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Word from the Chairman

Wuneekeesuq Nutawâmâak
(Hello My Tribal Community);

At the May General Body Meeting I had the opportunity to share the exciting news that the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has entered into an agreement with the City of Fall River to develop a resort-style casino in that city.

As you know, Tribal Council has been conducting our due diligence concerning all aspects of our Tribe's plans to build a resort-style casino. This included ending ties with our old investors and welcoming new investment partners to our team. This process has also included efforts to determine which location in Southeastern Massachusetts will provide the Tribe with the best opportunity to develop our resort style casino project quickest and with the greatest long term benefit.

This research has led us to the decision that a site in Fall River, Massachusetts will be the best possible location for the Mashpee Wampanoag Resort Casino. Fall River has many attributes that make it a good choice, including its physical location along major highways, shovel-ready building status, and political support from its elected officials. Our people have a deep connection to the Fall River area, and this project will continue that connection by bringing economic benefits to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the good people living in the Fall River area for generations to come.

Recently, the Fall River Redevelopment Authority approved the measure that allows the Tribe to have the option to purchase 300 acres of land in Fall River. This is an enormous step toward realizing our goal of developing a resort-style casino and providing economic development and good jobs to our people as well as residents of the

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Tribe Announces Agreement to Build Casino in Fall River



*Chairman Cromwell shown
with Fall River Mayor
Will Flanagan*

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe recently announced that it has reached an agreement with the city of Fall River to develop an integrated resort-style casino. The announcement comes as the

Massachusetts Legislature considers a proposal to legalize casino gambling in the Commonwealth.

"The development of a resort-style casino in Fall River presents a unique opportunity not only for the Tribe, but also for the City of Fall River," said Chairman Cedric Cromwell. "This proposal will bring economic opportunity for the Tribe, and its people, while also directly and indirectly creating thousands of jobs in Fall River during construction and subsequent operation."

The Tribe's proposal includes a casino, three hotels, a shopping mall with an indoor water park, convention facilities, showroom and spa built on approximately 300 acres of land. The three hotels will be segmented to serve guests at the casino, convention, and spa & leisure market. The project is proposed for a site along Route 24.

"We are pleased that we have reached an agreement with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe to develop this project in our city," said Fall River Mayor Will Flanagan. "Beyond the thousands of jobs this project will create, it will bring much needed revenue to the City of Fall River to pay for services like public safety, infrastructure improvements, and education. Simply put, it is a great project for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, a great project for Fall River, and a great project for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

Senator Joan Menard (D-Fall River), the Assistant Senate Majority Leader, also

praised the project. "This development is a critical step toward economic development for Fall River," she said. "The project will create thousands of jobs and provide much needed revenue for the City. It is part of an economic plan for Fall River that also includes the development of a biopark. I am excited by what lies ahead for this great city."

Integrated resorts such as the one the Tribe is proposing are the latest worldwide trend in casino development where major non-gaming attractions such as shopping, entertainment, sports and leisure are combined with gaming to create higher patronage and revenues for the development. The Fall River casino would be the first integrated resort in the northeast designed with all major facilities within easy reach of each other regardless of weather.

As a Federally recognized tribe, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe would have the right to operate gaming once the Commonwealth passes legislation allowing casinos. Under the Tribe's proposal, it will work with state officials to develop a contract that would provide revenue to the State from the casino development.

"We look forward to developing an agreement with the State that benefits the Tribe and its people, the City of Fall River and the Commonwealth," said Cromwell. "Once that is completed, we stand ready to put shovels in the ground."



Artist rendering of proposed resort-style casino project.

June

- 1 Language Class, Mashpee Wampanoag Language Center, 7:00 pm
- 2 Food Pantry, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 2 Diabetes Workshop, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 6 – 8 p.m.
- 3 Beading and Crafts, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- 5 Joshua R. Lopes Memorial Fun Run, South Cape Beach, 10:00 a.m.
- 7 Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 7 Language Game Night, Mashpee Wampanoag Language Center, 7:00 pm (Final Spring Class!)
- 9 Diabetes Workshop, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 6 – 8 p.m.
- 10 Beading and Crafts, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- 13 General Body Meeting, Mashpee High School Auditorium, 2 p.m.
- 14 Food Pantry, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 14 Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 16 Food Pantry, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 16 Diabetes Workshop, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 6 – 8 p.m.
- 17 Beading and Crafts, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- 20 First Annual Chowder Festival, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club, 2:00 PM
- 21 Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 23 Diabetes Workshop, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 6 – 8 p.m.
- 24 Beading and Crafts, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- 28 Food Pantry, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 28 Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 30 Food Pantry, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 30 Diabetes Workshop, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 6 – 8 p.m.

