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Hello and greetings to all of our members. I would like to open by thanking the membership for the on-going support this council has received over the past few months since the new council members have come into office. There are many things that we are looking to accomplish in the near future that evolve around housing, economic development and community engagement, some of which are in progress and others will take a little more time to come to fruition. None of this would be possible without the continued support from our membership.

One of the biggest concerns that the membership has conveyed to the council was and is the status of the casino and information on the temporary closure. As we all know, when the Reservation was under mandatory evacuation the casino has to be closed. We have been updating the membership regularly at our monthly meetings regarding our plan to revamp and upgrade the casino property. The mandatory closure gave us the opportunity to move into the initial stages of implementing this plan that consist of some remodeling along with upgrading our slot play. Since we did not have an exact date of when we would re-open, it was necessary to lay off our employees and not leave them in a state of limbo. I assure you that all of our employees were paid what they were owed for the time they worked along with any PTO they had accrued and all of our employees will be offered their position back when we re-open.

With that I would like to Thank you all for your time and support as we continue to push our Tribe forward in a direction that will benefit all of our people. If you ever have any question or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sonny J. Elliott
Chairman
Hopland Band of Pomo Indians

Tribal Council:
Sonny J. Elliott -Chair
Diana Billy-Elliott -Vice Chair
Brian Yepez- Treasurer
Suzanne Romero – Secretary
David Steele – Member at Large
Joe San Diego – Member at Large
Steven Elliott – Member at large
Chief Frederick Smith began his law enforcement career in 2004 with the New York City Police Department. Prior to law enforcement, Chief Smith attended Queens College where he received a Bachelor’s Degree. As a New York City Police Officer, Chief Smith received extensive training including the following: community policing, rioting, terrorism and incident management system. In 2008, he joined the City of Maricopa Police Department where he served as a patrol officer and a school resource officer.

In 2015, Chief Smith became the police chief for the City of Leon in Iowa. To further his career in law enforcement, Chief Smith attended numerous leadership trainings including: Southern Police Institute, Chief Executive Leadership, Institute of Police Technology and Management, University of North Florida, and Upper Midwest Community Police Institute, Tribal Law Enforcement Executive Leadership. In 2016, he joined the San Carlos Apache Healthcare Corporation as a manager of security and public safety and shortly after was promoted to interim director of security and public safety.

Chief Smith is a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (Noble).

**MY OBJECTIVE AS CHIEF OF POLICE**

I’m humbled and honored that I was selected to serve the citizens of the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians and lead the Hopland Tribal Police Department into its next chapter. I vow compassion and partnership when it comes to the citizens of the Tribe. As Chief of Police, I am devoted to three objectives: crime prevention, reduction, community engagement and inclusion. The Hopland Tribal Police Department is committed, in partnership with the community, to provide the highest quality of police services by utilizing innovative, proactive approaches to cultivate the quality of life for the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (707) 367-0692

Humbly,

Chief Smith

**Tribal Police:**

Frederick Smith – Chief of Police

* Please note that the Tribe is currently looking to hire a new Tribal Police Officer. Applications can be found online or at the admin office.
This has been a busy summer at Hopland EPA. We had a great time working with the Tribal Environmental Youth Interns in June. Every year we have an amazing group of hard-working youth, willing to learn about our EPA programs, create outreach booths, and help Elders and the Community with recycling and solid waste issues. A big thank you to the youth of the Hopland Tribe! We are looking for funding and partnerships so that we can extend the time of the youth workers during the summer and possibly during the school year.

The wild fires are a big issue for the Tribe, impacting air quality and safety. We have been working with Region 9 EPA Air Quality, the U. S. Department of Forestry and Mendocino Air Quality District to provide on-site monitoring and reporting for ozone and particulate levels here on the Hopland Reservation. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed an Air Quality Index that is used to report air quality. This AQI is divided into six categories indicating increasing levels of health concern. An AQI value over 300 represents hazardous air quality and below 50 the air quality is good.[10]

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The results of the local monitoring are available online at AirNow. I also receive daily air quality forecasts, and will forward to anyone interested. Please contact me with your email if you would like a Air Quality Forecast emailed to your address. Below is an example of an Air Quality Report.

