater to the surface without pumping because it is under pressure within a body of rock ad/or sediment known.
- Man-Made wells—a dug well is a shallow large diameter man-made pit or hole, from which
 groundwater can be abstracted.
- Spring—is a place where water moving underground finds and opening to the land surface and emerges, sometimes as just a trickle, maybe only after a rain, and sometimes in continuous flow.
- 4. Aquifers—An aquifer is an underground layer of water-bearing material, a body of porous rock or sediment saturated with groundwater. Groundwater enters an aquifer as precipitation seeps through the soil. It can move through the aquifer and resurface through springs and wells

<u>Ground water</u> is important. Big Sandy has 4 wells that supply our community with water. We count on ground water to help keep our well running. It is very important not to waste water.





Big Sandy Rancheria

Social & Human Services

Department



Emergency Food Assistance Program

1 FOOD BOX PER FAMILY

1 BOX OF INFANT SUPPLIES (IF NEEDED)

1 BOX OF HYGIENE SUPPLIES (IF NEEDED)

2X A YEAR

WEEKDAYS:

ext242 or 559-776-6322

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OUR SERVICES

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

Emergency F00d/Baby/Hygiene Supplies > Educational Outreach Assistance In Identifying/Accessing Resources

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



FRESNO FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM











IOIN US FOR STORYTIME & LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON W/ BSR EHS CLASS

MAY 14, 2024



TIME: 11:00AM Location: BSR EHS Classroom









Victim Advocacy

> Additional Supportive Services



ORYTIME & LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE



JOIN US FOR STORYTIME & LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE IN-PERSON W/ BSR HEAD START CLASS

> Date: May 14th Time: 11:30am

Location: BSR Head Start Class

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTACT JOCELYN SAAVEDRA AT 559-226-2880 EXT. 212 OR JSAAVEDRA@OVCDC.COM





BSR CAP Department

Family fitness

May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and **29th**

 BSR GYM 4:00pm-6:00pm

Come join us every Wednesday in May to do workout sessions, light meal will be provided.



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





FAMILY FORMATION

BSR CAP DEPARTMENT

LIGHT MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT: SAIGE RILEY EMAIL: SRILEY@BSRNATION.COM PHONE:(559)374-0066 X 228



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Fresno County Family Literacy Program

Presents





May 23, 2024

May 9th, 2024

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



Location: BSR Gvm

Time: 4:30 pm

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

Workshop

Cultural Sharing and Learning

Community Beading

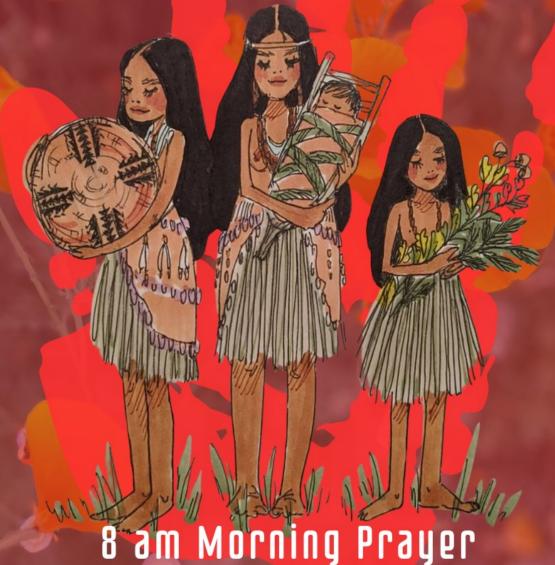


All materials are provided!! Contact Brandi Kelley to sign up or need more info. Bkelley @bsrnation.com 559-374-0066 ext.206





2 May 2024 MMIW/R Proclamation City of Fresno



PROTECT WOMEN

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



Friday, May 3rd

TIME: 6:00pm-8:00pm LOCATION: BSR Gym

The BSR CAP Department is inviting all Mother's and their families to join us at our Honoring Mother's event. We are having an appreciation dinner as well as an activity for the families to do for their Mother's. We hope to see you there.



For more info contact: Saige Riley Phone:(559)374-0066 x 228 Email:sriley@bsrnation.com



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

BIG SANDY RANCHERIA



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 12:00PM-1:30PM

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, CHICKEN DANCE WOMEN: FANCY SHAWL, JINGLE, NORTHERN, SOUTHERN,

GOLDEN AGE

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

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

2024 HEAD STAFF

MASTER OF CEREMONIES-FRANKIE WILLIAMS, ARENA DIRECTOR-JR MANUEL, HEAD TABULATOR-JAIME ROBERTSON, HEAD JUDGE-REBECCA 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 ALARCON, HEAD JUNIOR GIRL-ARIA NAYLOR, HEAD TINY TOT BOY-FORREST WEBER, HEAD TINY TOT GIRL-DAYLE SARABIA, HOST NORTHERN DRUM-SPIRIT GROUND, HOST SOUTHERN DRUM-RED BUFFALO DRUM, COLOR GUARD-AMERICAN INDIAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION

FREE EVENT
OPEN TO PUBLIC

ARTS/CRAFTS
CONTACT JOEL MARVIN 234

DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

WWW.BIGSANDYRANCHERIA.COM 37802 JOSE BASIN RD. AUBERRY, CA. 93602

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



BIG SANDY RANCHERIA POWWOW COMMITTEE PRESENTS

23RD ANNUAL POWWOW & GATHERING MAY 18 & 19, 2024

HANDGAME TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

\$3,000 IN PRIZE CASH

1ST PLACE: \$1,100

2ND PLACE: \$800

3RD PLACE: \$600

4TH PLACE: \$300

5TH PLACE: \$200

ENTRY FEE: \$80 PER TEAM

REGISTRATION: 12:00PM-1:30PM

TOURNAMENT BEGINS: 2:00PM

GIFTS FOR EACH TEAM MEMBER; FIRST

TEN TEAMS

BIG SANDY RANCHERIA POWWOW GROUNDS 37802 JOSE BASIN ROAD AUBERRY, CA 93602

CONTACT JOEL MARVIN & MATTHEW MUNOZ HANDGAME ORGANIZERS

(559)374-0066 JOEL: EXT 234 & MATT: EXT 213

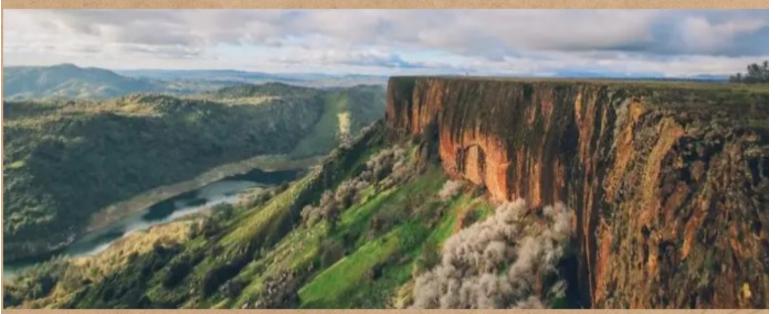
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BSR CAP Department



Community Wellness Day Hike



Date: Saturday, May 25th Time: 10am-1pm Location: McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve

Come join us for an adventurous day of hiking. If you would like to join, waivers and sign ups will be available starting Wednesday, May 1st and the deadline for sign ups is Friday, May 17th. Hope to see you there!!

We will be providing lunch.

For more info contact: Manuel Sanchez

Phone: (559)374-0066 X 228

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Big sandy Rancheria Cemetery Clean Up Day

Sunday, May 26,2024 9:00-12:00pm

Please come join us as we come together and clean up the BSR Cemetery

Sandwiches will be provided
Please bring your own tools

If you have any questions please call the office at 559-374-0066



BSR CAP DEPARTMENT IMPORTANCE OF FATHERS

HONORING FATHER'S

FRIDAY, JUNE 14TH

4:00-6:00 PM At the BSR Powwow Grounds

PLAY, EAT, AND **HAVE FUN!**

Join us as we honor our Father's with a funfilled horsehsoe tournament.

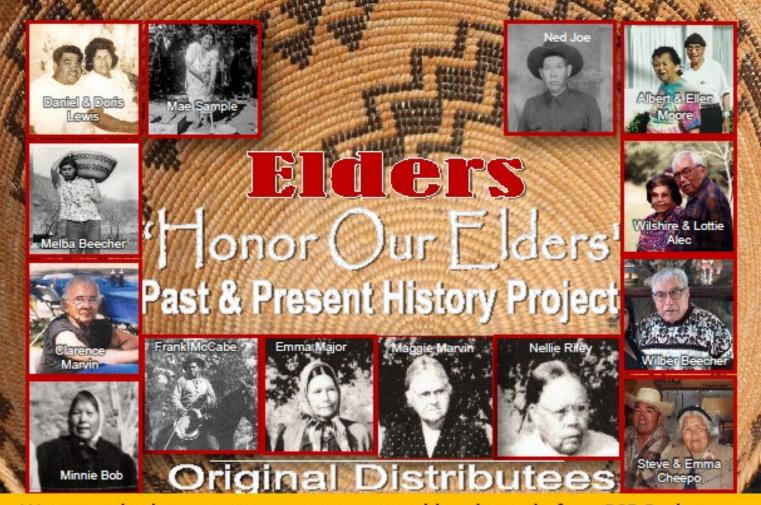






For more info contact Saige Riley Phone: (559)374-0066 x 228 Email: sriley@bsrnation.com





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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING 10:00AM						

Big Sandy Rancheria Transportation Services

We will be reducing transports to one day a week. Please make sure that you <u>schedule your transport as soon as possible.</u> 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 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 with Saige Riley 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.

ATTENTION ALL TRANSPORTATION PARTICIPANTS
Big Sandy Rancheria will be requiring updated signatures for transportation rules and regulations.

regulations.



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