July

- 1 Beading and Crafts, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- 3-5 89th Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow, Tribal Grounds, 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee
- 4 Powwow Sunday Service, Old Indian Meetinghouse, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- 7 Food Pantry, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 7 Diabetes Workshop, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 6 – 8 p.m.
- 8 Beading and Crafts, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- 12 Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club, 5:30 p.m.

- Museum Committee welcomes all Tribal members who are interested in serving on the committee to please contact committee chairperson Putnam Peters at (508) 394-5071.
- Anyone interested in using the Meetinghouse for religious or traditional events should contact the Meetinghouse Committee, Carol Lopez, Chairperson, with details of your event, requested dates and time. Carol can be reached at 508-477-8388.
- At the 2010 New England Urban Music Awards, held on Saturday, April 24, 2010 Mwalim (Morgan James Peters, shown right) emerged with the extremely prestigious, Best Male Jazz Vocalist award, cited for his work as a regional performer as well as his latest CD "The Liberation Sessions," specifically the song DEM BIG GIRLS, which is more of a Caribbean/Dance-hall tune, the judges still recognized Mwalim's strong jazz influences and phrasing to the point of giving him the nod for the award. Singer Amaris, who made her debut on Mwalim's CD won Best Female Jazz Vocalist for her efforts on "Ain't Done Yet" and "Awakened by a Noon Day Sun." Mwalim accepted Amaris' award on her behalf as she was in NYC and could not attend the ceremony. The New England Urban Music Awards began in 2004 as a way to recognize the efforts of Urban Music artists from the New England area and are held annually at The Strand.
- On Sunday May 2nd tribal teen Rhiannon Maher was honored by the Mass State Track Association with the Frank Kelley Award. The 18-year-old, who graduates from Mashpee High on June 12, was one of 15 students statewide to receive the award given to high school athletes who overcome adversity to participate in track and field events. Rhiannon ran Cross Country as well as Winter and Spring Track for Mashpee High and lettered in two sports despite having Cerebral Palsy. She also ran the Falmouth Road Race several times and was the recipient of the Denmark Award in 2005, the same year she raised over \$1500 for the Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Program as part of the tribe's Run for Housing team. Rhiannon will be attending Mass College of Liberal Arts in North Adams in the fall.
- Katherine Campbell, granddaughter of Alice Hendricks Granger, will be attending the University of Central Michigan with honors in the fall of 2010. Katie has been involved with her church youth group, Teens and Twenties choir, and school choir. She is class president, campus news editor, sports enthusiast and will be running for Miss Allendale in June. Alice and family are so proud of her accomplishments.
- Jessica Campbell, granddaughter of Alice Hendricks Granger, was inducted into the National Honor Society last month. Jessica is a junior at Allendale High in Allendale, MI and has been on the honor roll most of her school life. Like her sister she is a sports enthusiast and has been in dance since she was little. Bruce and Sheri Campbell are the proud parents of Jessica and Katherine.
- John G. Pells will serve as Student Marshall at Cape Cod Community College. John was chosen by the student senate as one who has led by example to serve the CC. He will be one of two students to lead the graduating class of 2010 at Cape Cod Community College. He is graduating with honors with an Associates in Arts, has served as the president of the debate team for two semesters, was vice president of leadership in the international honor society of Phi Theta Kappa, as well as New England Regional Officer; one of six out of 59 other colleges. Congratulations John!



July (continued)

- 14 Diabetes Workshop, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 6 – 8 p.m.
- 15 Beading and Crafts, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- 18 Blind Joe Amos Sunday, Old Indian Meetinghouse, 9:00 a.m.
- 19 Food Pantry, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 19 Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 21 Food Pantry, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 21 Diabetes Workshop, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 6 – 8 p.m.
- 22 Beading and Crafts, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- 26 Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 28 Diabetes Workshop, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 6 – 8 p.m.
- 29 Beading and Crafts, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters 6:30 to 8 p.m.

