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## Chairman's Message



Wuneekeesuq Nutawâm  
(Greetings to my Tribal Community),

I want to thank all of the Tribal members for coming out to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Traditional Thanks Giving at the Old Indian Meeting House in Mashpee. I want to express a special thank you to the entire Old Indian Meeting House Committee (OIMHC) - Carol Lopez, Pauline Peters, Ellen Hendricks, Anne Foxx, Anita Mother Bear Peters, Jeanne Peters, and Norman Dias for their tireless work in coordinating and delivering a wonderful day! There were over 100 Tribal members present.

I gave special thanks on that day to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe for electing me as their Tribal Chairman and for being able to represent our Tribe as we continue to move in a positive direction. I gave thanks to the OIMHC and Tribal Council OIMHC liaison Trish Keliinui for the wonderful work they have done to ensure we have ceremonies and gatherings at the Old Indian Meeting House. I gave thanks for our strong culture and history. I gave thanks for our ancestors as they are still alive today, because we are all tools and vessels that communicate with them and recognize them so that we will continue to live, grow and prosper as a

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## Tribe Awarded Grant for Native Scholars Program

**T**he United States Department of Education, through its Office of Indian Education Demonstration Grant program, has awarded the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe \$1,198,263.00 to fund a pre-college initiative for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade Native students in Massachusetts. This program, called Native Tribal Scholars (NTS), is modeled on the highly successful Upward Bound program operated by UMass Boston for over 40 years. This program was developed and will be operated collaboratively by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, the North American Indian Center of Boston (NAICOB), and UMass Boston's Institute for New England Native American Studies and the division of American Support Services. This program will consist of both academic year and residential components.

After receiving word of the grant, Chairman Cedric Cromwell said, "We are thrilled to receive this grant and increase the resources available as we prepare our Youth for college. This



collaborative effort will provide many young people an opportunity to pursue their education and focus on leading successful adult lives."

The purpose of the NTS program is to prepare low income, first generation Native Americans for post-secondary education. This will be accomplished by providing counseling, tutoring, and academic courses that are both challenging and nurturing.

The program will be comprised of counseling and tutoring services during the academic school year and a six-week residential summer program. These components will be directly managed by

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## Mwalim at the Native American Music Awards

Mwalim (Morgan James Peters) received ten nominations in the first round and two nominations (Best Pop Recording and Best World Music Recording) in the final round of the 2010 NAMMYS (Native American Music Awards) for his critically acclaimed CD, "The Liberation Sessions" (Liberation Music - MGM). Scoring an independent hit "DEM BIG GIRLS" (a top downloaded ring-tone and popular music video) and "Ain't Done Yet - Feat. Amaris" the CD has gained the attention of the record, film and television industries. Mwalim was also tapped to be a presenter for the ceremony, held on November 12 at the Seneca Niagara Falls Casino. The initial round of votes is conducted by the Advisory Board of the awards and the final round is determined by a public vote conducted from the NAMMY website. This marks the first time that a Mashpee Wampanoag has been nominated or invited to present in the twelve-year history of the award.



## Calendar of Events

### Weekly Events

#### **Mondays – 5:30 p.m.**

Youth Cultural Night, *Mashpee Rod and Gun Club*

#### **Thursdays – 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Alcoholics Anonymous, *33 Great Neck Road South*

#### **Thursdays – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Beading and Crafts, *MWT Headquarters*

#### **December 4 – 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Kids Christmas Shopping Spree, *MWT Headquarters*

#### **December 6 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Food Pantry, *MWT Headquarters*

#### **December 8 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Food Pantry, *MWT Headquarters*

#### **December 11 – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Tribal Photo ID Saturday Hours, *766 Falmouth Road*

#### **December 11 – 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Children's Christmas Party, *Holiday Inn, 291 Jones Rd., Falmouth*

