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IN THE NEWS

Chairman's Message



Wuneekeesuq Nutuwam
(Hello My Tribal Community);

Congratulations to Trish Keliinui and Laura Tobey-Miranda, who were elected to serve on Tribal Council for the next four years. I would also like to thank all of the individuals who ran for election. Their willingness to serve and talk about how we can move forward as a Tribe are valuable additions to our community and I salute them. I would also like to thank Gordon Harris for all of his hard work and service to the Tribe during his time on the Council.

As you know, these are important times for our Tribe, and the Tribal Council is working hard to move forward in a number of areas. Trish has already shown herself to be a valuable member of the team, who is willing to help in whatever way is most needed. In addition to her official work on behalf of the Tribe, I have personally witnessed her unfailing commitment to reach out to Tribal members in need, treating everyone with dignity and respect. I am also thrilled to work with Laura Tobey-

Keliinui and Tobey-Miranda Elected to Council

Patricia "Trish" Keliinui, an incumbent Councilwoman, and Laura Tobey-Miranda were both elected to four-year terms on the Tribal Council in an election held on Sunday, February 13.

The complete results are as follows:

Michelle Hughes Fernandes	68
Martin Hendricks	107
Charles Foster	95
Laura Tobey-Miranda	122
Patricia Keliinui	173
Write-ins	18
Blanks	39

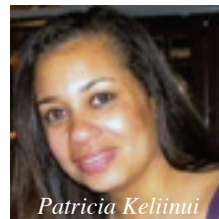
Trish Keliinui, who was reelected after serving as a Councilwoman for the past fourteen months, said, "I am so grateful for the opportunity to continue to work to help our people move forward in a positive direction. I thank the Tribal members for the confidence they have placed in me and their recognition of the hard work and the vision of this administration."

Laura Tobey-Miranda tearfully remarked, "This is for my people, for my family. I am so happy."

There were 311 total ballots cast in the election, with each voter able to choose up to two candidates.



Laura Tobey-Miranda



Patricia Keliinui



Tribal members arriving to vote

Bermuda Powwow to be Held June 18 and 19

Bermuda Reconnection Powwow will be held on June 18 and 19 on St. David's Island with a welcoming ceremony to be held on Friday, June 17. This year the event is being dedicated to the memory of Alice Lopez. Anyone interested in attending should make plans in a timely manner, as accommodations are limited. Jet Blue is offering a special rate to groups of 10 or more traveling to the event. For more information please contact Brinky Tucker at (441) 336-2597 or vltucker@logic.bm.



David Weeden at 2010 Bermuda Powwow

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Calendar of Events

Weekly Events

Mondays - 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous, *Maushop Farm, 213 Sampson Mill Rd.*

Mondays - 5:30 p.m.

Youth Cultural Night, *Mashpee Rod and Gun Club*

Tuesdays - 6:00 p.m.

Noun Possession Language Class, *MWT Headquarters*

Tuesdays - 7:00 p.m.

Beginner Language Class, *MWT Headquarters*

Thursdays - 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Beading and Crafts, *MWT Headquarters*

Fridays - 6:00 p.m.

Transitive Inanimate Verb Language Class, *MWT Headquarters*

Fridays - 7:00 p.m.

Youth Ministry, *Mashpee Baptist Church*

Additional Events

March 7 - TBA

Social to welcome ECHO Performers, *Camp Burgess, Stowe Road, Sandwich*

March 13 - 2:00 p.m.

General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School*

March 19 - 6:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Wampanoag Ball, *Cape Codder Resort & Spa, Hyannis*

March 19 - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Game Dinner, *Mashpee Rod and Gun Club*

March 25 - 10:30 a.m.

Native American \$1 Coin Launch, *Plimoth Plantation*

April 10 - 2:00 p.m.

General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School*



January 8. She is the granddaughter of the late Martin A. Middleton, IV.

- * Congratulations to **Cameron Frye**, a junior at Bishop Feehan High School, for making honor roll.
- * Congratulations to eighth grader **Dominique Frye** for making honor roll at Coelho Middle School and for her acceptance to Bishop Feehan High School next year.

* Congratulations to **Scott Reels Jr.** who made the honor roll. Scott is the son of Lorraine Reels.

* Congratulations to **Krystal Middleton** and **Daniel Butterworth**, along with three-year-old big sister **Kayleigh**, on the birth of their beautiful daughter **Pharraha Kaine**, born

15th Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Ball



Celebrating Our Legacy

The 15th Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Ball will be held on Saturday, March 19, 2011 from 6:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Cape Codder Resort & Spa in Hyannis. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. hors d'oeuvres will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Two Rooms of Entertainment

This year there will be two rooms with entertainment. The D.J. and dance floor will be in the Main Ballroom and Chops Turner Live will be performing in the Emerald Room.

Tickets are currently on sale at the Tribal Council Main Office and at Puritan Cape Cod in the Mashpee Commons. Tickets must

be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$25; Elders tickets are \$15.

