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A Newsletter of the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians 3000 Shanel Rd. Hopland, CA 95449

December 2010

A Word from the Tribal Chair

Greetings Fellow Tribal Members,

As we begin to embark on a new year, I would like to inform those of you who haven't already heard about recent Tribal Council changes. We recently elected new officers. On December 4, 2010 at the scheduled monthly meeting, Mr. Roman Carrillo, Jr. announced that he was officially stepping down as Tribal Chairman. Mr. Carrillo shared with the Tribal Council that he had made his decision in part due to health advice he received from his doctor and also in an effort to give a much needed boost to the fiscal department by once again temporarily assuming the position of CFO. Mr. Carrillo is still on the Tribal Council as a member-at-large, but he is currently on another temporary leave of absence. With the Chairman's seat open, I was nominated for and voted in as the new Tribal Chairman. Subsequently, Pamela Espinoza was voted in as Tribal Vice-Chair and Suzanne Romero won the Tribal Secretary's seat.

After analyzing our internal strengths, we as a Council feel that these decisions and changes are for the best interest of the Tribe. We as a Council will continue to utilize strategic planning efforts to strive for the best success of the Tribe. We understand the importance of sound leadership, and although we are all aware that being on Council requires dedication and hard work under sometimes tough and usually stressful situations, we stand committed to all of you and realize that it is only because of you and your continued support that we are fortunate enough to assume the roles that we are in. I truly believe that the efficiency of the Tribal Council can only be enhanced by the involvement of our general membership. With the New Year rapidly approaching, I am inviting all of you who are interested in being a part of the decision-making process to come in and fill out a Committee Membership Application. I believe that membership involvement is vital to the long term success of the Tribe.

The purpose of the committees is to assist the Tribal Council in carrying out its responsibilities by providing quality services to the tribal membership. Committees and boards help the Tribe form a more efficient and cohesive government by acting in advisory capacities and making recommendations to the Council after identifying needs and determining priorities for the Tribe. One of the most recent ways a committee helped the Tribe was with the development of the Elder's Fund/Assistance Program. We trust that the additional financial support helps as a general assistance to the elders, and, although it is minimal, we are glad to be able to offer something to the most honored and respected members of our Tribe - Our Elders.

I would like to encourage members to attend and participate in the monthly Council meetings held the third Saturday of each month. Meetings are very informative, and any concerns can possibly be addressed there in open session or at a later time with the Council if the concerns involve confidential matters.

In closing, I want to assure each and every one of our members that although the office of Tribal Chairman requires an enormous commitment of time, energy, and effort, I am confident that I am ready for the challenge. I extend to all of you an open invitation to come by my office and share any concerns you may have. I have an open door policy and will put my best effort forward to make myself available to you. Thank You for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Shawn Pady

Seasons Greetings from the Tribal Court

We have been busy finalizing new Rules of Court and new Court Forms. These new Rules and Forms should make filing matters with the court easy for everyone. We are currently accepting the following matters: Name Changes, Civil Disputes, Marriages, and Simple Divorces where both parties agree to settlement terms. The Court Clerk is available to assist you and provide more information one day a week, usually on Tuesday. If you have any questions or would like to file a case please contact Beth Roesler at (707) 472-2100 Ext. 1503.

Human Resources Update

Are you looking for Part-Time or Full-Time Work? Job Vacancies are posted in the Admin Building on the front Bulletin. Our receptionist, Lonnie Zairis, will be happy to give you the list of job openings, or you are welcome to stop by and view the entire job announcement. You can also make an appointment with Angie Galupe in Human Resources at 707-472-2100 ext. 1341 to discuss the job vacancies.

Are you looking for a career change or additional training? We are working with CIMC and MPIC, two agencies located in Ukiah that provide employment placement, training and other services. If you would like more information, again please contact Angie Galupe in Human Resources at 707-472-2100 ext. 1341.

Elders Meeting January 10th

The Elders Committee is looking to honor specific elders in the New Year. The hope is that each elder selected will have his or her accomplishments, histories, and contributions to the Tribe recorded and maintained as part of the Tribe's legacy. This is still a work in progress, so come to the Elders committee meeting on January 10th at 5:00 pm in the Community Hall to contribute to this effort and help in the selection of elders. Food will be provided.