*Santa Claus will attend to meet all the children. Finger food will be served.*

*Please watch the mail for additional information.*

#### **December 12 – 2:00 p.m.**

General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School Auditorium*

#### **December 19 – 9:00 a.m.**

Christmas Service, *Old Indian Meetinghouse*

#### **December 20 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Food Pantry, *MWT Headquarters*

#### **December 22 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Food Pantry, *MWT Headquarters*

#### **January 3 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Food Pantry, *MWT Headquarters*

#### **January 5 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Food Pantry, *MWT Headquarters*

#### **January 8 – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Tribal Photo ID Saturday Hours, *766 Falmouth Road*

#### **January 9 – 2:00 p.m.**

General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School Auditorium*

#### **January 17 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Food Pantry, *MWT Headquarters*

#### **January 19 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Food Pantry, *MWT Headquarters*



\* Cameron Frye, a junior at Bishop Feehan High School, recently made the honor roll. Good job Cameron!

\* Congratulations to **Jeffery Blake, Sr.** and **Kimberley Frye** on the birth of their beautiful baby boy Jeffery V. Blake, Jr. who was born on October 3, 2010. He is the grandson of Kimberly Frye and Richard Blake.

\* **Ramona Peters** was featured in the History Channel's Thanksgiving Special on November 22, 2010. Congratulations Ramona!

## Tribal Member-Owned Businesses: Shop Local

**T**he following companies have registered as Tribal Member-Owned Businesses. Please consider utilizing these companies:

