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Chairman's Column



Greetings Tribal Community,

It's been a wonderful month filled with great events, achievements and good medicine. We celebrated our 93rd Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow with family, friends and neighbors; we continued to strengthen our ties with U.S. government agencies with collaborations like the one with our Natural Resources Department and the U.S. Geological Survey and our youth are providing a solid base for the next seven generations as several strong, young leaders were recognized on a national level by UNITY. I am so proud of the way our people have come together, supported each other and celebrated our success.

It seems like every month our youth have achieved a new high and delivered a strong reminder that the future of our Tribe will be in good hands. In July we had several of our Tribal Youth attend the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) National Conference in Oregon and were recognized and honored as leaders of their peers in Indian Nation. Keturah Peters, our 2012 Powwow Princess, was selected to receive the 25 Under 25 Native Youth Leadership Award and Brian Weeden was elected to serve as the new male Co-President of UNITY and Sassamin Weeden as the Executive Committee Vice President. Congratulations and continue the good work.

We had a record turnout at our 93rd Annual Powwow, and this could not have happened without the hard work of a dedicated Powwow Committee - Secretary Cassie Jackson, Treasurer Diane Johnson, Shirley Jackson, Darryn Frye, Keesha Green and a strong Chair of the Committee Brian Weeden. I also want to

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Mashpee Youth Shine on the UNITY Stage

There should be little doubt among the Mashpee Wampanoag that our future is in good hands especially after the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Conference that wrapped up on July 2nd in Portland, Oregon honoring and elevating our Tribe's young people in a national forum.

During the conference Mashpee's 2012 Powwow Princess, Keturah Peters, received one of 25 Native Youth Leadership Awards. Then the election of officers and representatives to UNITY's Executive Committee confirmed Sassamin Weeden to a second consecutive term as the Northeast Regional Representative and Brian "Moskwetah" Weeden the organization's new Co-President.

"This was something I have been really striving for and to be able to share the stage with my sister and Keturah made it even more special," said Brian who served as Northeast Representative in 2012. "I think we showed Indian Country that the Mashpee Wampanoag have endured as a very strong and active tribe and this generation will continue that tradition both politically and culturally."

For Sassamin this is certainly a year of recognition. She arrived home from UNITY just in time to be crowned the 2014 Mashpee



Powwow Princess. Two weeks later, fulfilling one of their first post election responsibilities the UNITY Executive Committee elected Sassamin to serve as vice chairperson.

"Becoming princess was a dream come true for me, and now I get to honor my tribe in the UNITY circle. I am so very thankful for such a powerful organization helping me to further my journey in Indian country," she said. "I have never been prouder to be Mashpee!"

UNITY began in 1976 under the leadership of Oklahoma Cherokee youth mentor J.R. Cook with a small local focus in southwest-ern Oklahoma. Over the last four decades it

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Planning the Pawôkamuq, Dream Center

On July 16th thru the 18th, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Coordinating Committee, (the TCC), welcomed two facilitators from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The TCC and SAMHSA, who was represented by Caroline Cruz and Isabelle Walker, worked together to outline a strategic plan for our Pawôkamuq, Dream Center...A Place of Healing, A Place of Hope. 25 tribal citizens joined the three-day effort. This is the first of many meetings to come that will lay the foundation for services in Mashpee to provide Prevention, Treatment, and Aftercare to combat the disease of addiction in our community. Please contact Katie Greene in Vice

Chairwoman jessie little doe baird's office if you are interested in working with us toward this community-wide effort.