Hopland and Other Tribes working toward a California Tribal College

On September 17th the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (owners of Cache Creek Casino) held a planning meeting with other California tribes to continue the statewide effort to establish a Tribal College in California. At that meeting it was determined that each Tribe should officially appoint representatives for this process in order to continue moving forward. Since that time, the Council has appointed Matt Barnes, Education Director, as the Tribe's Student Contact Representative and, at the recommendation of the Education Committee, appointed Sandy Sigala as the Tribe's representative on the California Tribal College Advisory Group. We are very happy that they've both taken on these responsibilities for the Tribe. The next California Tribal College meeting is tentatively scheduled for this January.

Happy Holidays from the Eagle's Nest!

Here at the Eagle's Nest we would like to wish you a very Happy New Year. We have recently expanded our store and are now in the process of putting in a Gift Shop. We will be carrying new items such as T-Shirts, Hats, and many other different types of gift ideas. In the coming year, we hope to decorate the walls of the Eagle's Nest with photos of tribal member families that will help give visitors a sense of the Tribe's history. Please let me know if you have any photos we can use. I would also like to take this opportunity to invite Tribal Members with special talents to drop by and see me. We are looking for things that are hand crafted such as jewelry, trinkets, or any other items that may relate to Indian history or tradition. Please come in and visit us with any new ideas, or just to say hello.

Membership Christmas Party



This year's Membership Christmas Party was a smashing success, and we're very thankful to everyone who helped out. The casino served a wonderful meal at the Steakhouse, and every department had something special to contribute at the gym. Santa stopped by to take pictures, and there were even lots of gifts won at the raffle, including two flat panel TVs and two Nintendo Wii gaming systems. We hope that everyone had a great time and that we see even more people next year!



Hopland Tribe seeks a Small Community Transfer/Diversion Station

The efficient and dependable removal of waste is an essential service for keeping our community clean and society healthy. Imagine if your trash was not picked up!

What Is a Transfer Station?

Transfer stations play an important role in a community's total waste management system, serving as the link between a community's solid waste collection program and a final waste disposal facility. In its simplest form, a transfer station is a facility with a designated receiving area where waste collection vehicles discharge their loads.

Currently, the Tribe's drop-off site is unstaffed and unregulated, so access is unrestricted. It is unclear what wastes are disposed of in the thirty-yard container provided, and given the unrestricted access to the Tribe's dumpster, there is some suspicion that non-community members are depositing waste at the unstaffed drop-off site.

The Tribe plans to identify a convenient and environmentally sound location for the construction of the transfer facility. The facility is envisioned to be constructed with an impervious surface to prevent



Hopland's current drop-off site
(Picture taken spring of 2010)



Possible design of the new Hopland Tribal Transfer Station

soil and ground waste contamination and fenced to prohibit unrestricted access and mismanagement of the diversion options. As a part of the operation, the Tribe plans to construct a small re-use store at the facility where items which are still useable, or which can be alternately used for something other than the original intended purpose, can be diverted from the waste stream, organized, and stored to be reused by tribal members.

A well-managed small community transfer station for all community wastes will enable enhanced management and appropriate diversion by the Tribe of its waste stream. Staffing of the facility will allow the Tribe to conduct on-going community education on waste separation and diversion activities. The Hopland Tribe has appointed the Hopland Tribal Environmental Protection Agency as the lead Tribal agency to ensure the proper management of solid wastes.

Tribal EPA Environmental Assistant Ricky Parrish will be responsible for the day to day operations of the transfer station as Ricky currently manages the Tribe's solid waste program. For more information regarding the new Hopland Tribal Transfer Station, please visit the Tribal EPA department or contact:

Ricky Parrish Environmental Assistant
Phone: 707-472-2100 ex. 1302
Email: rparrish@hoplandtribe.com

Digital Storytelling and You

Do you have a story to tell? More particularly, do you have a story to tell regarding traditional practices and solid waste? Well if you have a story or know of stories, the Tribal EPA Department would appreciate your assistance this coming year as we work together to capture these stories using the latest technology. The Tribal EPA department was recently awarded a grant through the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Solid Waste for Digital Storytelling to document “Zero Waste.” This grant is being used to develop and conduct digital storytelling as part of an intergenerational project to document and transfer knowledge of how tribal elders traditionally practiced zero waste.