### CARPENTRY:

**William C. Mills** (William C. Mills) (508) 477-3897

**Robbins Building Inc.** (Rebecca & Mike Oakley-Robbins) (508) 539-3879

**All Cape Painting and Carpentry** (Jyl Hendricks) (508) 509-3417

**All American Garage Doors** (Seaman Turner II) (508) 648-5101

**WampWorx LLC** (Mark Harding) (508) 477-1600

### CATERING:

**Turtles Biscuits** (Joan Tavares-Avant) (508) 477-3391

**Chef John Foods** (John Marcellino) (508) 221-8622

### EXCAVATION/HEAVY EQUIPMENT:

**E. L. Avant Enterprises, Inc.** (Elliot Avant) (508) 843-1303

**Joey's Septic Service** (Virginia and Joseph DeBarros) (508) 420-9738

**Govoni Construction** (Nicole Hendricks Govoni and Josh Govoni) (508) 477-0095

### LANDSCAPING:

**Rob's Lawn Service** (Robert Dias) (508) 654-0719

**Native Ways Landscaping** (Aaron Hendricks and Attaquin Mills) (508) 364-2452 or 774-238-8061

**Doneright Landscaping** (Rodney Costa) (774) 368-0017

**WHF Masonry & Landscaping** (Wayne Fernandez) (508) 566-3227

### LIMOUSINE SERVICES:

**Elite Limousine** (George Bingham, III) (508) 477-7141

### PAINTING:

**All Cape Painting and Carpentry** (Jyl Hendricks) (508) 509-3417

**Averett Painting** (Paul Averett) (508) 477-9362

### PLASTERING:

**M. T. Jonas Plastering** (Michael Jonas) (508) 362-0434

### PLUMBING:

**Dan Gilmartin Plumbing and Heating** (Joan (Peters) and Dan Gilmartin) (508) 540-1533

### COMPUTERS:

**Drumsounds Computers** (Dion Floyd) Computers and Services (508) 287-0331

**Avimco** (Alicia (Avant) and Chris Imhof) IT Consulting (781) 273-2278

**Slow Turtle's Unique Products and Services** (Dion Floyd) (508) 287-0331

### CLEANING:

**Fermino's Cleaning** (Pedro Fermino Jr.) Home & Office Cleaning (508) 771-8314

**Simply Sparkle** (Nicole Connolly) (508) 274-9431

### MORTGAGES/REAL ESTATE:

**Mortgage Experts, Inc.** (Fenton Soliz) 1-800-440-2274

### MISCELLANEOUS:

**Wampanoag Shells** (Marcus & Marcy Hendricks) (774) 521-8489 or (508) 274-3371

**L.E.M Trucking** (Laura Miranda) (508) 385-6052

**Valiant Security** (Robert "Kyle" Bassett) Office (508) 223-1731 or Cell (508) 212-3729

**Preventative Maintenance** (Auto Repair) (Vincent Peters) (508) 477-8900

### Hotel Restaurant Casino Supply:

**First Light Trading Company Inc.** (Greg McKinney) (508) 245-1500

### Legal Services:

**Law Office of Rudge S. McKenney** (Rudge McKenney) (617) 332-2352

If you are a business owner, please submit your profiles including Your Name, Company Name, address, phone number and email address. Please include a brief description of your business and email the information to [greg@firstlighttrading.com](mailto:greg@firstlighttrading.com).



## Trish Keliinui Receives Award on Behalf of Tribe

**T**he United States Department of Education - Office of Indian Education hosted the 2010 Project Directors Meeting "Demonstration Grants for Indian Children" in Washington, D.C. the week of November 17.

Councilwoman Trish Keliinui attended the conference and represented the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe as one of the 10 grantees of the award. The intent of the conference was to advise the grantees on the data collection and reporting procedures as well as the Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) performance measures along with the budget reporting requirements.

"It was my honor and pleasure to represent the Mashpee Wampanoag as the first tribe to receive this award east of the Mississippi," said Councilwoman Keliinui. "There were grantees from as far away as Alaska, Arizona and Wisconsin," she added.

"Native Tribal Scholars" is the title of the award-winning project, which will service up to 60 Native students in grades nine and ten and will track their progress through high school and successful graduation. There will be counseling available throughout the school year as well as a six-week summer program that will be held at UMass Boston.



*Trish Keliinui in front of the National Museum of the American Indian*

The program will shadow the highly successful "Upward Bound" program that has been in place at UMass Boston for over 40 years.

The consortia project will provide year round college preparatory activities that focus on challenging students in a variety of subject matters, including mathematics and science. The activities will include academic instruction, individual and small group tutoring, college and career counseling, assistance with college and financial aid applications and cultural enrichment activities.

## Christmas Celebration

**T**he Old Indian Meeting House Committee (OIMHC) will host a Christmas Service to be held on Sunday, December 19, 2010 at the Old Indian Meeting House, with Pastor Curtis Frye presiding. The service will begin at 9:00 a.m. There will also be recognition of the one-year anniversary of the Grand Re-Opening of the Old Indian Meeting House.

For further details, please contact OIMHC Chairperson Carol Lopez at (508) 477-8388.



## Shared History with Harvard



Mashpee Wampanoag Chairman Cedric Cromwell and Wampanoag Tribe of Aquinnah Chairwoman Cheryl Andrews-Maltais met recently with Harvard University President Dr. Drew Faust to discuss the shared history of the University and the two Tribes and how the University and Tribes can work cooperatively today.

## Chairman's Message (continued)

strong and united Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe!

Most of all, I gave thanks to my ancestors: Great Great Grandmother Annie Pocknett, Great Grandmother Etta Pocknett-Tobey, my Grandmother Theora Tobey and much love and thanks to my Mother Constance "Lone Eaglist" Tobey-Cromwell for giving birth to me into the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and making me a strong Mashpee Wampanoag Leader and Tribal Chairman.

There was venison stew, quahog chowder, blueberry slump and raw oysters on the half shell provided by our very own Fish and Wildlife Commission. All of the Mashpee Wampanoag food was delicious. Many Tribal members raved about the food and there was drumming and singing that continued throughout the day. There were so many Tribal families that attended, had ceremony together and gave thanks.

I am sure as the OIMHC plans future ceremonies and gatherings there will be more Tribal members in attendance. The word is spreading, the medicine is good and our people are uniting! The Creator's work is being done to ensure our people and our culture lives forever.