- Nevaeh Peters, daughter of Stacy and Tanya Peters of Florida, is celebrating 5 years of dance this year. She has been trained in tap, jazz, hip hop, and is currently training to test for Grade I with the Cecchetti Council of America in ballet. This is also her first year dancing competitively for the Rising Stars Dance Team. She competed this spring in three statewide dance competitions. Her team won a gold medal, a second place and a 3½ out of 4 stars. Congratulations Nevaeh!
- Brianna Cheatham & Taylor Rose continue to dance at the Sandwich Dance Academy and are in their 2nd year on the Competition Dance team for Jazz & Tap. The girls just competed in the "Turn it Up" Dance Competition at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, RI on Sunday 5/16/10. The girls' performances in Jazz & Tap earned them 2 High Gold awards, which has qualified the team to the Finals which will be held in Hyannis during the month of July. Good Luck Wamp Girls and keep up the dancing moves!!
- Rachelle Jonas ran her first 5K road race on Saturday 5/8/2010 in Mashpee. Rachelle

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Tribal members who would like to submit items of interest for *On The Drum Beat*, *Our Story* or news for *Naushaonk Mittark* should send their information to SJonas@mwtribe.com. The deadline to submit all edited copy is the second Friday of each month.



89th Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow

Honoring Wampanoag Artisans



July 3 - July 5, 2010

483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee

Grand Entry – Saturday, July 3 at Noon

\$30K
in Prizes

- Sheldon Sundown, Smoke Dance
- Yarina (*Andean Music*)
- New England Birds of Prey
- Dance & Drum Contests
- Cultural story-telling thru dance
- Sly Fox Muhsh8n (*canoe*) Race
- Fire Ball Game
- Clam Bake
- Native American Art
- Jewelry
- Wampum
- Dancing
- Drumming
- Crafts
- Food
- Clothing

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Head Man: Bruzy Hendricks – Head Woman: Carol Wynne – Host Drum: Red Blanket



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The 2010 Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow: Honoring Wampanoag Artisans

By Leslie Jonas

This July marks the 89th year we will be hosting the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Powwow to be held Saturday, July 3rd thru Monday, July 5th, 2010 on our Tribal grounds in Mashpee.

Each summer our Powwow is our largest annual event within our Tribal and neighboring communities on Cape Cod and the Islands as we come together in the spirit of Unity, Tradition and Celebration of our rich Wampanoag culture and ancestry. It is a time to give thanks to our creator, our spirituality, our elders and ancestors, our tribal leaders, our children and Mother Earth.

During Powwow, we celebrate our beautiful, rich culture here in Mashpee and seek to share it with the world as we open our hearts and Powwow gates to thousands of Cape Cod visitors and guests.

This year, we honor our Wampanoag Artisans by expressing our gratitude for all that they contribute to our Wampanoag identity, culture and tradition. To that end, this year's theme is "*Honoring Wampanoag Artisans.*"

Our 2010 Powwow theme, "*Honoring Wampanoag Artisans*" speaks to how we will experience our Wampanoag artisans and their work by taking an up close and personal look at the organic materials and elements from nature that inspire their art form creations. Some of our Wampanoag Artisans' works explore the impact of social, political and cultural changes to our native world, but mostly my experience has been that our Artisans express, through their art forms, a true sense of Wampanoag identity and culture.

We will honor these natural Wampanoag Art offerings during our 2010 Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow this summer and live by the commitment to only take what we need and use all that we take. AHO

2010 Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow Committee Call for Artisans

The Powwow Committee would like to call on all Wampanoag Artisans to share in the celebration of this year's theme: **Honoring Wampanoag Artisans.**

A designated area of 10' X 10' will be set up for each Wampanoag Artisan to exhibit and demonstrate their work. Please call the Director, Leslie Jonas @ (617) 417-5260, or the Chairperson, Sherry Pocknett, @ (774) 521-7405, if you are interested in displaying your Wampanoag arts and crafts at this year's Powwow.

Committee Request for Powwow Bids

The Powwow Committee is requesting Proposals and Bids for Security, Parking and Trash Removal at our 2010 Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow.

Please download guidelines for all proposals from our website: www.mashpeewampanoagtribe.com or you may go to the main tribal office at 483 Great Neck South in Mashpee to pick up a contract guidelines document. All proposals must be dated, typed, signed and sealed in order for the Committee to review and vote and are due by June 11th at 4:00pm. We are also accepting employment applications for Powwow weekend. You may find the Powwow job opportunities and job applications on our website or at the main tribal office as well.

Please contact Powwow Director, Leslie Jonas at powwow@mwtribe.com or call (617) 417-5260 for more details.