Events Calendar

New Events

August 10 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
General Body Meeting,
Tribal Community and Government Center

August 12 & 13 - 8:00 a.m. to Noon
Mental Health First Aid Training,
MWT Health Service Unit

August 15 - 9:00 a.m. to Noon
Question, Persuade and Refer,
MWT Health Service Unit

August 17 - 11:00 a.m.
Richard Bourne Sunday Service,
Old Indian Meeting House

September 14 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
General Body Meeting,
Tribal Community and Government Center

Weekly Events

Mondays - 5:30 p.m.
Recovery Group, *Old Indian Burial Grounds*

Mondays - 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Tribal Health Zumba with Natara,
Tribal Community and Government Center

Tuesdays - 5:30 p.m.
Enrollment Committee,
Tribal Community and Government Center

Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Coed Volleyball,
Tribal Community and Government Center

Wednesdays - 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.
Women's Round Dance Aerobics,
25 Devon Street, Mashpee

Wednesdays - 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Tribal Health Yoga with Virginia and Kimma,
Tribal Community and Government Center

Monthly - 6:00 p.m.
Housing Commission,
Tribal Community and Government Center,
It is held the first Thursday and third Monday of each month.

Monthly - 7:00 p.m.
Chiefs Circle, *Old Indian Meeting House*
It is held the first Tuesday of the month.

Monthly - 6:00 p.m.
Public Safety Commission,
Tribal Community and Government Center,
It is held the third Tuesday of the month.



Tribal Announcements



Marcella Miller

» Congratulations to Marcella Corinn Miller. She graduated with an MBA from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia in May 2014. Both parent, Andre and Valerie Jonas Miller are very proud of her.

Richard Bourne Sunday Service

On Sunday, August 17 at 11:00 a.m. the Old Indian Meeting House will host the annual Richard Bourne Sunday Service. Pastor Curtis Frye, Jr. will provide the sermon. The annual service is held to honor the missionary to the Mashpee Wampanoag.

He was one of the earliest settlers of Shawme, now Sandwich. He was lay preacher for Sandwich until Reverend John Smith arrived and Richard then went as an apostle to the Mashpee Wampanoag.

Richard was best known for his work with the Mashpee Wampanoag and he learned the language and began his work around 1658. He was ordained pastor of the Indian Church at Mashpee in 1670. Richard purchased at his own expense 16 square miles for the Tribe and worked with the Tribe to translate the Lord's Prayer into Wampanoag.

Richard tried unsuccessfully to

have the Plymouth Court record a deed confirming the title to the Mashpee Wampanoag for the land between Santuit and Childs rivers. He died in 1682 without achieving his goal. Three years after his death, his son, Shearjashub Bourne, succeeded to have the land deeded to the Tribe. Shearjashub also built the homestead that now houses our Indian Museum.



POH Science Camp

Photo of tribal youth teaching the kids from the Waquoit Bay Science School ECO Design class how to use Cedar bark to tie a Wetu in the traditional manner during our POH Science Camp at Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. The exercise was led by Culture Keeper Earl "Chiefie" Mills Jr.



Alice May Lopez Fundraiser



As Director of the Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Department, Alice May Lopez worked to ensure that all her Native families had housing on their Native home land in Mashpee on Cape Cod "Land of the Wampanoag".

"A Tribute to Alice": Alice was an advocate for the Mashpee Wampanoag tribal families. As Director of the Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Department, she worked tirelessly to ensure that her people had housing in their own Native homeland here in Mashpee.

Alice's sincere dedication led to a proposed plan for the completion of the Mashpee Wampanoag first Tribal Housing Community. Her focus was to develop a housing community that would provide homes for the homeless at an affordable cost, and in comfort. This task meant becoming knowledgeable about federal and local housing regulations and advocating for the historic rights of the Mashpee Wampanoag people. Alice was an earnest "go-getter" for our Native American Rights.

Alice was born the fifth child of seven children, her mother, Carol (Hendricks) Lopez and Vincent Lopez, her father. Alice graduated from Falmouth High School in 1979, and, initially worked as a history interpreter for the Wampanoag Indigenous Program at Plymouth Plantation.

In the early 1990's, she became a Housing Advocate in Hyannis for the Community Action Committee of Cape Cod and the Islands. After about a decade with organization; Alice rose to become a Case Manager, a Case Facilitator and Director of the scattered-site shelter program.