In the spirit of feeding our people physically and spiritually and assisting Tribal Elders and our people in need, for the second year in a row, the Tribal Council distributed over 100 turkeys to Tribal members at the food pantry. The turkey has been well received by our people and we look forward to continuing this tradition.

During this holiday season, I hope you will join with me in celebrating by giving thanks to the Creator and helping Tribal members in need as we become stronger and more unified as a sovereign nation. As long as the wind blows, the grass grows and the rivers flow, we will continue to be Mashpee Wampanoag people...the people of the first light!

Kutuputunmuw Qaqemasq,  
Cedric Cromwell

## Tribe Awards over \$27,000 in Scholarships

**C**ongratulations to all of the High School Seniors who will be awarded the \$1,500.00 Tribal High School Seniors Scholarships. This opportunity was given to students who were entering an accredited college in fall of 2010. Students had to meet the requirements of providing several documents as well as write an essay titled "Deterring Substance Abuse." This was a very competitive process and we would like to honor all 12 candidates who applied. We will be offering more opportunities for those who were not chosen this round. The following students that were chosen by a group of Tribal Elders are as follow:

- Chelsea Miranda - Temple University
- Rhiannon Maher - Mass College of Liberal Arts
- Talia Landry - Quinnipiac University
- Ebony Gunn - Full Sails University
- Stephanie Sanford - Harris - Brown University

Congratulations to the following Tribal Students who each received a \$1,000 Current College Scholarship Awards. Students had to submit a 300-word essay on who they are and what their aspirations are now and once they graduate.

- Aneba Costa - Minnesota Technical College
- Rachael Fermino - Lesley College
- Christine Frye - Mount Ida College
- Shanera Lindsay - Johnson and Wales University
- Cassie Lopes - Fisher College
- Elissa Lopez - Bridgewater State University
- Michael Maxim - University of Florida
- Robert Maxim II - George Washington University
- Rachael Miranda - Becker College
- Victoria Miranda - Howard University
- Kamrin Monty - Suffolk University
- Brianna Pina - UMass Amherst
- Madas Pocknett - University of North Carolina-Pembroke
- Leah Texiera - Pace University
- Kelli Pires - Old Dominion University
- Lauren Peters - Fashion Institute of Technology

- Alicia Molokwu - Pine Manor College
- Melissa Hill - Northeastern University
- Kerri Mariah Costa - Hampton University
- Yann Artero - San Diego University

If you are a student who is currently in college and did not receive any financial support from the Tribe please call Cheryl Frye-Cromwell at (774) 238-0628, or email a 300-word essay on who you are and your aspirations now and once you graduate to [cfrye-cromwell@mwtribe.com](mailto:cfrye-cromwell@mwtribe.com).

If you are a Junior or Senior in High School and need assistance in the planning process for college please let us know. You can also visit [www.Collegeboard.com](http://www.Collegeboard.com).

## Health Department Notes



### BMC HealthNet Members

If you are a BMC HealthNet member, you are eligible for medications to help you quit smoking, including nicotine replacement therapy. BMC also covers one-on-one and group counseling to give you the support you need to quit smoking. To give you even more help to quit, BMC HealthNet Plan has partnered with QuitWorks, a service of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. For more information, visit [www.makesmokinghistory.org](http://www.makesmokinghistory.org) or call 1-800-879-8678.

### MassHealth

Whenever your address or phone number changes, please contact MassHealth Member services dept. at 1-888-566-0010. That way you won't risk losing your eligibility due to MassHealth not having your correct address.

## Housing News

**I**nformation on the housing emergency request process. Any person who receives a request for assistance with a housing emergency must take the following steps:

1. Have the client contact the Housing Department directly and initiate the application process with Winona Hendricks (508) 477-0208 x 234. No one can initiate this except for the client in need of services, as long as he or she is able to speak and provide the information to the Housing Advocate.