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Smoke
Increasing smoke impacts anticipated today into tomorrow. Overnight smoke from the fires remains above the nighttime inversion. Smoke will mix to ground level midmorning and peak midday. Diurnal winds should shift to the S/SW by late afternoon and W by this evening; however, we anticipate lighter winds causing smoke to linger.

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through much of the region into the overnight hours. The development of an upper level system has the possibility to bring smoke from fires to the north into this region overnight into tomorrow. Smoke lofted into higher levels of atmosphere will be transported N/NE with prevailing winds.

Daily AQI Forecast for Aug 17, 2018
Please remember there is a burn ban on Hopland Reservation until further notice. CALFire has suggestions to help prevent wildfires:

1. Equipment Use Safety
   - Never mow or trim dry grass on a Red Flag Warning Day. (Mow before 10 a.m. on a day when its not hot and windy).
   - Never use lawn mowers in dry vegetation.
   - Spark arresters are required in wildland areas on all portable gasoline powered equipment.

2. Campfire Safety
   - Before starting a campfire, make sure you have a campfire permit and that they are permitted on the land you are visiting.
   - Afterwards, ensure that your campfire is properly extinguished.

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3. Defensible Space
- Residents should make sure they have 100 feet of defensible space around structures.
- Clear dead weeds and vegetation.
- Remove leaves and needles from gutters.
- Trim branches 6 feet from the ground.

4. Vehicle
- Never pull over in dry grass.
- Ensure trailer chains don’t drag on the ground.
- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained.
- Have proper tire pressure to avoid driving on wheel rim.
- Never let your brake pads wear too thin.

5. Other
- Make sure cigarette butts are properly extinguished.
- Never burn landscape debris like leaves or branches on NO Burn Days or when it’s windy or areas where not allowed.
- Target shoot only in approved areas, use lead ammunition only, and never at metal targets.
- Report any suspicious activities to prevent arson.

We are updating Emergency Response Program and Team. Please contact me if you are interested in participating or have ideas and suggestions.

Respectfully,
Terri McCartney
tmccartney@hoplandtribe.com
EPA Director

Tribal EPA:
Terri McCartney- EPA Director
Tyrone “Earl” Mitchell- Recycling
Lianna Vasquez- Water Resource Coordinator
Russell Elliott- Recycling Assistant
Your Tribal Court is alive and well and would like to reiterate the services provided by Court personnel. Court personnel work hand-in-hand with tribal EPA and Health services on a number of legal issues. While all areas of challenges, Court personnel want to make this the place that you want to live.

Court personnel are expected to move into the top floor of the Educational Building by the end of October. However, members unable to climb the stairs may call the soon-to-be-installed direct line and staff will provide you with assistance by meeting you downstairs. Stay tuned for a change in phone numbers and a physical location of the administrative offices.

Dorya Harjo, our Court Clerk, can walk you through the process and procedure of filing a civil matter to contesting a traffic citation. Dorya’s phone number is 707.472.1600 and her email is courtclerk@tribalcourt.org.

Rich Mascherini, the court’s Probation Specialist, is also available to answer questions and explain how his purpose is to help the community. His email address is probationspecialist@tribalcourt.org.

The community has also been gifted with Kristina Kalka, Chief Judge of the Northern California Intertribal Court System, presiding over all proceedings. Her experience and knowledge of Healing and Wellness Court enhances our abilities in providing restorative justice to the members of all three bands.

Michael Gadoua, Court Operations Manager, responsible for the day-to-day operations of the court system is available to answer questions and assist members in navigating the legal process, forms, policy and procedure. Members may call his cell phone, 707.472.7012 or email him at mgadoua@tribalcourt.org.

The court system is here for your use and benefit – don’t hesitate to take advantage of the services provided by our court personnel – we are a sovereign nation.


Tribal Court:
Michael Gadoua – Court Operations Mgr
Honorable Kristina Kalka – Chief Judge
Dorya Harjo – Court Clerk
Rich Mascherini – Probation Specialist
Hello to Everyone!