In 2003, Alice developed the Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Program; the first time the tribe offered housing assistance to members, as she found great

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recognize our Powwow Emcee Earl Mills; Arena Director Russell Peters, Jr.; our Head Dancers Cameron Greendeer and Nitana Hicks; Host Drum Stoney Creek; Head Drum Judge Darryl Wixon, Head Dance Judge Toni Weeden and all of the judges and staff that made our Powwow a smooth, successful event. I also want to thank our traditional leaders Chief Vernon Silent Drum Lopez, Medicine Man Earl Soaring Eagle Cash, and our Supreme Sachem of the Wampanoag Nation Ellsworth Drifting Goose Oakley for delivering guidance and good medicine to the Powwow circle.

Congratulations to all of our dancers, drummers and Powwow Princess contestants; you competed well and should be proud. I also want to congratulate our 2014 Powwow Princess Sassamin Weeden, it's an honor well deserved. Sassamin is a member of the Youth Council, was recently elected Vice President of the UNITY Executive Committee and is a positive role model within our Tribe for our youth. I have no doubt that she will be a great representative of our Tribe for the upcoming year. I would also like to thank our outgoing Powwow Princess Dee Dee Jackson for all of the hard work she has put in for our Tribe this past year and at this year's Powwow.

We're also working hard in our

new Community and Government Center to strengthen and constantly improve on the programs and services we provide to our people. We accomplish this through training programs, strategic planning sessions like the one held a few weeks ago for our new addiction treatment center, and strengthening our ties with U.S. government agencies. Last month we hosted the Department of Interior and Bureau of Indian Affairs and provided them with valuable feedback on the federal recognition process. Also, our Natural Resource Department partnered with the U.S. Geological Survey to install Mashpee's first weather station. Our NRD Staff, including Director Quan Tobey and Assistant Director Chuckie Green, applied for and secured the funding to cover the cost of the Tidal Gage Weather Station. It's through hard work and a team dedicated to serving our people that we're able to build a strong nation.

Please take a few minutes to read the Mittark and learn more about upcoming events and past achievements. It was a great month with lots of good medicine.

Kutâputunumuw;

Cedric Cromwell
Qaqemasq (Running Bear)

Keturah Peters honored at UNITY Conference

Mashpee Wampanoag 2012 Powwow Princess and Youth Council member Keturah Peters was among an inaugural group of honorees to receive the "25 Under 25 Native Youth Leadership Award" from the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) during the organization's annual conference earlier this summer.

"It was such an honor, and to be chosen among so many talented and driven Native students from across the country was inspiring," said Keturah who graduated from Mashpee High School with honors in June and will be attending the University of Pennsylvania, "I was so proud to be able to represent my tribe in a positive way."

Keturah who will be a nursing major in the fall, was recognized during a ceremony at the UNITY conference held in Portland, Oregon June 28 to July 2 attended by more than 1,400 Native youth.

The 25 Under 25 Native Youth Leadership Award was established to recognize and celebrate the achievements of Native American and Alaskan Native youth ages 14 to 24 who embody UNITY's core mission and live a balanced life developing

their spiritual, mental, physical and social well-being.



"We are thrilled to announce and congratulate our first class of the UNITY 25 Under 25 awards program," said Mary Kim Titla, Executive Director of UNITY. She added, "Our regional voting panelists had a major task, vetting each candidate and narrowing the field to those who stood-out and exemplified what the UNITY organization has stood for the past 38 years. I encourage everyone to congratulate these outstanding individuals for putting their best foot forward in representing our Tribal communities and Native youth leadership."

All of the recipients received a hand-made beaded "25 Under 25" medallion. In addition, each honoree will receive special training by UNITY over the next year to build on their individual achievements as they are recognized as UNITY ambassadors, serving as stellar examples of Native youth leadership in Indian Country today.