2. Emergency must be for a stop eviction, foreclosure, health and safety issue (ex. heat and hot water) and the client must be able to demonstrate the emergency in writing.

3. The Housing Advocate will process the application, verifying all information, determine if the client qualifies and communicate to the client. The Housing Advocate will communicate to the client and provide the contact information for the other agencies that assist with housing, health and safety emergencies.

4. If the client qualifies under the Tribe's guidelines, and there is no funding available, the Housing Advocate will refer the case to the Tribal Council Liaison, Marie A. Stone, to determine if further assistance may be available.

5. A reply will be provided back to the client through the Housing Advocate.

**Note:** The MWTC Liaison may not initiate any actions without the due diligence being done by the Housing Department Advocate.

If a client qualifies, the limit is \$1,000 for health and safety emergencies. Any additional necessary funds are sought through other agencies.



## Sacred Paddle

**O**n a cold and windy Saturday in October, tribal members Annawon Weeden and Marcus Hendricks successfully paddled a mishoon in an historic 20-mile trip down the Charles River and into Boston Harbor. The trip to Deer Island was made to honor the memory of indigenous people interred there nearly 350 years ago.

Organizers of the Sacred Paddle, members of Nipmuc tribes, believe it has likely been more than 200 years since a mishoon, a traditional dugout canoe, has coursed the Charles River to the sea.

The Sacred Paddle was a new element to an annual event held to recognize the somber anniversary of the forced removal of more than 500 indigenous people, mostly Nipmuc, from Watertown to Deer Island after the outbreak of King Philip's War in 1675. Deer Island became the first colonial internment camp where without food, clothing, shelter or medicine, the majority of the people, mostly women, children and elders perished during their imprisonment.

The Sacred Paddle began at the boat ramp on Nonantum Road in Brighton. It proceeded down the Charles River by



the Esplanade Park, through the locks and into the inner harbor to Deer Island with marine escorts provided by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Massachusetts State Police Marine Division.

Two other mishoonash and a war canoe also participated in the Sacred Paddle, however the other two mishoonash succumbed to strong winds and sea swells of four to six feet dumping the occupants into the icy Boston Harbor just half a mile shy of the Deer Island beach. Among those rescued by the chase boats were tribal members Jim Peters, Darius Coombs, Matthew Boardley, and Phillip Wynne. Also on board was Aquinnah tribal member Jonathan Perry, and Nipmuc tribal members Pam

Ellis and Troy Phillips.

Pam, who helped organize the event, was thrilled that Annawon and Marcus, who also spilled into the water several times, were able to complete the journey.

While disappointed they fell short of the goal, Pam felt the others still achieved the purpose to honor her ancestors and in the process endured some of the devastating conditions their ancestors must have been confronted with as they were abandoned to the elements.

The mishoonash were provided by Plimoth Plantation where they were made by the staff of the Wampanoag Indigenous Program. Since 1985 WIP has produced more than 30 mishoonash from large felled trees by using fire and handmade tools to slowly and carefully burn and scrape away charred wood to shape the vessel. The mishoonash are actively used along the Eel River by museum staff and are used for WIP's traveling mishoon exhibit, which has been on display around New England.

In 2011 one of the WIP mishoon will be presented to the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington DC.

By Paula Peters

## Tribal Court Update: By Judge Henry Sokbeson

**T**his is the fifth article that covers the Canons of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court Code of Ethics. In this month's article I will cover Canon 6.

### CANON 6

A judge shall maintain a separation between the judicial branch and other branches of tribal government and shall avoid any contact or duty that violates such a separation.

#### Comment 1:

A judge should not run for elective office or serve as an elected government official of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

#### Comment 2:

A judge should not comment to tribal members on the competence of members of the Tribal Council or other officials or investors in the tribe.