Digital storytelling is the concept of creating a 3 to 5 minute video narrative that is created by combining recorded voice, still and moving images, and music or other sounds. Basically it’s a new resource that’s available for anyone who has a desire to document life experiences, ideas, feelings, and other similar types of stories to be shared with others. By using this modern expression of the ancient art of storytelling, the Hopland Tribal EPA department hopes to capture the essence of your stories regarding environmental preservation practices. These will be used to educate and conduct outreach on successful waste management practices.

So what is the concept of “zero waste” you ask? Well, zero waste has several different meanings, but it is most commonly referred to as a philosophy that encourages the redesign of resource life cycles so that all products are reused. The amount of waste in our society today contributes to a highly polluted world; by integrating the concept of zero waste into your everyday lifestyle, the trash generated in your home should be minimal.

The Tribal EPA Department proposes with this RCRA Solid Waste grant to train a minimum of fifteen tribal members to capture their stories related to the impacts of solid waste production via digital storytelling. Not only does the Tribal EPA seek interest from HBPI tribal members, but also from six (6) of the neighboring tribes in Lake, Mendocino, and Sonoma counties to participate in a four (4) day workshop on digital storytelling. This workshop will be a coordinated effort with the Tribal EPA department, digital storytelling professionals, and tribal members to allow for the production of several brief videos that share each person’s unique voice, still photographs, home videos, and other artifacts. Workshop participants will be compensated for their time and travel.

For more information or if you are interested in participating in this exciting new program from the Hopland Tribal EPA, please contact Allen Cooperrider or Cynthia Naha at 707-472-2100

Solar Power For Free

On December 6, 2010 EPA Grant Coordinator Benjamin Henthorne invited Tribal members to attend the first of many meetings with Grid Alternatives associate Sarah Shimmin. The program introduced was the Single-Family Affordable Solar Home or (SASH) program. This program helps install a solar package that will greatly reduce you electric bill. If income qualified you can have your installation covered up to 65 or even 100 percent. This is a great opportunity to do your part to stop the burning of fossil fuels to produce electricity. Please contact Benjamin in the EPA office at (707) 472-2100 Ext. 1306 to become enrolled in this program.

Shanel Tribal Utility District Update

Water Bill Responsibility

There has been confusion regarding the person(s) responsible for payment of the water bill in instances where a number of people lived at or have been living in a particular residence served by the Sanel Tribal Utility District. The Utility Board discussed this issue at its last meeting on December 8th and concluded that the home owner will be the party responsible for the water payment. In the case of rentals, the home owner may wish to charge an additional \$15 per month or more to cover the cost of water service for the rental. Persons concerned about this policy may contact the Utility Board or appear at the next meeting on January 12th at 12:00 pm at the EPA office.

Water Emergencies

Recently there was a leak at the cemetery faucet. The Water Department would like the whole tribe to have the emergency numbers to call when you discover a water leak anywhere. Please call Steve Elliott, Utility Operator at 670-0111 (cell) or 472-2100 Ext. 1301 (work) or call Tribal Police at 472-3000. Also call for any quality issues or concerns immediately. If calls are not immediate, we can't test what is in the system or water being questioned.

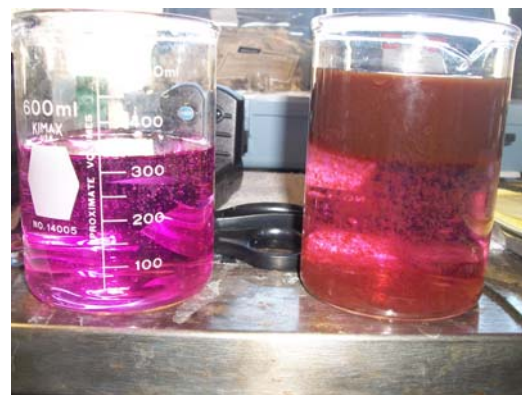
Cemetery Water Use

Due to a recent waterline break at the cemetery, water usage will now be on a scheduled basis and only turned on by the water department per request of user. The break caused us to lose a large quantity of water over the weekend of December 12th. Fortunately a tribal member was on-site cleaning her family graves and contacted the Utility Department, so we were able to stop the leak from continuing. To have the water turned on, please contact the Utility department and someone will be more than happy to assist your request for water usage. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but it will protect our water resources.

