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## Chairman's Column



Dear Tribal Community,

As we enter a new season, we have much to reflect on and much to look forward to. The past month has had shocking ups and downs. The unprecedented number of tribal members recently passing has shaken the tribal community yet we continue to stand strong and unified. We look to the Creator to bless us during these hard times.

Despite these trials, we have continued to stay positive and move forward as a community. This month our 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Powwow took place where we honored "Keepers of the East" and celebrated all Eastern Woodland Tribes. Each year, I look forward to Powwow to meet with Tribal members who come home for this event, catch up with family and enjoy this homecoming and good medicine.

We are continuing to make great progress with our Community and Government center as well. Construction is moving along as planned and the project is still on track to be completed by the end of October. Once completed, this will be a state of the art facility for our tribal community to utilize and enjoy.

We also continue to move forward in a positive direction with our land into trust process and development of the destination resort casino. Over the past month we have filed our draft Environmental Impact Report, a critical step forward to keeping our project on track and bringing thousands of jobs to tribal members and the rest of southeastern Massachusetts. The report

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## Celebrating our 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Powwow

**F**or thousands of years The Mashpee Wampanoag have made our home on what is now called Massachusetts, and from July 5 through July 7 Tribal Members shared our rich culture with family, friends and neighbors during the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow. Held at the Barnstable County Fair Grounds, the annual Powwow was a huge success by all measures.

This year's theme was "Keepers of the East" in honor of the Eastern Woodland Tribes. The thousands of people that were in attendance, more than 150 dancers, 10 drums

and over 50 artisans came together and shared in our solemn and spiritual event and honored the "Keepers of the East."

Other highlights from this year's powwow included the Gombey Warwick Troupe of Bermuda, New England Birds of Prey, Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers and our annual "fireball" game.

Thank you to the Powwow Committee, volunteers, artisans, vendors, dancers, and drummers for making this year's Powwow a success and a shining example of what make's our Tribe special.

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Retiring the flags Saturday evening at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Powwow

## Tribe Protects Aboriginal Rights

In late June, the Town of Mashpee responded to a letter it received from the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council and the Natural Resource Department. The letter pointed out the fact that the town had violated our aboriginal rights to fishing, hunting, and other purposes by blocking access to several pieces of land in Mashpee. Mashpee Wampanoag fishing and hunting rights have been recognized by a long succession of laws from colonial days to modern times...rights that Tribal Members and our Tribal Council continue to work hard to protect.

"Mashpee Wampanoag access to the waters for fishing and land for hunting and gathering and other purposes is an integral component of our ancient and aboriginal way of life," according to the letter. "It is our intention to work cooperatively with the Town to assure that the Wampanoag way of life is protected, while at the same time protecting the concerns of the Town, if that is possible."

In the letter from the Tribal Council, Moody Pond was used as an example of how our aboriginal rights were

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## Events Calendar

### New Events

**July 27 - 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**  
Day of Wellness, *Cape Cod Canal*

**August 8 - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training,  
*Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit*

**August 11 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**  
General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School*

**August 18 - 11:00 a.m.**  
NDN Soul Festival, *Cape Cod Community Media Center, Dennis Port*

**August 24 - 2:00 p.m.**  
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Museum  
Lecture - Around the World: Mashpee  
Wampanoag Whaling in the Nineteenth  
Century, *Mashpee Library*

### Weekly Events

**Thursdays - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
Wamp Support Group, *Old Indian Meeting House*

**Biweekly - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
Mashpee Food Pantry, *Monday and Wednesday every other week*

**Biweekly - 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**  
New Bedford Food Pantry, *Tuesday and Thursday every other week*

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

### Language Classes

**3-Day Family Language Immersion**  
**Weekend - September 13 to 15**  
*Camp Good News, Forestdale, MA*

Visit [WLRP.org](http://WLRP.org) for more details and upcoming language classes.

## Tribal Announcements

» Asa Peters, son of Sylvia Spears, Narragansett and John Jim Peters, Mashpee, was recognized for honorable merit cum laude for outstanding performance on the National Latin Examination from the American Classical League at Hanover High School, NH.

» Congratulations to Ellisa Avant for achieving the Dean's List for the spring semester at Massasoit Community College, by maintaining at least a 3.4 GPA. Well done Ellisa!



» Hope Sarah Shwom graduated on May 31st of this year from the University of Massachusetts Boston with a degree in Business Management. Hope is also the Site Manager for Native American LifeLines of Boston, which is an Urban Indian Health Services Facility. She is also an active Board member for the National Urban Indian Health.