For those of you who don’t know me, my name is Orval Elliott Jr. and I am the new Tribal Roads Director for the tribe. This is actually the first time the Tribal Roads has been designated its own department and I am very grateful to be the first one selected to this position. I have worked in construction and for the tribe for the past 35 years and I have always held the best interest of the tribe in mind. I’ve been the Tribal Roads Coordinator for the past three years and I’ve done my best to keep our roads safe.

Some of my most recent accomplishments have been the paving project on Nokomis Road and Pratt Ranch Road. Another project that we recently completed was the Gabion Wall project. This project took approximately 9 weeks and I was able to put 6 tribal members to work on this one. This design was done by the BIA and Alfred Reed who was the engineer for this project actually came over from Sacramento and helped us to get started. To explain a little of what it is we did we constructed 51 baskets that were 3 ft wide, 3 ft high and 6 ft long and we filled them with rocks weighing anywhere from 20 to 50 pounds. In all we stacked 184 tons of rock. Because of the complexity and the scale of this work, the crew who consisted of Jose “Hands” Lopez, Francisco “Appa” Olivares, Nate Rios, Mark Silva and Btaaka Hernandez were recognized at our Tribal Council meeting in July and were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for their outstanding hard work and dedication to see this project through to the end. I have been invited to do a presentation on our Gabion Wall project at this year’s “National Transportation in Indian Country Conference” being held in Duluth, Minnesota. So I will be representing the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians on a national level.

We just completed the first phase of the Fish Passage project that we have been working on. This project is right at the beginning of Pratt Ranch Rd and we will hopefully be starting phase two shortly.

Utilities:
Our new Water/Wastewater Operator in Training is Btaaka Hernandez. I will be...
supervising, training and guiding Btaaka until he can obtain his Level 1 license. Btaaka is a Tribal member and has lived here his whole life and takes his new position very seriously. I have no doubt that he will do very good with his new job. If you have any questions or concerns about the water please contact me Orval Elliott Jr at 472-2100 ext. 1306 or Btaaka Hernandez at 472-2100 ext. 1301.

Thank you for your time and until next time,
Be Safe
Orval Elliott Jr.
Tribal Roads Director

Tribal Roads/ Utilities:
Orval Elliott Jr- Tribal Roads Director
Mark Silva- Tribal Roads Laborer
Deanna Lozinto- Transporter
BTAA’KA Hernandez-Water Operator in Training

**HEALTHY LIVING**

Annual Recovery Celebration Luncheon
Submitted by Paul Murguia, Ill

I want to give thanks to everyone that participated in Hopland’s Annual Recovery Celebration on Saturday, August 4, 2018. The theme this year was “Success Stories.” For those of us in recovery, every day without drugs and alcohol is a success, “one day at a time”. We are grateful to the individuals who shared their stories. Their paths to recovery include participation in Red Road Meetings and one-on-one sessions, which are available at the Hopland Health Department. By working together, encouraging and supporting each other, we will succeed in our journeys.
Thoughts and feelings about ourselves hold a lot of power in our lives. When we view ourselves negatively, life can be painful. Without a concept of our identity—who we are—and knowing that who we are is acceptable—interactions with others can be difficult. Our relationships can be toxic, getting out and enjoying life, living up to our potential can seem impossible.

Self-esteem varies—it’s not something you have or not—it changes and can always improve. Join us Wednesdays at 3:00 PM for Elevating Self-Esteem to cultivate a more positive relationship with yourself and others around you.

If you or someone you love is in an abusive relationship, help is available, even if you (or they) are not ready to leave. It is up to all of us to change the statistics. For confidential and non-judgmental information, contact Leah. Are you a survivor? Grieving the loss of a loved one? Join me Thursdays at 10:00 am, for a patient and comfortable group designed to help you move through your grief and find a new/continued meaning in life.

Groups meet in the Healthy Living Department. Leah can be reached at (707) 472-2100 x1102, on FB at fb.me/leahdiane23 by email at lsautelet@hoplandtribe.com, walking in during business hours to the Health Department or via a confidential crisis line (available always) at (707) 472-2113.