#### Comment 3:

A judge should not be employed in any other capacity by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

#### Comment 4:

A judge should not meet in private sessions with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council. All judicial meetings with the Tribal Council should be in open session where any tribal member may be present. An exception is meetings with the Tribal Council where personnel issues are discussed. Any meeting with the Tribal Council should be limited to judicial matters including but not limited to tribal law, the tribal legal system or the administrative aspects of tribal justice. The judge should not explain or otherwise justify the proceedings or outcome of any particular case or controversy.

#### Comment 5:

A judge should minimize private discussions with tribal officials and any such discussions should be limited to matters involving tribal law, the tribal legal system or the administrative aspects of tribal justice. Individual cases, pending or concluded, are never discussed.

#### Comment 6:

A judge should not contribute time or money to any tribal member running

for any tribal office nor should a judge endorse, campaign or otherwise speak in favor or against the election of any member of the tribe to a tribal office.

#### Comment 7:

A judge should not contribute to the political campaign of any person at the request of a tribal official.

#### Comment 8:

A judge should not write letters in their official capacity that recommends any individual for tribal employment.

#### Comment 9:

Judges should initiate measures to improve the law, the tribal justice system and the administration of justice. Suggestions for tribal laws or clarifications to the tribal law should be made in writing via the Elders Judicial Committee or directly to the attorney for the tribe if approved by the Chair of the Elders Judicial Committee.

#### Comment 10:

A judge should not use court tribal stationery for any purpose other than the business of the Tribal Court.

## Elders Council Meeting 10/10/10 with Chief Vernon Silent Drum Lopez

The Elders Council asked for a meeting with Chief Vernon Silent Drum Lopez in order to get his insights about the selection process for a new chief, and the possible role of the Elders Council in that process. Chief Lopez accepted and invited the Council to meet with him in his home.

Chief Lopez has been chief since 1999. There have been questions about what his status will be once he steps down. He said, "Once a chief, always a chief." When asked if he had any second thoughts about relinquishing his role, he was emphatic in saying no. He said the role requires someone who can be a spiritual and traditional leader, and someone who has the time and the energy to carry out the duties and responsibilities properly. There are many demands on the chief's time.

The Elders Council asked Chief Lopez about the qualities a chief must have. The Chief responded that first and foremost it should be someone who can remain neutral, no matter what. He acknowledged that there have and will be times when individuals will want the chief to agree with them in a dispute but that is not the chief's role. The chief must be the spiritual leader of everyone in the tribe.



Other qualities the chief enumerated were:

- An older member of the tribe. Age brings experience.
- Someone who lives locally and can be there when the tribe needs him/her.
- Someone who is or can be traditional.
- Someone who has a clean heart.
- Someone who is patient and honest.

The council members and the chief discussed individuals who possess many of the qualities of a potential chief.

If anyone is interested in being chief, she/he should come forward before February 1, 2011 by calling the Tribal Council Office and leaving a message for the Elders Council. We will plan to have a gathering in the Powwow

grounds or an indoor meeting site in the spring.

The Tribe will choose a new chief during a ceremony that will take place at the sacred grounds of 55 acres. We will need to provide transportation from the main parking lot to the grounds for those who cannot walk down the dirt road. The area is accessible by truck.

### Grant Award (continued)

UMass Boston.

Dr. J. Cedric Woods, Interim Director of the Institute for New England Native American Studies at the University of Massachusetts-Boston said, "The grant received by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe from the Office of Indian Education is a perfect example of the type of tribal/Native community/university collaboration for which the institute was created. I am excited about this opportunity to work more closely with all the partners to increase the number of Native students who will be prepared for higher education."

In the six-week summer session, students will take courses in literature, composition, mathematics, science and computer science. Other program services will include assistance in choosing and applying to college; help with applying for financial aid and scholarships; personal, career and financial counseling; and workplace and college visits.