» Tribal Member, Jazmine Eve Nevels, daughter Shelley Bingham Graham of Virginia Beach, VA and Derek Nevels of Hampton, Virginia, graduated from First Colonial High School, in Virginia Beach, VA on June 15, 2013 with honors. She will be attending Norfolk State University in Virginia in the fall on a full scholarship. She is also taking a six-week summer course at Norfolk State beginning Tuesday, June 18. Jazmine is majoring in Chemistry and pursuing a career in Pediatrics. Her proud Grandparent is Francie J Dottin, of Mashpee, she has two older sisters (Britney and Whitney) and one younger brother (Lance).



» Tribal Member, Jessica Nicole Lopes, daughter of Dennis Lopes of Mashpee and Crystal Lopes of Mashpee, graduated from Mashpee High school on June 8, 2013. Jessica is pursuing a career in the field of Accounting. She hopes to attend Dean College in Franklin, Massachusetts or The University of Massachusetts/ Dartmouth, MA. While at Mashpee High School, Jessica was on the Jr. and Sr Varsity Basketball teams as well as the Field Hockey team. She is the sister of Eric Lopes who was a 2012 graduate of Mashpee High School. Her proud Grandparents are John and Vivienne (Gray) Lopes of Mashpee.



» Josiah Scott Shepherd graduated from Classical High School on June 13, 2013. He is a Honor Student with a cumulative average of 92.08. He is an outstanding baseball player that has played on the Providence Sports and Leadership Team, Classical High School Team and the Providence Pioneers. Josiah recently received the Al Morro Award for Outstanding Sportsmanship and Dedication. This last year several college scouts from Western New England, Becker, Rhode Island College, Anna Maria and Wheaton were seeking him for recruitment. This August, Josiah will be attending Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts. We are proud of our son and his accomplishments and know that he will go far. His ancestors, grandmother, Ellen Shepherd and great grandmother, Alma Helme Souza look down on him and guide him daily.

## Elder's Council Member Appointments

Any Tribal Elder age 55 years and older who would like to submit a letter of interest for appointment by the Tribal Council may do so to the attention of Councilwoman Yvonne Avant at 483 Great Neck Road-South, Mashpee, MA 02649 or [YAvant@mwtribe.com](mailto:YAvant@mwtribe.com). Yvonne can also be reached at (774) 238-8388.

All nine (9) Elders' Councilor terms will be up after the monthly meeting

in August.

Current members intending to retain their seats will be required to submit a letter indicating as such.

Our community would like to thank all of our Elders who have served, and continue to serve in all aspects, by sharing their wisdom and guidance.

## Bryant W. Black (Moving Fox), 56

**B**ryant W. Black 'Moving Fox', 56, passed away on May 28 with his dog, Highway, at his side. He leaves his wife Karen and his sons Bryant Black Jr. and Paul Black. He also leaves behind his dad, Aganoris Collins of Hyannis; his brother, Gkisedtanamook and his wife Miigam'agan of Maine and Canada; sisters, Denise Kersey of Mashpee, Michelle Black of Mashpee, Nancy Black of Mashpee, PumukQien E. Collins of Hyannis; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his mother Ethel I. Black-Collins and his sister Ahanecqa Angela Collins.

Bryant was a member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe; he belonged to the Otter Clan. He was devoted to his family. He loved spending time with his wife and two boys, always joking and kidding around. He enjoyed cooking on the grill during the spring/summer, and going to car shows. Bryant was an avid sports fan loving all kinds of sports, but he especially loved the New England Patriots. He worked for many years and later became sole owner of D.A. Scannell Well Drilling and Repairs in Mashpee. He loved his business and put 100% of his time into developing it. He would go above and beyond to help his customers when a call came in at any time of the day or night.

Bryant was always available for any family member or friend that needed his help. If you called him, he would always be there. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends.



A memorial to celebrate his life all and a gathering of all of his family and friends will be held

Aug. 10, 2013 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Old Indian Meetinghouse in Mashpee.

## Piano or Organ Player Needed

The Old Indian Meeting House Committee is seeking piano or organ players who would be interested in being included on the "on-call" list. Through the year there are various events or services held at the Old Indian Meeting House hosted by the committee as well as private ceremonies. Please contact Carol Lopez for further details at (508)505-6693.

## Chairman (continued)

is part of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act and addresses the concerns of officials and residents who attended several public meetings held in recent months. This marks the passage of another milestone in the advancement of our destination resort casino in Taunton.