VIP Gold Sponsorship Tables

There are a limited number of VIP Gold Sponsorship Tables that are available. Tables seat 10 and are on a first come, first served basis.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Department. Proper dress is required. You must be 21 or older to attend this event.

Room Reservations

Cape Codder Resort room rate start at \$129.00 per room (Rooms are limited and reservations required) ~ (888) 297-2200. The Comfort Inn room rate starts at \$89.00 per room ~ (508) 771-4804.

Kiona Anderson: Powwow Princess Update

On Monday, July 5, 2010 the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe was given a new Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow Princess Miss Kiona Anderson "Little Brown Hill". Kiona is the granddaughter of Horace and Grace Pocknett and Brice and Gerry Hicks. Her mother is Winona Pocknett



of Mashpee. Kiona has been very active in her tribe. Kiona made sure she knows how special it is to be a Mashpee Wampanoag. She is a champion traditional dancer and has been dancing this style since she was six years old. She started off by dancing fancy as a tiny tot but her spirit moved her over to traditional. Kiona has represented the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe at the Narragansett, Shinnecock, and Eastern Pequot Powwows. Kiona also had the pleasure of participating in Governor Patrick's Inauguration Ceremony. Kiona has also attended many socials and functions. Kiona has been doing a great job! She also plans on attending more socials, powwows, and tribal gatherings as Princess. She is a sophomore at Mashpee High School and is on the Junior Varsity basketball team. After high school she has plans on furthering her education and going to Law School.

The Princess has a lot on her agenda. She would like to get our youth more involved and active in our Tribe because "they are leaders of the future." She also would like

for the Tribe to become closer. "I miss the old powwows and the togetherness we use to have as a tribal nation." Kiona continues to build on her long history of tribal involvement. She was head dancer for the youth sobriety powwow as well as a judge for Little Miss Wampanoag in 2009. She was elected Secretary of the Youth Council in 2009. Kiona looks forward to a long future serving her tribal community.



Chairman's Message *(continued)*

Miranda, who has been a fixture in tribal life and activities. She is engaged, involved, and ready to serve each and every Tribal member.

As we move forward as a Tribe and a Council, our needs are great. This is not a smooth path we travel, but it has never been easy for us and we have always persevered. We continue to do just that. As I write this column, I have just returned from Washington, DC where I have been advocating for our Tribe's needs. In addition to working with the BIA on our land in trust application, I visited with members of Congress to seek their support for the funding we need to serve our people. In addition, other members of Council and I met with tribal leaders from throughout the country to collaborate on efforts to defend and support the rights and needs of Indian country.

On the state level, we continue to work with the legislature and state officials to educate policy makers on the unique rights of our Tribe in Massachusetts. From aboriginal rights to gaming, we are constantly advocating for the rights and responsibilities afforded to us as the People of the First Light.

As you know, the Tribe has

been working with the City of Fall River to locate a destination resort casino in that city. Because the state could not come to an agreement on expanded gaming, along with a lawsuit brought against the City and Redevelopment Authority that controls the land, the original plan to locate a casino on a 300-acre parcel near Route 24 has not come to fruition. However, we continue to do our due diligence on other potential locations for a Tribal development. I will keep you informed as these plans take shape.

As always, it takes an enormous amount of effort and cooperation to keep these and other issues moving forward. I thank all of the Tribal members who have offered their talents - whether as elected officials of the tribe, committee members or volunteers. By serving on committees, attending General Body or Council meetings, or running for office, you share your ideas and wisdom and make us stronger as a Tribal Nation. I thank you and look forward to working with you as we move forward together!

Kataputumuw;
Qaqemasq (Running Bear)

Tribal ID Office Open One Saturday Per Month

The Tribal Member ID Office will be open the second Saturday of every month from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for tribal ID cards. Regular office hours for Tribal IDs are Monday –Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is a \$15 charge for new or replacement IDs (there is no charge for elders over the age of 55). The office is located at 766 Falmouth Road/Route 28, Madaket Place, Unit A3. If you have any questions, please call (508) 477-6160.

Your Tribal ID is not valid if:

- It is laminated
- It does not have a magnetic strip on the back

Your Tribal Id needs to have the following statement on the back:

CERTIFICATE OF INDIAN STATUS
The Bearer of this card is a Federally Recognized Native American Indian of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and is entitled to all privileges and rights thereof. This Tribal Membership is authorized and approved by the Enrollment Committee and sanctioned by: "MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBAL COUNCIL"

If your Tribal ID does have the above statement on the back but does not have an expiration date, please have the card replaced at the Tribal Enrollment Department. There is no cost for this kind of replacement.

As a federal form of identification, this card must contain an expiration date, signature and picture.

WIA is on Facebook

Come and check out the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe WIA Facebook page. Here you will find the latest, updated employment and training opportunities for Tribal members.

Call Yvonne Tobey at the WIA office at (508) 477 0208 ext. 226 if you need further information.