Youth Elected to UNITY Board *(continued)*

has grown into a national organization serving more than 140 Native youth councils in 35 states and Canada and has earned the respect of Native American organizations, tribal leaders and government officials across the country. Members of the Mashpee Wampanoag Youth Council have been engaged in UNITY activities since 2010.



Brian is especially proud to become the first male co-leader of UNITY in the history of the organization from the east coast and to be following in the footsteps of his Aquinnah Wampanoag mentor, Amira Madison, who was female co-president in 2012.

"She was the one who inspired me to start a youth council and become involved with UNITY," said Brian. "Now the Mashpee youth council is leading by example. We are definitely showing them we are still here."

More than 1,400 Native youth attended the five-day UNITY conference and participated in development exercises, workshops and social events. During the conference the organization announced a four-year cooperative agreement with the US Department of Justice to plan and implement the National Intertribal Youth Leadership Development Initiative. The initiative also known as "Today's Native Leaders" is designed to offer regional and national trainings and learning opportunities for American Indian youth to increase positive outcomes in their school, community and family environments.

"This is something I am excited about bringing home to Mashpee," said Sassamin who will be part of a local planning committee along with her brother to take advantage of the program "We need young people to learn about the positive ways they can impact their community."

UNITY's mission: "foster the spiritual, mental, physical and social development of American Indian and Alaska Native youth, and to help build a strong, unified and self-reliant Native America through involvement of its youth."

NRD Partners with USGS

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Natural Resource Department (NRD) partnered with the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to install a Tidal Gage Weather Station on the town dock at the end of Mashpee Neck Road on June 17. It's the first federally approved weather station within the boundaries of Mashpee. NRD applied for and secured funding through the Department of Interior Hurricane Sandy Supplemental Funding program for the project.

Chuckie Green, NRD Assistant Director, sees several benefits from the weather station. "The data being collected is mainly for emergency preparation," said Chuckie. "Prior to the installation we had no way of recording data from a storm surge or a hurricane. The data can also be used by the oyster farm [Mashpee First Light Oysters] for planning and operations."

The weather station was installed and activated on June 17 and reports seven different parameters - water level, rainfall, wind speed, wind direction, barometric pressure, relative humidity, and tempera-

ture - in near real-time. The data is recorded in 15-minute intervals and transmits to the GOES satellite every hour and automatically uploaded to the USGS website. Currently the maintenance of the weather station is being managed by the USGS, but the NRD have plans to take over full operation down the road.



Alice May *(continued)*

success in obtaining federal funding through HUD's (NAHASDA) Native American Housing and Self Determination Act, bringing the tribes annual allocation for housing programs up to over half a million dollars to tribal families, all through Alice's efforts and dedication.

Alice married and had two sons, who were the world to her. Alice never gave up her mission to build the housing program to benefit all those seeking affordable and safe housing on their Wampanoag tribal lands.

Alice continued working diligently towards the goal of building our Housing Community. Our designated area was established to be built on Meeting House Road in Mashpee.

One cold day in December 2010, while working on this project at the site on Meeting House Road, Alice was escorting several Federal and local governmental units and inspectors as a necessary step to the development, Alice fell and was diagnosed as having a sprained ankle. Complications set in during her two week disability. Alice died suddenly in her home of a blood clot which stemmed from her injury. Alice was 49 years old.

Alice was a dedicated and loving mother, daughter, sister, friend; and a strong female Wampanoag woman who loved life, and also loved working for tribal brothers and sisters in need of housing assistance.