Last but not least I would like to recognize the positive media attention our Tribe has received over the past month. Not only has our Tribe been recognized for the progress on our destination resort casino, but our culture has become a focal point as well. Our language became a focus when Tribal member Douglas Pocknett Jr. delivered the prayer for graduation at Mashpee High School's graduation ceremony. Our First Light Oysters also received recognition when they were featured on the cover of the Boston edition of Coastal Angler magazine. I am proud to be able to share our culture with people on a national level and educate them about our Tribe. We have accomplished so much and will continue to grow and move forward.

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Cedric Cromwell, Qaqemasq (Running Bear)

## Lora G. (Frye) Andrade, 1918 - 2013

Tribal Member, Lora Gladys (Frye) Andrade, of Mashpee, born May 25, 1918 and went to be with her Lord on April 13, 2013. She was 94 years old. She was the beloved wife of the late Louis Andrade.

Born in Mashpee, she was the daughter of the late Harrison and Ethel (Coombs) Frye, Sr. Lora was a graduate of Lawrence High School in Falmouth.

She lived in Wareham for several years where she was a member of Emmanuel Church of the Nazarene. She was given several awards during her membership at the Nazarene Church; the Distinguished Service Award, Leadership Award, Missions Award, and a Lifetime Achievement Award among others. She was a Sunday School Teacher, Bible Study Leader, and Board member. She held numerous prayer meetings in her home. When she moved from Wareham to Mashpee, she attended the Mashpee Baptist Church.

She was a proud member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and looked forward to attending all the meetings and



ceremonies, especially the Powwow. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary, Post #5489 in Mashpee. Lora was a true Prayer Warrior for her family, Tribe, Church, Missionaries and friends.

She is survived by her five children; Vivienne E. Lopes (John) of Mashpee, George L. Gray (Linda) of Dartmouth, Darryl V. Gray of New Bedford, Frances J. Dottin of Mashpee and Indianapolis, IN, and David L. Gray (Joyce) of Mashpee, 21 grandchildren, and several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings, Doris Middleton, Lawrence K. Frye, Sr., Milton (Mickey) Frye, Sr., Curtis Frye, Sr., Ruth Lewis and Daniel Frye, Sr. She was predeceased by her siblings, Martha Bassett, Harrison Frye, Jr., Walter Frye, Sr., Bernard Frye, Sr., Bernice Grant and Bertram Frye.

## OIMH Memorial Bricks



\$150 per brick

Placed on the walkway of the meeting house.

To purchase your brick, call Carol Lopez at (508) 505-6693

## Indian Health Services Update: Free Suicide Prevention Training

As part of the Indian Health Service-MSPI Initiative, Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit will be hosting a QPR suicide prevention training for Mashpee Wampanoag tribal members to help further the efforts to prevent acts of suicide within the tribal community.

QPR is a three step training program that anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. Just like CPR, QPR is an emergency response to someone in crisis and can save lives. QPR is the most widely taught gatekeeper training program in the United States, with more than one million adults trained. At the end of the program, you will be certified in QPR.

If you have been trained before in QPR, you are welcome to participate and/or recertify.

**Date:** Thursday, August 8, 2013

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit - Admin Building, Conference Room

**Cost:** Free

A Talking Circle will follow the QPR training. Also, lunch and refreshments will be provided. Space may be limited so please RSVP by calling (508) 477-6967 and dial Pu-

mukQien Collins ext 2562 or Magdalena Castaneda ext 6965.



## NRD Reminder: Carry Your Tribal ID

An important reminder from the Natural Resources Commission, please ensure that you have your current Tribal ID on you at all times when fishing, hunting, or gathering. Your aboriginal rights are priceless but you must be able to show any official questioning you that you are in fact a person with an aboriginal right. If asked by a town or state official for identification, please show your Tribal ID.

It's also important that you check your ID and make sure it has not expired. Current Tribal IDs will have an expiration date on it. If you're ID doesn't have an expiration date

or the date has expired, please stop by the Enrollment Department to obtain a new ID.

Interested in learning more about the Natural Resources Commission? The Commission meets every other Thursday evening at 6:30. The meetings are open and Tribal Members are welcomed to come to any meeting and learn about the initiatives and policies of the Commission. Please email Dave Greene at [DGreene@mwtribe.com](mailto:DGreene@mwtribe.com) with any questions about location or dates.

## Ethics Ordinance Sub-Committee



MWTC is accepting letters of interest from Tribal Members willing to volunteer their service on the Ethics Ordinance sub-committee. The Sub-committees will be responsible for developing the Ethics codes that will be enacted by MWTC by ordinance.

The committee will decide on how to proceed with this project during their first meeting by setting up a meeting schedule to determine place dates, times, and frequency, and reviewing the draft ordinance. The end goal is to submit a recommendation to MWTC of which codes the members would like to see included in the final document.