Health Update

Patient Registration/Contract Health Services Update

- Recertification regarding medication profiles is due in the office no later than June 20, 2010 for those members utilizing the CHS prescription program. Please contact Lorraine or Robyn if you need assistance.
- **All MassHealth, CommonwealthCare and Health Safety Net Members:** If you have received a notice from MassHealth regarding an Eligibility Review Form, it is very important that you fill it out and return it as soon as possible to ensure that your health insurance benefits will not be interrupted. Forms are available here at the Health Office but we encourage that the original form from MassHealth be used.
- Forms may be mailed to

MassHealth Enrollment Center

21 Spring Street, Suite 4, Taunton, Mass 02780

Or faxed to: 1-508-828-4611 (we will be happy to fax them for you)

For more information, please contact Kim Frye, Wendy Pocknett or Winona Pocknett.

- We are currently in the process of updating all medical records at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Health Center and in order to ensure all tribal members' health needs are met. The following information is vitally important and required for all tribal members receiving health services:
 - Primary Care Physician and Dentist
 - Primary Hospital
 - Alternate Resources **

** PLEASE NOTE: Lorraine and Robyn will be contacting members who need to apply for secondary insurance (eligible or not) or Medicare Part D prescription coverage. Contract Health Services is the payer of last resort and will not be able to assist with co-pays if alternate resources are not utilized.



Natural Resources News



The Natural Resources Department (NRD) is in the process of developing

a business and marketing plan for shellfish that will eventually be sold from our shellfish farm. We would like to request suggestions from tribal members for potential product names and logo designs. Please keep in mind that our main crop currently is oysters. In time we plan to acquire the resources and develop the capacity necessary to propagate quahogs, clams, scallops, etc. Do not hesitate to suggest names and/or logo design for oysters only, or for a product name or logo design that would incorporate all shellfish species (not just oysters) and other marketable marine animals (i.e. finfish, conch, lobsters, eels, etc.). All suggestions for product names and logo designs will be considered. Please contact the NRD for clarification or to ask questions regarding this request. All suggestions can be mailed, emailed, phoned or hand delivered to the NRD Office. Thank you for your input.

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Housing Department Announcements



The Mashpee Wampanoag Rehabilitation and Weatherization Program assists homeowners who are in need of repairs and weatherization to their homes. Some of the guidelines for this program include:

- Homeownership
- Under 80% of median income
- Tribal member living in the State of Massachusetts
- Several other qualifying guidelines.

The Rehabilitation and Weatherization wait list will be open from June 21st until July 2nd. There are currently five available openings for the Rehab and Weatherization Program. All names will be taken during this opening, but only the first 5 who qualify will be awarded program funds. Other names will be kept on the list in case someone within the first five does not qualify. The Housing Department will not take any names before or after this date. Depending on funding, the program may open once again in the future. To have your name put on the wait list, you must call the Weatherization and Rehabilitation Specialist at 508-477-0208 ext.235. Only names that are left on this voice mail will be put on the wait list. Messages left on other voicemails, with the receptionist or with other staff will not be qualified to be put on the wait list.

The Wampanoag Housing Department has exhausted all of this year's funds to assist Tribal Members with first, last, and security deposits. Funds may not become available again until the next fiscal year, but if you need assistance you can still contact the Housing Advocate, Winona Hendricks at 508-477-0208 ext. 234. Winona may be able to assist you in finding another agency that may be able to help.

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Fall River area who are currently out of work. Now, we are working diligently to ensure that the Massachusetts legislature passes a bill this session to expand gaming in the Commonwealth, which will pave the way for our Tribe to negotiate an agreement allowing us to game in Fall River.

The developments of the last several weeks have put us in a great position to realize our goal of providing jobs to our people and the resources our tribe needs to provide housing, health care, education and cultural programs to our members. We will continue to face many challenges along the way, but the progress we have made is exciting. Let's keep moving forward!

.Kataputunumuw (Thank you);

Qaqeemasq (Running Bear)

Tribal Court News

by Henry Sockbeson



I am writing this month about the Code of Ethics that the Tribal Court has adopted. This Code was adopted by order of the Chief Judge on February 8, 2010 and it governs the conduct of the judges of the Tribal Court both within and outside of the courtroom. All state courts have adopted a code of ethics as have the federal courts. The Code of Ethics is available for inspection in the Office of the Tribal Clerk or you may obtain a copy of the Code by paying a modest copying charge of \$3.00.