Water Quality Monitoring and Testing

The following are what the Utility Department tests the water for on a regular basis.

- Total iron Fe, ferrov method in standard methods
- Also total iron Fe, TPTZ method.
- Manganese low range and high range
- Sulfide gas, w/use of methylene blue
- Total coliform bacteria
- Total and free CL2 residual
- Turbidity
- Lead and copper
- pH
- alkalinity



Water testing removal of iron with the use of kmno_4 (potassium permanganate)

We are proud to announce that more tests are currently being added to our monitoring schedule. Some examples of tests being added are corrosive control testing calcium, chloride, and sulfate. Also, more testing is going to be done on the secondary standards including tests measuring sulfate, total dissolved solids, and aluminum. In our primary standards we are up-to-date. These tests include measuring inorganic chemicals, nitrites, nitrates, and volatile organic chemicals, just to name a few. For any further information regarding our testing requirements, please contact the Utility Department. We will be more than happy to assist you and answer any questions you have.

More Utility District Info

Well Status

The well is currently out of service but we hope to run it manually. There are many issues concerning equipment and process to run the well adequately at this time. We are receiving assistance from the casino electricians in our efforts to repair the equipment and controls and ultimately run the well more efficiently. The equipment and controls are in poor shape. Experts, such as engineers and grade five water operators, have examined our system, but so far it looks like fixing and upgrading the automated parts of the system would be very expensive. Our efforts now so we can regain control of the system. If we are successful we can manually run the well at around the designed parameters: 8 hours a day at 45 gallons a minute. This means saving the tribe money treating well water instead of buying Hopland water.



Telemetry equipment, which receives a reading of the tank level via radio frequency and controls the well pump

Hydrants Out of Service

As many of you may already know, we have a few fire hydrants that are out of service and are covered. These hydrants are out of service for several different reasons, such as vehicle accidents, broken lines, and out of service pipelines. We are in the early planning stages of repairing all fire hydrants and would like your assistance with any knowledge of why a hydrant is out of service. Also please be aware that all purple piping and hydrants are connected to reclaimed water from our wastewater treatment plant. The yellow and red hydrants are connected to potable, or drinking, water.

Help from the Community

We need your help. Round Valley experienced a utility emergency: garbage bags had reached the waste water treatment plants influent lift station, which is where all the sewage meets the treatment plant. When the garbage bags reached the plant pumps, both pumps clogged and therefore were not able to receive any sewage. This disaster caused severe problems which required the department to use emergency funds and resources to remedy the problem. For instance, the pipe filled up all the way back to the source, flooding sinks and toilets on the system. This situation could have been avoided if there had been support from the community. In short, the better we do to watch out for hazards that we are sending to the treatment plant the less money the plant needs for maintenance, upgrades, and emergencies. The same goes for the drinking water department. The more we preserve and conserve, the less we buy and the more money we have for the Tribe's programs.

Weatherizing Pipes for the Winter

Utility District customers, please be aware that the freezing temperatures are putting pipes and exposed faucets at risk of bursting if they're not insulated. A broken pipe can cause problems if it is not shut off or fixed immediately because your meter will continue to run and use water that you will have to pay for. The Utility Department is only responsible up to the meter, so try to be more aware of the weather and pipes in your system.

Water Conservation

The more water we save and conserve the less we spend on trucking water in, which in turn allows the tribe to use that money for other programs. We are putting efforts together for a huge joint effort water conservation campaign. Please contact the department if you want to be involved. Thank you and remember every drop matters!!

Messages from the Health Department



Tribe Receives Funding For Domestic Violence

The Hopland Band of Pomo Indians received two domestic violence grants that will provide domestic violence prevention and intervention services to tribal members residing on or near the reservation. One grant is funded under the Indian Health Service Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative and will be used to develop baseline domestic violence information and training to health providers. The largest grant is funded by the Office of Violence Against Women (Department of Justice). This three year grant will provide direct services to women and girls. Services under this grant will include outreach, advocacy, emergency shelter, counseling, resource and referrals and limited transitional housing assistance. This new grant funds one new staff person whom we are in the process of hiring. Kathy Fisher, who the community knows as the ICWA worker, will provide counseling and case management for domestic violence clients. She will still work with ICWA cases that involve domestic violence. The Tribe will be working with staff and Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority to develop the guidelines for the transitional housing assistance portion of the program. Staff will get information out into the community as the program develops. For more information, please contact Gayle Zepeda, Health and Social Services Director at 707-472-2100, ext. 1105.