The program is designed on the same concept as UMass Boston's very successful Upward Bound Program, now in its 45<sup>th</sup> year. On average, 90% of the Upward Bound graduates are accepted to at least one post-secondary institution annually and more than 70% graduate within six years. The Native Tribal Scholars program will use the same concept and curriculum design but with a concentration on the Native American history, culture, and contemporary issues.

Student participants will not only attain stronger academic skills but will gain critical and analytical thinking skills, build positive and confident attitudes and learn comradeship and resourcefulness.

## Tribe Featured in Weekly Reader

A recent edition of *Weekly Reader* featured the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. Designed to teach school-age children about Wampanoag history as well as how Tribal members live today, the magazine depicts children and adults in traditional regalia as well as modern dress, enjoying activities that commemorate Wampanoag heritage as well as everyday activities and family life.

Many thanks to Councilwoman Trish Keliinui, and Tribal members Bobby Foster, Hartman Deetz, Amiyah Peters, Mutahunun Deetz, Dasia Peters, Chenoa Peters, and Marcus Reine for their assistance in gathering photographs and information for the article. Because of their hard work, over 500,000 children from across the United States had an opportunity to learn about our Tribe.





## Eileen Eugenia Avant Frye, 1943-2010

**E**ileen Eugenia Avant Frye, 67, of Falmouth, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on October 22, 2010.

Affectionately known by family and friends as Eyeball, she was a proud Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Elder and worked at the tribal food pantry with great pride. For 20 years she worked as an Occupational Rehabilitation Assistant at Pilgrim's Pride Nursing Home in Mashpee. She was a wonderful, loving and giving mother and always welcomed the many friends of her children into her circle. She was a member of the Mashpee Baptist Church and was an active softball player for the Mashpee Wampettes. The Boston Red Sox, puzzles, traveling, fishing, cooking, planting, visiting the Old Indian Meetinghouse Cemetery, and working out at Rocky's Gym and Fitness were some of her favorite pastimes, but being with her family brought her the most joy.

She is survived by her children, Sonya Frye-Thornton and husband Kalvix of NC, Kimberly Frye of Falmouth, Daniel C. Frye, Jr. of Falmouth, Rita Pires and husband Kenneth of Virginia, Cheryl Frye-Cromwell and husband Cedric of Attleboro, Kathleen Miranda of

Falmouth, Daryl C. Frye, Sr. of Hyannis, Wanda Frye-Crenshaw and husband David of Virginia; former husband and father of her nine children, Daniel C. Frye, Sr. of Falmouth; siblings, Joan Avant Tavares of Mashpee, Evangeline Lee of CT, Sonya Avant Saunders of Randolph, Pauline DeBarrows of Falmouth, Elliot Avant of Mashpee, Roger Gonsalves, Robert Gonsalves, Sonny Gonsalves, Paul Gonsalves and George Gonsalves of Falmouth, Billy Gonsalves of Taunton, and Leigh Potter of Mashpee; 23 grandchildren, Manny Jr., P.J., Kandi, Revai, Vincent, Brailyn, Michael, Bryan, Eileen, Ashley, Mark, Mariah, Kimberley, Kelli, Kourtney, Karryssa, Keenan, Kalya, Cameron, Daryl Jr., Kalvix Jr., Kendall, and Dominique, 17 great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and friends. She was the mother of the late Beverly Frye and sister of the late Marie Seay, the late Eugenia "Sugie" Gonsalves, the late Nelson Roy Avant, and the late Albert Gonsalves Sr.

Eileen's family would like to express their sincere appreciation of cards, love, flowers and donations during this difficult time of sorrow. Eileen will be missed and forever remembered for her legacy of love, pride and dignity.

## Eleanor May Thaxton, 1929-2010

Eleanor May (Peters) Thaxton passed into eternal life on the morning of October 28, 2010, after a valiant battle with lung disease.

She was the daughter of Charles A. and May A. (Sturgis) Peters, and was the wife of the late Leroy R. Thaxton.