ENTER RAFFLE TO WIN WAMPUM ART DESIGNS

Drawing 9/14/2014

Raffle tickets can be purchased by calling, Carol Lopez at (508) 505-6693 or by contacting the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Memorial Fund Raiser Committee located at 483 Great Neck Rd. Mashpee, MA 02649

All proceeds go to the building of a Bronze Statue in memory of Alice

93rd Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow

Women's Golden Age

- 1st..... Cheryl Frye Cromwell
- 2nd..... Roberta Funmaker
- 3rd..... Stacey Perry

Men's Golden Age

- 1st..... Dean Stanton
- 2nd..... Bert Waters
- 3rd..... Albert Sargent

Men's Eastern War

- 1st..... Tantanka Gibson
- 2nd..... John Thomas
- 3rd..... Christian Hopkins

Men's Fancy

- 1st..... Uri Ridgeway

Men's Grass

- 1st..... Josh Richardson
- 2nd..... Albert Zamora
- 3rd..... Duncan Munson

Men's Traditional

- 1st..... Chenulka Pocknett
- 2nd..... Attiquin Weeden
- 3rd..... Norman Machado

Women's Fancy

- 1st..... Corey Jackson
- 2nd..... Sassamin Weeden
- 3rd..... Madas Pocknett

Women's Eastern Blanket

- 1st..... Quaiapen Perry
- 2nd..... Cholena Smith
- 3rd..... Ne'Keesha Brown

Women's Traditional

- 1st..... Victoria Miranda
- 2nd..... Erin Meeches
- 3rd..... Althnageebah Myles

Women's Jingle

- 1st..... Aquayah Peters
- 2nd..... Cori Daddabbo
- 3rd..... Chelsea Miranda

Teen Men's Traditional

- 1st..... Iyanough Fermino
- 2nd..... Gary Meeches
- 3rd..... Jahsiel Morgan

Teen Men's Fancy

- 1st..... Eric Plainbull
- 2nd..... Missuqken Zamura

Teen Girl's Traditional

- 1st..... Leah Henry
- 2nd..... Kendall Scott
- 3rd..... Dominique Frye

Teen Girl's Jingle

- 1st..... Alyssa Mosely
- 2nd..... Kyasawni Turner
- 3rd..... Valerie Riveria

Teen Girl's Fancy

- 1st..... Shamia Durham
- 2nd..... Naelani Blake
- 3rd..... Chayna Hendricks

Junior Boy's Traditional

- 1st..... Casper Gonzales
- 2nd..... DJ Booth
- 3rd..... Talon Amado

Junior Girl's Jingle

- 1st..... Savasia Durham
- 2nd..... Anaquhas Pocknett
- 3rd..... Hialeah Foster

Boy's Grass

- 1st..... Jabon Cadson

Girl's Traditional

- 1st..... Jeneya Perry
- 2nd..... Zoe Jackson
- 3rd..... Dasia Peters

Girl's Fancy

- 1st..... Mayiki Planbull
- 2nd..... Carolele Henry
- 3rd..... Amihya Peters

Drum Contest Results

- 1st..... Storm Boyz
- 2nd..... Stoney Creek
- 3rd..... Urban Thunder



Message from our Powwow Princess

Wuneequesuq (Good Day!),

Nutus8ees Sassamin Weeden (My name is Sassamin Weeden). I am the daughter of Annawon Weeden Sr. and Regina Lopes. The granddaughter of the first powwow princess Patricia Turner, Everett "Tall Oak" Weeden, Karen "KK" Lopes, and Larry Dove. Sister of four brothers; Brian, Annawon, K'tan, and Seeqan and one sister Malia. Graduated with the class of 2012 at Mashpee High School and now currently working in retail and also administration of a Cardiologist specialists.

I have been fully involved with United National Indian Tribal Youth organization (UNITY) for four years. I ran for Northeast Area Representative on the National Unity Council (NUC) in 2013 and was elected to sit on the Executive



Committee. With this position I am not only obligated to represent my tribe but also the tribal youth of 11 other states along with all affiliated youth councils on the NUC. Shortly after I was elected Secretary of the Executive Committee. At the recent national conference held in portland, oregon I was re-elected as representative and shortly afterwards elected to serve as Vice Chair of the Executive Board. Throughout the year I have worked hard for our youth, going on trips to improve my leadership skills and

raising awareness of Northeast tribes.