Girls Club



The Girls Club meets most Wednesdays from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm in the Hopland Health Department's conference room. Come share snacks and FUN while learning about living a healthy lifestyle. New topics explored each week. Discussions include sharing, responsibility, healthy eating, hygiene, teamwork and leadership. Girls age 7-17, Come join us.

Sage LaPena
Community Health Representative



Hopland Tribal Health Program Event Schedule



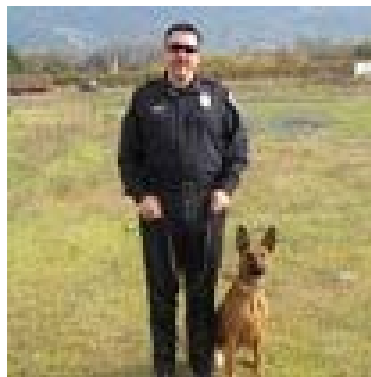
Monday	Medical/dental transportation by appointment	Local	8:30-4 PM
2 nd Tuesday	Diabetic Wellness Group	CTHP	10:30-1 PM
4 th Tuesday	HBPI Diabetes Education & Support Group	Health Office	3 PM
Wednesday	Diabetic Walk Program	HBPI Gym	9 AM
Wednesday	HBPI Girls Club	Health Office	3 PM
Thursday	Medical/dental transportation by appointment	Local	8:30-4 PM
Friday	CHR Admin Day	Health	9-1 PM
Saturday	The Twelve Steps~A Spiritual Journey	Health Office	11-12:30 PM

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact the Hopland Tribal Health staff:

- x 1105 - Gayle Zepeda, Health Director
- x 1107 - Kathy Fisher, Case Manager
- x 1104 - Kathy Littlebear, CHR II
- x 1101 - Sage Lapena, CHR I

If you would like to arrange transportation, you may call x 1104 or x 1101 during our regular business hours M-F, 8:30-5:00 PM (24-hour advance notice required).

Meet Nala!



A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Hopland Reservation Police Department! I'm hoping everyone is having a fun and safe holiday season and is looking forward to the upcoming New Year, 2011. My name is Officer Luis Espinoza. I've been fortunate to have worked for the tribe for the last year and have found this job to be rewarding and challenging. One of the fun challenges arrived in my Christmas stocking a little earlier this year.

If you haven't heard yet, Santa Claus brought me "Nala". Nala is the newest member of the Police Department. She's 16 months old, light brown hair and is about 3 feet tall. Nala came to me from Eastern Europe and is a Belgian Malinois. I've been spending one day a week with Nala training her to be a police dog. She's very intelligent and has already shown how much she wants to work.

Nala is another face of our department who will help to work with the community by being at presentations, community events, and school demonstrations. Nala and I will be spending a few weeks together in January getting to know each other and then she will be my partner on patrol. If you have any questions about Nala or just want to say hi, don't hesitate to stop me. Our job is to be here for you and we always try to make time to talk. Once again, have a safe holiday season. Nala and I wish the best to you and your families. See you in 2011!

Education Information

We are the Future

It's never too late to further your education, and it's never too early to start planning for college. The Education Department is expanding our college preparation services with year round advising, counseling, campus visits and workshops focusing on Admissions, Financial Aid/ Scholarships, SAT/ACT Prep, Transfers, and more. The most efficient way to communicate and receive updates is online. Middle school, high school, current college students and anyone else interested please contact the Education Department by emailing Matt Barnes directly at mbarnes@hoplandtribe.com or going to www.facebook.com and searching for "Hopland Learning Center."

College Bound
November-December 2010

The Learning Center is the place to be.

If you haven't stopped by The Learning Center and Gym lately, here's what you're missing!