Letters of interest may be submitted to MWTC Secretary Marie Stone, or Executive Administrative Assistant Frances Dottin by calling (508) 539-1026, (774) 238-6999 or emailing [mstone@mwtribe.com](mailto:mstone@mwtribe.com), or [fdottin@mwtribe.com](mailto:fdottin@mwtribe.com). The Deadline for letters of interest is August 30, 2013.

## Diabetes Education and Awareness Training

According to the American Diabetes Association, Native Americans have a 2.2 times higher chance of developing diabetes and they estimate 30% of tribal members has pre-diabetes. These are staggering statistics that present a major health challenge for our Tribal Members. The Tribal Health Office is working hard to stay in front

of this issue and would like to host a training session on Diabetes Education and Awareness. If you are interested in participating in the training, please call Kim or Wendy in the Tribal Health Office at (508) 477-6912.

## Wanted: Dinghy for Shellfish Farm

If you have a small boat that you are willing to donate for free or sell at a significantly reduced price to the Mashpee Wampanoag Shellfish Farm, please call Quan Tobey or Chuckie Green at (508)477-5800 or send an email to [qtobey@mwtribe.com](mailto:qtobey@mwtribe.com).



# POWWOW

## Pictures from the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Powwow



# POWWOW



## Aboriginal Rights *(continued)*

being violated. Access to the pond, which was given to the town by a tribal family, has been blocked by rocks and shrubs, and has been paved over with asphalt that is introducing pollutants into the pond on which our people have fished for many generations.

In the Town of Mashpee's response, they reaffirmed their commitment to work cooperatively with the Tribe for the mutual benefit of the citizens of the Town and Tribal Members. However, the Board of Selectman also have a commitment to conservation of the Town's natural resources so that all members of the community can enjoy the benefits of these resources for years to come.

According to the Board, the gates

and blockades were installed to stem the tide of illegal dumping in our conservation lands. During the past several years, the town has been plagued by an epidemic of illegal trash dumping in its conservation areas, including furniture, construction debris, and household garbage. Last year, a load of old roofing tiles was dumped in a sandpit near Moody Pond, and set on fire.

The tribe's letter was signed by Chairman Cedric Cromwell, Vice-Chairman Jessie (Little Doe) Baird, Natural Resource Commission Chairman Vernon M. Pocknett, and Natural Resource Department Director Quan Tobey.

## Robert Dias Accepts Pan-Mass Challenge

Tribal Member Robert Dias is looking for individual and business sponsorship for his Pan-Mass Challenge Jimmy Fund Cancer Research Institute fundraising ride.

Cancer affects everyone's family in one way or another. It was Robert's connection with the disease that inspired him to ride the Pan Mass Challenge.

"One of my bike team members daughter, was diagnosed with ALL leukemia in 2008 at the age of 2," said Robert. "To this day Kylie Farhadi still goes to the Jimmy Fund Clinic for routine blood work and checkups. If it wasn't for the Jimmy Fund Clinic she may have not been here today. Let's give our youth a chance."

A close friend of Roberts, Randy Peters Jr., has been battling cancer in his colon, lung, liver and spine since 2002. "I have seen the way cancer affects not only him but those that love him. Throughout all the treatment he has continued to work and motivate those around him. During his last battle with cancer in his spine, he was left paralyzed. To this day he still has a positive outlook on life," said Robert.

The Pan-Mass Challenge raises money for life-saving cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through an annual bike-a-thon that crosses Massachusetts. Our hope and aspiration is to provide Dana-Farber's doctors and researchers with the necessary resources to discover cures for all cancers". You can learn more by visiting [www.pmc.org](http://www.pmc.org).

We hope that you are willing to help sponsor Robert for the Pan-Mass Challenge on August 3, 2013. As a sponsor of at least \$250, your organization is sure to re-

ceive exposure, being added to our riding shirts on the day of the event when we bike ride 84 miles from Wellesley to Bourne. You will also gain exposure from the volunteers and family and friends, including the Jimmy Fund pedal partners attending the event.

"To take part in this event I need to raise a minimum of \$3,200 and I am asking for your help in achieving this goal. Donations are tax deductible and may be made online or in person."

For online donations visit Pan-Mass online at [www.pmc.org](http://www.pmc.org) and click DONATE in the top right. You can either enter Robert Dias or his PMC ID# RD0178. PMC's tax ID / EIN number is 04-2746912. If you prefer to write a check, please make it out to the Pan Mass Challenge. 100% of every rider-raised dollar goes directly to the Jimmy Fund at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. He has until October 1, 2013 to complete my fundraising efforts. Any contribution you can make toward his ride would be most gratefully appreciated.