Aside from UNITY I have been involved with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Youth Council since it was founded in 2009. These past 2 years I have had the privilege of being Chairwoman of the youth council. The laughter and shared memories I am surrounded by are what make me so passionate about what I do and who I do it for. Not many people are aware of our tribe and our traditions so as Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow Princess I plan to travel out to Indian Country and let people know we are still here. Let them know that we are the people of the first light, the people of the dawn and we shall remain!

Kutaputunumuw! (Thank You)
Sassamin Weeden

POWWOW



Free Mental Health Training Classes

The Behavioral Health Department at the Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit will be hosting two, free mental health training classes in August. The trainings are being offered to Tribal Members, their families and employees of the Tribe and will provide attendees with certification in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) and Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR). If you would like to attend the MHFA and/or the QPR trainings, please contact Behavioral Health Specialist Nadine Phillips by calling (508) 539-6965 or emailing nadine.phillips@ihs.gov or contacting Behavioral Health Specialist PumukQien Collins at (508) 477-6967 or pumukqien.collins@ihs.gov. Space is limited so it is strongly recommended that you RSVP as soon as possible.

The MHFA training will be held on Tuesday, August 12 and Wednesday, August 13 from 8:00 a.m. to noon on both days. The two-day training program will teach participants to recognize the signs and symptoms of psychological disorders and how to respond and help individuals that are in distress. After completing the course attendees will be certified in Mental Health First Aid. (Must attend both days to be certified)

The QPR training will be held on Friday, August 15 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The QPR training will go over the warning signs of suicide crisis, and how to Question, Persuade, and Refer someone to help. Just like CPR,



QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives. After completing the course attendees will be certified as QPR Gatekeepers.

Both trainings will be held at the Health Clinic located directly behind the Government and Community Center. Please contact PumukQien Collins at (508) 477-6967 or pumukqien.collins@ihs.gov or contact Nadine Phillips at (508) 539-6965 or nadine.phillips@ihs.gov for more information or to RSVP.

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8:00 a.m. to noon
Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit

Question, Persuade and Refer

Friday, Aug. 15
9:00 a.m. to noon
Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit

RN Job Announcement

Care Giver Homes is currently looking for a Registered Nurse (RN), preferably Tribal, for the Falmouth/Mashpee area for an approximate 20-hour caseload. Please contact Saran Craig at (508) 768-7685 or Wendy Pocknett, Tribal Health Department, at (508) 477-0208 x166 for more information. Care Giver Homes is a partner of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe; working together in support of our Tribal Families and their care givers.



New Billing Policy for Child Care Services

The Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) program has created a new billing policy to address timely invoicing for child care services rendered. The change is part of a new software system that will also help to expedite renewal vouchers and streamline back end processes. The billing policy will take effect with our new grant cycle, that starts on Wednesday, October 1, 2014, we will move to monthly billing; we will no longer accept weekly or bi-weekly invoice submissions.

Our grant funder-the Administration for Children & Families (ACF) is housed under the US Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS). ACF, through their tribal technical assistance program has developed a software program that assists tribes with federal tracking, reporting and budgeting requirements. This tool is not only extremely useful for us, it will help us to expedite renewal vouchers, income and eligibility changes to vouchers and can tally correct payments to providers. This software will greatly improve



our services while helping to shorten our child care waitlist.

We will require every provider, including those offering kinship care, to submit an invoice after the full month of services have been provided. For example, between November 1st and 10th, you will be required to submit your monthly bill for child care

provided in the month of October. Between December 1st and 10th, 2014 you will submit your invoice for the services rendered for November 2014, etc.

CCDF is a federal program that helps low-income families obtain child care so they can work, attend training, or continue their education. The purpose of CCDF is to increase the availability, affordability, and quality of child care.

If you have any questions about the new billing policy or other improvements that come with the new software program, please contact Program Manager Marcy Hendricks at (508) 477-0208 x152 or at mahendricks@mwtribe.com. You may also contact Marcy if you have questions about program eligibility or would like to be placed on the wait list for childcare services.



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Pictures from Summer Turtle Camp