She was predeceased by brothers Albert, Joseph A. and Frederick A. Peters of Mashpee, and sisters Hazel A. Oakley of Mashpee and Alice M. Banks of Maple Heights, Ohio. She is survived by brother Stacey D. Peters of Mashpee, many nieces and nephews, and lifelong friends.

Born in 1929, Eleanor was a child of the Great Depression, and valued the virtues of hard work, thrift and family. No job was too small or too big for her, and her service to her beloved Mashpee Wampanoag community

was well known. She served in several capacities, including board of directors, job developer, and genealogical assistant. She was a Mashpee Wampanoag Golden Elder.

Known to her friends as "Shriz," Eleanor was often the life of the party, and loved to entertain friends at her home. In summer, her back yard was often filled with laughter and music, the sounds of children playing, and the aroma of hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill. Though she had no children of her own, Eleanor was known by generations of children as "Auntie," a title that carries a lot of meaning in Wampanoag culture.

Eleanor was a member of the Mashpee Baptist Church. Her faith sustained her in her later years, and she often spent evening hours reading her bible.

## Register Your Business

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal members are encouraged to register their business with the Economic Development Committee (EDC) for the upcoming community building project and future job opportunities. Greg McKinney, chairman of the EDC, will compile all individual Tribal members' business information. The EDC will share the information collected with various Tribal department for future projects and needs.

Tribal business owners should forward all information to Chairman Cedric Cromwell's Administrative Assistant, Denise Hathaway, at [dhathaway@mwtribe.com](mailto:dhathaway@mwtribe.com) or (508) 477-0208.

## Thanksgiving Celebrated

**T**he Old Indian Meeting House Committee hosted a Native American thanksgiving celebration on Saturday, November 20 that was well attended.



## Elton Jerome Tobey, Jr.

Elton Jerome Tobey, Jr.  
December 29, 1960 - October 1, 2010

On behalf of the Tobey Family, I would like to thank the Tribal members for the generous outpouring of sympathy and support we received around the passing of Elton Tobey, Jr.

Sincerely,

Yvonne Tobey



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## IN THE NEWS

### Candidate Packets Now Available

**C**andidate packets including nomination papers and a checklist of all steps a candidate must take in order to be approved for the ballot for the February 13, 2011 election are now available at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Office during regular business hours. Candidates must pick up and sign for the packets in person.

Save the date, Saturday, January 8, for a Candidates Forum and social - time and place to be announced. Meet the candidates and learn about their goals and initiatives for the tribe should they be elected.

### Saturday Hours for Tribal Photo ID Card

Tribal Photo Identification Card "Saturday Hours" 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Saturday, December 11, 2010 - Saturday, January 8, 2010

766 Falmouth Road (Madaket Place), Unit A-3, Mashpee \*(508) 477-6160\*\*  
Processing of Tribal ID Cards will be available to all Enrolled Tribal Members  
\$15.00 per Adult and Minor (under age 18) - No Charge for Elders (55+)

#### CASH ONLY

In an effort to make sure all Tribal members have identification cards and the Tribe has accurate contact information for all members, the Enrollment Department will hold Saturday office hours on December 11 and January 8. On these two Saturdays enrolled Tribal members will be able to have identification cards processed. If the response to these Saturday hours generates enough volume, we intend to offer this service once a month.

Since federal recognition, Tribal ID Cards require a picture, signature and expiration date. If your ID card doesn't have these on it the replacement is FREE!

As of 10/28/09 MWT no longer generates Spouse ID Cards as they provide no benefits.

### Youth Grill Project

**I**f you attended the Wampanoag Family Day in October, you probably noticed the new grill that was available for cooking.

Two of our Tribal Youth, Dougie Pocknett, Jr., along with his brother Vernon, learned some masonry basics with the supervision of Tribal member Kevin Tobey, a seasoned brick mason.

The boys should be very proud of their efforts and the Tribe will enjoy the use of the grill for years to come.

By Yvonne Tobey