Just in case you have forgotten today: You matter. You are enough. You are Worthy.
A very important message from the Hopland Indian Child Welfare Social Worker, Josephine Loomis:

I would like to extend an invitation to Hopland Tribal members and community to discuss the possibility of becoming involved with our ICWA Program. We have a huge need for Tribal Foster Homes and Respite Providers. We have established our own Guidelines and Application, so if you would like to consider opening your home to any of our Tribal children, please contact me so I can send you the Tribal Foster Care Application and we can talk more about the process. I’m here to help from start to finish.

Perhaps you aren’t able to make the commitment of a foster placement right now. That’s alright because we have more ways that you may be able to be involved, such as an on-call “emergency placement,” or a weekend each month to provide a “break” to the placement home and the child (respite). Perhaps you are able to be a mentor a child and take them on outings. If so, give me a call. I’m waiting to hear from you, call either the Tribal Office and ask for the ICWA Department or call the ICWA cell at 972-5724. Thank you and if members have any questions about ICWA in general, I welcome those calls as well.

QUALIFIED EXPERT WITNESS NEEDED for ICWA: There is ongoing QUALIFIED EXPERT WITNESS (QEW) training thru CILS (California Indian Legal Services) and NIJC (National Indian Justice Center). I think it’s important to identify any Hopland members who might be interested in reviewing case information, writing a report for court with their personal assessment and recommendation who has history working in Human Services, is familiar with traditional and cultural practices and doesn’t mind testifying in court. These are all tasks that a QEW would be undertaking and their role is neutral unbiased.

Positive Indian Parenting - A new 8-week session will start in September. Call Josie for more information.

Tribal Health and Social Service:
Kathy Littlebear- Health Director
Leah Sautelet- Domestic Violence
Robin Carney- CHR
Gabe Villa-CHR
Sara Valadez- CHR/ Healthy Living Coord
Josie Loomis- ICWA Social Case Mgr
Paul Murguia III- Adult Substance Abuse Counselor
The After School Student Advisory Program (ASSAP) Fall applications are available for this upcoming 2018-19 school year in the Education Learning Center. For local community members back to school backpacks for Junior high and elementary are available for pick up only if you fill out the required paperwork. High School tribal members can sign for their backpacks in the Education Learning Center.

Education Department Student Special Achievement Award K-5th Grade and 6th-12th Grade recognizes hard work in the classroom for the categories: Student of the Month/Quarter/Year, Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance and Academic/Partnership Scholarship Awards. Completed forms with a copy of the award must be submitted by the 30th of the month following the month the award was received to be eligible.

Grades K-5th - $25 Gift Card  Grades 6th-12th - $100 Gift Card

Education Department G.P.A. Academic Achievement Incentive Program rewards students’ excellence with their studies in the Fall/Spring semester or 2nd Quarter/4th Quarter. Completed forms with a copy of the transcripts must be submitted 30 days after the end of each Semester/Quarter to be eligible. Reward Scale below.

• 2.5 G.P.A. - $25 Gift Card  
• 3.0 G.P.A. - $50 Gift Card  
• 3.5 G.P.A. - $75 Gift Card  
• 4.0 G.P.A. - $100 Gift Card

BIE Higher Education Grant Program applications for the Fall semester are being accepted until the September 30th deadline. There have been updates to the Assistance amounts given for the different degrees:

AA/AS: $40/unit – maximum $500/semester and maximum $1000/calendar year.

BA: $75/unit – maximum $2000/calendar year.

MA,LAW,PHD: $100/unit – maximum $2000/calendar year.

Summer Events:
• Inter-Tribal EPA Campout
• A’s Game
• Raging Waters Community Service Field Trip
• Water Restoration Wednesdays

Our Summer youth program was packed with fun field trips and activities throughout the summer. The Inter-Tribal EPA Campout in Ft. Bragg was a great way to open up the summer. Followed by A’s games, Raging Waters and the State Fair. There were a lot of community
service opportunities for the youth to participate in that led field trip incentives. There were various educational programs to participate in, for example, Summer STEM Academy at Eagle Peak and Pomo Youth College and Career Success Project at Mendocino College.