The Code is based upon the American Bar Association Model Code. This model code has been developed by the national bar to assist states and other courts in adopting their own codes. There are ten “Canons” of ethics for the judges. A Canon is a fundamental principle that guides the judge’s conduct. Rather than attempt to review all ten canons I will cover the first three Canons in this month’s Mittark and will cover the rest in subsequent editions. The first three Canons are as follows:

Canon 1: A judge shall uphold and promote the fairness and impartiality of the Judiciary, and shall avoid impropriety within the courtroom.

This Canon directs the judge to base his/her conduct upon the fair reading of the tribal law and to apply the law even if the judge disagrees with it. It tells the judge to be patient, dignified and courteous to all litigants. Judges must treat all parties equally and must avoid conduct that may reasonably be seen as prejudiced or biased against any party. Judges are still human and the Canon recognizes that a judge can make good faith errors in findings of fact and conclusion of law. Errors of this kind do not violate the Canon and can be corrected upon appeal. Lastly, a judge must maintain order in the court. The judge must not let any party take unfair advantage of any other party.

Canon 2: A judge shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the integrity and impartiality of the judiciary and shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety.

This Canon directs the judge to conduct his professional and personal conduct in a way that instills confidence in the public. A DUI conviction or a conviction of a crime involving dishonesty or moral turpitude can result in a sanction or termination. A judge must maintain the confidentiality of closed courtroom proceedings and must not make public statements regarding the merits or weakness of a pending matter. A judge should not make any statements to any individual regarding the character, fitness or credibility of any party, attorney, juror or witness in any proceeding before the court.

Canon 3: A judge should not continue to participate in a case if family members will be involved or affected by the outcome of a case.

This Canon does not really impact judges who are not members of the tribe, but it does provide guidance to those who are. Family is defined as “any person related in the third degree or closer. This includes great-grandparent, grandparent, parent, uncle, aunt, brother, sister, child, grandchild, nephew and niece.”

The Canon are guidelines and state objectives for conduct by the judges. Each situation will be treated differently but generally speaking these are the standards of conduct that should guide the conduct of judges.

New England American Indian Economic Development and Procurement Conference

The New England American Indian Economic Development and Procurement Conference will be held on June 22, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The event will take place at the Embassy Suites Boston – at Logan Airport, in Boston, Massachusetts. The exhibitor space will be FREE, as will conference admission for attendees.

This event will be comprised of government procurement workshops; exhibits by prime contractor companies, government agencies and nonprofits; and networking opportunities. Various workshops will be given throughout the day including How to Get on the GSA Schedule, Selling to the State of Massachusetts, Doing Business with the DOT, Understanding the “Buy Indian” Act, and many more.

The conference will be sponsored by the Turtle Island Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, and UIDA Business Services.

For more information, please contact the Turtle Island PTAC: 651-917-0819 or wfreier@aiedfloans.org.

Job Posting

The Finance Department is looking for qualified candidates for the following position:

Job Title: Comptroller

Department: Finance

Status: Full-Time

Summary: Directs financial activities of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe by performing the following duties personally or through subordinate supervisors.

***Essential Duties and Responsibilities include the following. Other duties may be assigned.**

Oversee all activities related to grant funding, such as expenditures, budget management and draw downs.

Prepare reports which summarize and forecast organization’s business activity and financial position in areas of income, expenses, and grant funding based on past, present, and expected operations.

Direct preparation of budgets, reviews budget proposals, and prepares necessary supporting documentation and justification.

Monitor compliance using GASB-34 fund accounting principles and company procedures.

Education/Experience:

Masters degree (M.A.) in finance or accounting; with a minimum of 8 years related experience in a senior-level finance, senior accounting position or as a CPA; must be experienced in GASB-34 fund accounting standards and must have CPA certification.

*The listed information is only a brief description of the requirements for the position of Comptroller. A complete description is available at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal office or on the Tribe’s website at www.mashpeewampanoagtribe.com.

OUR STORY

Anyone who is interested in sharing a story in the “Our Story” column that is significant to Mashpee Wampanoag history or our heritage, recent or long past, should contact the newsletter committee by calling the tribal office at 508-477-0208 and leaving a message, or by sending an email to sjonas@mwtribe.com.