Nintendo Wii Tournaments

Basketball *Football * Volleyball * Dodge ball

Foosball * Ping Pong

Great Library Books with NEW Books on the way

Computer Lab * Homework Help

More space to hang out * New Programs every month

Preschool: Education Starts Here

Hopland Tribal Preschool provides each child with a positive introduction to education, building a strong foundation for future educational experiences. We believe that each child is unique and recognize that each one develops at his or her own pace. Therefore, we will make every effort to provide an environment that is safe and rich in opportunities for learning and growth through age appropriate, hands-on activities. There are spaces available for your child now! For more information or to sign your child up contact: Valen (707)472-2100 Ext. 1201.

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The Community College Foundation (CCF) has over nine years experience successfully tutoring students from diverse backgrounds and has been approved as a Supplemental Educational Services (SES) provider by the state.

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- Tutoring scheduled between 1 to 5 times per week for 1 to 2 hours per session

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Nicolas Mendoza
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Jayde Perez
Elijah Ram
Nahkila Ray
Elena Romero
Pablo Ruiz
Janessa Saenz
Armando Smith-Alvarez
Cameo Smith-Harjo
Aerianna Torres-Want
Angelisa Trejo

Maria Alvarado
Martine Avendano
Candace Barela
Marina Beckwith
Jaydon Billy
Carl Brown
Mahkane Butts
Bruce Carrillo
Kenzie Carrillo
Tyler Costin
Danica Daniels
Haley Dausman
Asiyah Elliott
Layne Elrod
Ashly Espinoza
Reine Estrada
Bunny Fallis

WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE?

If you are planning to sign up for college courses and need financial aid assistance, it is advisable that you file the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. **Priority Deadline is March 2nd** .

Website is: www.fafsa.ed.gov

You should fill out the FAFSA even if you think you do not qualify for aid, as it determines your financial need for college monies. This document will assist with various types of educational funds you may qualify for from the government to attend college. This application must be filed every year before March 2nd to meet the state deadline to be considered for any financial aid assistance.

****Remember to have ready a copy of your last years income tax filed as you begin the application process on line. Questions on the on-line application form will ask for information you filed on your last year's taxes.**

FEDERAL AID MONIES

Grants - "Grants" are **Free** money:

Pell Grant - This is "Gift" aid or "Free" money to help pay for college tuition and other college expenses for low income students. Award amounts vary from zero to \$5550 per year based on student enrollment and EFC (expected family income contribution).

Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant - Up to an additional \$750 per year to help pay college expenses for the most needy students. Limited funds are awarded on a first come, first served basis.

Federal Work Study - Part-time employment on campus.

Loans - ALL must be repaid:

Stafford **Subsidized** Loans - no interest paid until 6 months after you graduate or drop below 6 units; max is \$3500 for 1st year students and \$4500 for 2nd year students.

Stafford **Unsubsidized** Loans - interest on the loan accrues while in school at a fix 6.8% and is not based on aid/need. May borrow up to \$3500 1st year and up to \$4500 2nd year. If you are a "Dependent" student, you may borrow up to an additional \$2000 p/year.

STATE AID

BOG (Board of Governor's Fee Waiver) "Free money" - waives per unit enrollment fees at California Community Colleges and all but \$20 of parking permits p/term.

Cal Grants - Students need to apply by deadlines and meet the academic and financial guidelines.

Cal Grant **A** - Pays tuition for most California four year schools. Awards are limited (cannot be used at some Community Colleges).

Cal Grant **B** - Allows disadvantaged students \$1551 p/academic year to help pay for living expenses for college. If you are a 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year student; have a Cal B award; and are at a four-year college, it also pays tuition.

Cal Grant **C** - Pays \$576 at SRJC towards books and supplies for short-term vocational programs.

California Student Aid Commission Chafee Grant for Foster Youth If you are or were in foster care and have financial need, you may qualify for up to \$5,000 a year for career and technical training or college. You don't have to pay this money back. You may also be able to use your grant to help pay for child care, transportation, and rent while you're in school. You can use your Chafee Grant at any eligible California college or university or career or technical school, as well as schools in other states.

Once you have chosen the college to attend, the financial aid office receives an accurate application on file, and the financial aid office has received all documentation necessary, the office will create your Award Package. You will then receive an award letter in the mail which will tell you about the financial aid that is available based on your preferences listed and your eligibility. When you receive the Award Letter, are enrolled in classes, and continue to make a Satisfactory Academic Progress, you are ready to receive most financial aid. Remember: a Loan is evaluated separately.

If you need more information about Financial Aid, please contact Education Director Matt Barnes at mbarnes@hoplandtribe.com.