Also, if there is someone special to you that you would like Robert to ride in honor/memory of, please let him know their name. They will be added to a cloth that will be with him on his on the day of the PMC event and the many days of practice rides.

"Thank you for your time and consideration to donate to this very important cause because PMCs ride because they can, for others who can't," said Robert.

## Douglas Pocknett, Jr. Makes his Mark

On Saturday, June 8, Douglas Pocknett, Jr., Wampanoag Tribal Member and graduating senior at Mashpee High School, delivered the graduation prayer in his Tribe's native language.

Mashpee High School Principal Jane Day selected Douglas, who has been studying the language of his ancestors, for this honor. Douglas is the first student at Mashpee High School to earn his foreign language credits by demonstrating proficiency in Wôpanâak.

"Graduating high school is a big part of my life," said Douglas. "I wanted to walk in my traditional clothing. I would be only the second Pocknett to do so," added Douglas.

An interest in the Wampanoag heritage and traditions comes naturally to Douglas, who is the son of Allyson and Douglas Pocknett Senior, and the grandson of Tribal elder Bernadine (Hendricks) Pocknett and the late Chief Vernon "Sly Fox" Pocknett, Senior.

"Spiritually, it meant a whole lot," he said. "I'm going to another stage of life. I chose the travel blessing because we're traveling our separate ways and we may not see each other."

Douglas admits it was sometimes difficult to be one of just a handful of Wampanoag students graduating in the class of 2013 at Mashpee High School. "It's like wearing a moccasin and a sneaker sometimes," he said. "But at the same time, it gives me strength and sets me apart."

"I am very proud of Doug Pocknett. He is a strong and vibrant young Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal teen and he represents our future leadership," said Cedric Cromwell, Chairman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. "May the Creator cover him and bless him on his journey towards greatness!"





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# COMMUNITY

## Museum to host two New England Indian Whaling Talks

**T**he Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Museum will host two fascinating speakers on the subject of New England Indian Whaling Histories. Their presentations will highlight the opening of the Mashpee Indian Whaling exhibit set for September 14, 2013.

Nancy Shoemaker will present at the Mashpee Library on Saturday, August 24 at 2:00 p.m. The title of her talk is "Around the World: Mashpee Wampanoag Whaling in the Nineteenth Century."

Nancy Shoemaker is a professor of history at the University of Connecticut. She recently edited a book called *Living With Whales: Documents and Oral Histories of Native New England Whaling History*, which will be published sometime around the end of the year. She is finishing up a second book on Native American Whalers as world travelers in the nineteenth century.

Her talk will be about some of the amazing experiences of Mashpee Wampanoag whalers in the nineteenth century; how difficult, risky, and dangerous whaling work was; and yet how they were able to succeed

at it and make a living for their families. Her presentation will include listings of Mashpee whalers, ship logs written by Mashpee Indians, maps, and much more.

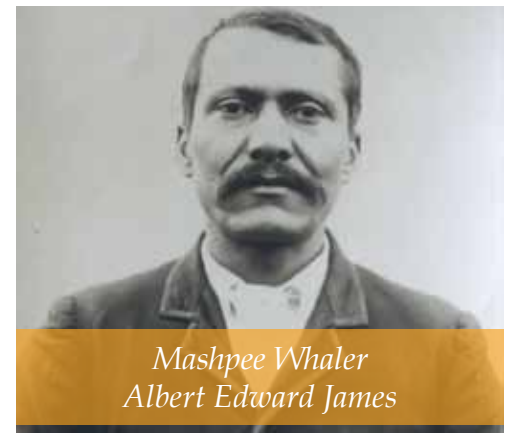
Most Mashpee families have grandfathers that were whalers, we invite everyone to learn what those grandfathers experienced, where they travelled, the other tribes they encountered throughout the world.

Jason Mancini will present on Saturday, September, 13 at 2:30 p.m. The title of his presentation is "Preserved on the Mighty Waters."

Jason Mancini, Ph.D. is Senior Researcher at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum and Research Center, Adjunct Professor of Anthropology at the University of Connecticut, and Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Connecticut College. His presentation will include the social and economic impacts of the whaling industry on Indian communities.

Nine million acres of Indian Country in southern New England was reduced to less than 30,000 acres by the American Revolution. Indians across the

region adjusted in different ways to this rapidly changing world. One important and largely unseen shift involved the participation of Indian men in various forms of maritime labor - from shipbuilding to whaling. This talk focuses on the hundreds of Indians that found work in the customs district of New London and explores their "roots" and "routes," the global social networks they formed, and their traveling histories from the objects they collected and stories they told.



*Mashpee Whaler  
Albert Edward James*