As told by Paula Peters

It has always been told rolling off laughing tongues, over plump red lips to eager ears. Interpreted not just by words spoken, but through expressions and actions. A knowing smile, a wink, and demonstrative body language often improve our understanding of the facts — most of our best storytellers require a wide berth to spin the tale using theatrical, even dance-like movements, mimicking actions and voices.

When my father would tell a story it typically involved knee slapping and bellowing laughter. His eyes would get big and he would nod his head just as he was about to deliver the most salient line.

We know the storytellers so we can trust them. They are our family, our elders, fellow tribal members. They carry on a tradition that has been critical to the preservation of our culture for hundreds of years — oral history.

Many of our stories have been told again and again and feature characters transported from another time, like Mr.

Charlie in his store or Aunt Mabel in the kitchen, then there was Dint and Timmy always doing something simple. We laugh the same way we did the first time we heard them.

“We know the storytellers so we can trust them. They are our family, our elders, fellow tribal members.”

More recently some new characters have been introduced that give us pause to wonder; who are Ebenezer Attaquin and Hammond Bearse? They aren't our typical storytellers. They don't attend socials or meetings or go to Powwow. Their names sound vaguely familiar but we can't find a trace of them in our genealogy. There is no face to go with the name. In fact they don't actually exist except to spread vicious lies littered liberally amid truth in an effort to feign legitimacy. They are names we can only associate with

cyber cowards who use the Internet's colossal and untraceable social network of blogospheres to spread hate.

When we disagree, discourse and even debate is healthy and promotes unity and aids in the kind of nation building we are involved in. Ebenezer and Hammond are a pair of very divisive demons who are afraid to step into the light where debate would surely expose their creators as frauds.

Historically we have believed our storytellers because they have the courage to stand behind what they say. Authorship lends credibility to any spoken or written word.

How much credit we give to these two imaginary jug heads, whoever they are, really depends on us. But before you read and pass along any of their lies, ask yourself if you know them, can you trust them, what is their motivation, and if you can't confront them can you really believe them? Most importantly do you really want to give them the power to undermine our proud tradition of oral history?

My name is Paula Peters. Don't believe me? Bring it on.

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completed the “Lovin LIFE 5K” in 31 minutes and had so much fun that she has already planned 2 more 5K runs. Keep up the hard work Rachele!

- Tribal Member Darla Pires-DeGrace and Antoine Phillips welcomed Azariah Sky DeGrace-Phillips on February 4th, 2010. She weighed 7lbs 12oz, and was 21½ inches long.
- Edward V. Avant (Standing Pipe) follows his mothers' advice. “My mother once told me a long time ago, ‘those who stop learning stop growing!’ This was good advice then and I have simply chosen to grow.” He earned his B.A. degree from Park University in Human Resource Management. He holds two Masters Degrees from Webster University in Human Resource and Computer Resources & Information Management. Most recently he was accepted to Colorado Technical University on April 4, 2010 and will pursue his Doctorate degree in Computer Science with a concentration in Enterprise Information Systems. Standing Pipe is married to Vickie Pina from Falmouth and has 3 children, April, Ryan and Zackary.
- Tribal Health is looking for tribal members interested in working the First Aid stand during the Annual Powwow. Please call the Tribal Health Center for more info. 508-477-0209.
- The Harvard Summer Program is still looking for a chaperone and three high school students to attend the program from June 27th – July 17th. Please contact Cheryl Frye-Cromwell at 774-238-0628 for more information.



Mashpee Wampanoag 1st Chowder Festival

“If You Think Your Recipe Is the Best Try Out For the Chowda’ Fest”

When: June 20th (First 30 Fathers to come will receive a free gift)
Where: Rod n' Gun Club
S. Sandwich Rd.
Mashpee, MA
Time: 2:00 PM - until
Admission: \$7.00
Entry Fee: \$15.00



Sponsored by the Mashpee Wampanoag Princess
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Grand Prize Winner: \$150
Second Place Winner: \$75
Third Place Winner: \$50

Must Be Mashpee Wampanoag to Enter a Chowder in the Contest.
Entry Deadline is June 18, 2010.

All Proceeds Will Go To Help Further Education
For more information or to enter and send your entry fee, contact Chelsie at
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Autumn Coombs Crowned Little Miss Wampanoag 2010



Congratulations to 2010 Little Miss Wampanoag Autumnstar Coombs! Eight beautiful Mashpee Wampanoag girls gathered to demonstrate their poise and talent in the Second annual pageant, presented once again by Talia Landry as her senior project.