Joe Carrillo CHS Athlete of the Week

From the *Cloverdale Reveille*
Written by Charlie Delfino



This week's Cloverdale High School (CHS) Athlete Of The Week is junior cross country runner Joe Carrillo. Joe had himself quite the season as a runner and has paved the way for an outstanding senior campaign.

Joe is a transfer student who was unable to compete at the varsity level due to California Interscholastic Federation high school transfer guidelines.

Joe ran officially as a junior varsity runner this season but has turned heads at each and every meet as his times were usually better or close to the varsity course records. He has been working very hard to improve his times and is looking forward to helping the Eagles improve in what has already been a very successful cross country program.

Congratulations to Joe Carrillo, this week's CHS Athlete Of The Week.

Leonard R. Powell's film gets a ride at Sundance

From *The Modesto Bee*



A film called "Bellflower" co-produced by Leonard Powell has been accepted into the prestigious Sundance Film Festival in Utah in January.

"Bellflower" is a 103-minute movie billed as "an apocalyptic love story for the Mad Max generation."

Powell said he was responsible for coordinating the actors' and crew members' schedules and securing some locations. He also helped the director stay on pace. The movie was shot over four months in Ventura in 2008.

"Bellflower," which cost less than \$30,000, is entered into the "Next" category, which features films "selected for their innovative and original work in low- and no-budget filmmaking."

Powell worked on the movie when he was considering pursuing a career in independent film, but he since has switched his focus. He said he's excited that "Bellflower" made it into the highly competitive Sundance festival. Only about 200 films were selected from some 10,000 submissions.

"I thought it was definitely the best project I worked on," he said. "I worked on a little short of 15 films. But the odds of getting into Sundance are so small and we had a completely unknown cast and so little money put into it. It felt like it was an attainable dream, but one that's far out of reach."

In independent film, he often had to work 12 hours a day for little or no pay.

"I love film, but I've found that making them is not nearly as fun as watching them," he said.

Congratulations to Brenda Lopez on her Educational Achievements



CHARLES A. JONES
CAREER & EDUCATION CENTER
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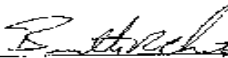
Brenda Lopez

has successfully completed training in the
**Food Services & Hospitality
Culinary Arts Program**
42 weeks

and is therefore awarded this
Certificate of Completion

This program is approved by the California State Department of Education.
The Skills and Business Education Center is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

August 19, 2010
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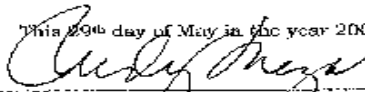
**WORKPLACE SKILLS AND
COMPUTER LITERACY**

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This 29th day of May in the year 2009


Program Coordinator



IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES TO REMEMBER

1. The Administration Office has a new phone number, (707) 472-2100.
2. All changes of address should be given to Wilma Elliott, Administrative Assistant to the Council.
3. Tribal Council Election Day is scheduled for January 2012. Tribal Members must be 18 years and older and current registered voters in order to vote in the January 2012 Election. The Election Committee will now have representatives at each regular Council meeting, so it's easy and convenient to register! If you have not updated your address or name change with the Election Committee and plan to vote in the January 2012 Election, please do so prior to November 30, 2011. More reminders will be forthcoming during the year 2011.
4. If you have a tip for the police but can't get a hold of an officer, leave a message on the Crime Tip Line at (707) 744-8766 Ext. 1962. Callers can choose to remain anonymous.
5. If you qualify for Northern Circle housing services and have housing concerns, please contact Northern Circle directly. Tribal Administration cannot help you with Northern Circle housing related issues. Northern Circle can be reached at (707) 468-1336 from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.
6. To keep up with what's going on in Indian Country across the entire United States, check out Pechanga.net. It's a great resource!
7. This is your newsletter, and we want you to contribute. If you have an article for the newsletter, please send it in. The tentative newsletter submission deadline for the next issue is March 18, 2011, but that date is subject to change. If you'd like updates on the deadline for submission or would like to submit an article, send an email to lpowell@hoplandtribe.com. Please note that the Tribe may edit articles for length, content, and grammar.

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MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY

9:00 am to 11:00 am

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Second ID card issued within 24 months of the first.....\$ 5.00

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