The 2018-19 School hours for students for the Education Learning Center are 2:30PM – 6PM. Any adult tribal members in need of assistance, i.e. computer use, printer use, tutor services, etc., can come in between 11AM – 2PM Monday – Friday when the students are not there.

Hopland Tribal Gymnasium Fall semester hours of are Monday – Friday 3PM – 7PM, closed Saturday and Sunday. If tribal members want to use the gym during earlier afternoon hours you can contact Kevin or Katie (if available) between 11PM – 3PM Monday - Friday. If you have any special events or need private use of the gymnasium facility, you need to fill out the Facility Use paperwork through Wilma in the Administration building. *Children under the age of 5 years old must be accompanied by an adult at all times in the gym for safety reasons.

Education Staff:

Katie Williams-Elliott, Education Coordinator, 707-472-2100 ext. 1510

Kevin Maldonado, Education Activities Coordinator/Tutor, 707-472-2100 ext. 1700
CONGRATS GRADS!
We are pleased to announce Community Fun Night that takes place during the last Friday night of every month from 6-8pm in the community hall. This is a fun filled evening for the entire family. For adults we have music, community Bingo and raffle prizes. For children we either have a movie night in the gym with juice and popcorn or jumpers. We also serve a delicious home cooked meal prepared specially for you. This event is brought to you by our Tribal Council in appreciation of our community. Any questions please contact our Vice Chair Diana Billy-Elliott @ 472-2100 ext. 1404

To ensure that our membership receives information from the Tribe such as flyers, events and any other updates it is important that you keep your address current with Wilma Elliott in administration. Her phone number is 472-2100 Also please be aware that you must keep your current address updated with the Election Committee as well. This is so that they can send you all important information during Election time. Remember these two mailing lists are separate.

We want to again congratulate ALL of our 2018 Graduates. We also want to apologize to those who we did not receive any pictures from to display in our newsletter. In the future please submit all your graduates names and pictures to the Education Department to either the Education Director or Education Coordinator as soon as possible after graduation time so that we can make sure they are acknowledged in the Summer Newsletter.

Upcoming Events:

- Hopland’s Big Time: Saturday October 6, 2018
- Halloween Party – TBA (watch for flyer in the mail)
- Thanksgiving Dinner – TBA (watch for flyer in the mail)
- Tribal Member Christmas Party – TBA (watch for flyer in the mail)

Hopland Band of Pomo Indians Committees:
For all Tribal Members that are interested in serving on committees you can fill out and turn in your application at the Administration Office during regular business hours.
We also want to acknowledge and wish the following high school students well that have gone off to Sherman and Chemawa this year: Shanice Hoaglen, Yolanda Hoaglen, Angelina Aubrey-Smith, William Buford, Pablo Ruiz, Lianna Barajas, Mahliah Arnold, Alix Harjo, Katie and Elena Romero.

As always we welcome all of our Tribal Members to join us at our regular monthly Tribal Council meetings that take place every 3rd Saturday at 10am.

A copy of this newsletter can be found electronically on our tribal website. www.hoplandtribe.com

Thank you

Administrative Notes

TRIBAL I.D.’s:

Tribal I.D.’s are available from 8:30-4:00, and it really depends whether we have a Council member to sign the card. It’s always best to call before you come to the Tribal Office.

Please make note that if you need to obtain a second Tribal I.D. card within 24 months of the first issuance, there will be a $5 charge. Each subsequent issuance after that, within the 24th month period after the first issuance, will be $15.00.

ELDERS CHECKS

If the 15th falls on the weekend, your check will be available for pick-up the Friday before. Checks are not available for early pick up. If you request your check to be mailed, it will be mailed one day before pick-up. If you authorize someone to pick up your check, please call in advance.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please keep your address updated with the Tribal Office, so that we will be able to communicate necessary information to you.
FOSTER RECRUITMENT
is ongoing...
If you or somebody you know is interested in becoming a Foster Parent or a Respite Provider, PLEASE, call ICWA Case Manager Josie Loomis at 707 472-2100 x 1114.