Along with Autumnstar Coombs, First Runner-Up Jayda Hendricks, Kuwah Deetz, Tiarrah Fernandes, Anna Handricks, Brianna Hendricks, Amiyah Peters and Hialeah Turner-Foster modeled special dresses and danced in full regalia for the judges. After deliberation, Autumnstar was awarded the title of Little Miss Wampanoag. Like Chenoa Peters before her, we are sure Autumnstar will represent our tribe well!

Lil Miss Wampanoag Winner Autumnstar Coombs (front, right) shown with First Runner-Up Jayda Hendricks (front, left), 2009 Winner Chenoa Peters (front, middle), Talia Landry and Powwow Princess Chelsie Miranda (rear).

The Wind Farm

By Bernadine Aquila Pocknett

- Dance in the Sky
- Listen to the Spirit Voices
- Peace
- Thunder, in Far Distance
- Like Summer Rain
- Soft
- Tribal Tread
- From Afar
- Long Hard Road, Like
- An Endless Trail.
- It is a Good Day
- To Walk _____ w/Mother.
- Come, to the Spirit Path
- And let's Dance _____
- In the Sky _____
- This is!
- Spirit Nation _____

End of the Year Math Tutoring Available

Are you stuck in Math mud? Do you need to make up a grade? Do you need to prep for a test? Are you a Tribal student in grade 7-12 in need of Algebra or Geometry assistance? We can help! Math Tutoring and test preparation is offered on Mondays and Tuesdays from 2:30 – 4:30 pm by Robert Hendricks. The program is located at 766 Madaket Place, A-7, Upstairs, in Mashpee. Space is limited, so please call 508.419.6017 x607 to reserve your spot.



Honoring Mashpee Wampanoag 2010 High School /GED Graduates and Scholarship Awards



The Education Committee will be honoring 2010 High School Graduates at this year's Annual Powwow. There will be five (5) scholarships awarded to students entering college in the fall. Please contact the Tribal Office to submit graduates names, high school, college they will be entering in the fall and contact information. You will be getting a confirmation call that we have received your information and give further information regarding the scholarships. If you are unable to make it we want you to still submit your information as you do not have to be present for the honoring ceremony. Please contact Cheryl Frye- Cromwell at cfrye-cromwell@mwtribe.com cell # 774-238-0628 or Nitana Hicks at: Nhicks@mwtribe.com. Deadline for information submission will be June 25th 2010.

Sly Fox's Den

By Joan Tavares Avant



I'm an elder, proud to have read about Cousin Sherry Pocknett who is featured in the Native Peoples Magazine, May/June 2010 edition. This magazine is a national journal

dedicated to portraying the arts and life ways of Native people.

"Savoring the Seasons with Sherry Pocknett" tells how she was inspired and taught by her mother Bernadine and other family members to preserve and share Wampanoag Cuisine traditionally from season to season. The reader comes away with a detailed understanding of 'Wamp' flavors, gifts from the Atlantic Ocean and garden. Included in the article are two cultural recipes: Wampanoag Corn Cakes & Smoked Bluefish Hash. There is a picture of Sherry holding the largest clams on the east coast from Newport Beach RI. A must read! (*visit www.nativepeoples.com*)

Anne Peters Marcellino Honored

On April 8th, 2010, Anne Peters Marcellino was honored at the Mashpee Post Office for her service as Postmaster from 1956-1963. Her portrait was re-hung after being misplaced over 20 years ago. Several guest speakers honored Mrs. Marcellino, including Tribal Vice Chairman Aaron Tobey & Tribal member Allen Maxim who was also a former postmaster in Mashpee. They spoke of old times at The Mashpee Post Office on Route 130 and they reminded us of the importance of a Wampanoag woman holding such an important position during the late 1950s. Alongside her portrait on the wall, a bouquet of flowers, a special edition stamp of her own, and a cake donated by Roche Brothers, there was a lovely spread of food served by Chef John and provided by the Tribal Council.

MASHPEE WAMPANOAG
QUAHOG DAY




During April Vacation, Tribal Youth gathered to learn more about the Quahog and its importance to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. In addition to learning how to harvest quahogs, the youth learned how the quahog is used for delicious Mashpee Wampanoag dishes as well as how the shells are used for Wampum crafts. Thanks to Chuckie Green, Sherry Pocknett and others for their help in providing an educational and fun-filled day!

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