Be a fan of WIA on Facebook

Job Opening

Plimoth Plantation has a job opening for a Manager of Internet Marketing and Web Content to be responsible for the Museum's online communications efforts with a primary focus on a new website to be launched in April. The web manager will work with the marketing team to create and implement a strategic marketing and communications plan and ongoing branding initiative which will drive visitation onsite and online. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in marketing, communications, public relations or a related field, three to five years direct web experience, excellent communication and writing skills, and excellent interpersonal skills. To see the full job description, visit www.plimoth.org or contact Paula Peters, director of marketing, at ppeters@plimoth.org.

Housing Department News

Energy Workshop

The Housing Department's Weatherization and Rehabilitation Program will be conducting an energy workshop on Sunday, March 13, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

There will be a raffle giveaway for a refrigerator, and numerous other prizes. Come join in the fun. If you would like to volunteer to assist the department in planning, organizing, communications or coordination of the workshop, please contact Interim Housing Director Marie A. Stone at (508) 477-0208.

Rental Assistance

The Wampanoag Housing Department is now accepting applications for rental assistance for first, last and security deposits, effective March 1, 2011. For more information contact Housing Advocate Winona Hendricks at (508) 477-0208 x 234.

Available Programs

The Wampanoag Housing Department would like to remind Tribal Members of the services available to qualified applicants. We offer household budgeting assistance, credit counseling, how to prepare to become a first time homebuyer and money management skill training. In addition, the Housing Department also receives listings for low income, first time homeownership opportunities all over Massachusetts. For more information about any of our programs, please contact Housing Advocate Winona Hendricks at (508) 477-0280 x 234.

Tribally Owned Businesses

The Mittark will continue to publish information on tribally-owned businesses as they become registered. For a full list of registered tribally-owned business, please contact the main Tribal office.

The Brow and Lash Boutique (at Salon Monet)

176 Newbury Street, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02116
(617) 425-0009 - phone

www.browandlashboutique.com

info@browandlashboutique.com

The Brow and Lash Boutique at

Salon Monet was launched by Darla Pires DeGrace, a certified eyelash extensionist and licensed esthetician, specializing in eyelash extensions, eyebrow extensions and shaping.

Bentley Real Estate Group - Eric Lindsey

404 Neponset Avenue
Boston, MA 02122
(617) 501-1394 - phone
(617) 687-2683 - fax

Eric.lindsey@bentleyregroup.com

Full service real estate company, with significant experience with short sale negotiation and foreclosure prevention.

Basketball Tournament



The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe will once again send basketball players and cheerleaders in grades 5-8 to participate in the

Spirit Lake basketball tournament. The tournament will take place on March 19 and 20. Organizers are working to acquire gym time for practice now. Anyone interested in participating can contact Yvonne Avant at (508) 477-0208.

Tribal Court Update By Judge Henry Sockbeson: Canon 8

This is the eighth article that covers the Canons of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court Code of Ethics. In this month's article I will cover Canon 9.

CANON 9

Judges should assist pro se litigants in procedural or administrative matters but must not go so far as to provide them with a substantive advantage.

Comment 1:

A "pro se" litigant is one who represents him or herself in a Tribal Court action.

Comment 2:

Dealing with pro se litigants puts Tribal Court judges in a delicate position. On the one hand they should be fair to the pro se litigant while at the same time they must not penalize the opposing side which is represented.

Comment 3:

Judges should assist pro se litigants to ensure that they are fairly treated and that their complaint is fairly and

impartiality heard. Such assistance should be limited to procedural or administrative matters. Judges should never act as the attorney for a pro se litigant. A judge must always preserve their role as a passive adjudicator.

Comment 4:

Complaints that are vaguely worded should be viewed in a non-technical manner. The rules of evidence should be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with the understanding of the common man. Ultimately however, each litigant has the same burden of proof and must support their claim by the law and facts of the case.

Comment 5:

Pro se parties must not be permitted to abuse the Tribal Court system. Judges should not permit obdurate behavior such as refusal to allow appraisals, to inspect premises, to produce records or otherwise permit discovery.

Comment 6:

Judges should require that pro se litigants certify to the court that they

have read and agree to abide by the normative behavior as set forth in the Rules of Professional Conduct for attorneys (upon adoption thereof) in order to assure proper decorum in the court.

Comment 7:

It is appropriate for the judge to explain the court process and to encourage pro se litigants to consult other legal resources and community services. It is also acceptable to draw the attention of pro se litigants to the requirements of the rules of evidence and procedure and to ask questions so as to clarify the nature of the cause of action. It is not appropriate for a judge to substantially relax the rules of evidence or to sua sponte raise a defense such as the statute of limitations or other absolute defenses.

By Judge Henry Sockbeson



Wôpanâak Language Immersion Camp Held January 15 to 17

Since 1993, it has been jessie little doe's dream to assist citizens of the Wampanoag Nation in speaking their native language, Wôpanâôt8âôk.

On the heels of being a recipient of the MacArthur Foundation's Genius Award, in recognition of all of her work in the reclamation of our Wôpanâak language, jessie and members of the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project (WLRP) kicked off the 4th year of Wôpanâak Language Immersion Camp with over 65 enrolled individuals.



2011 Wôpanâak Language Immersion Camp

On a chilly Saturday afternoon, the weekend began with registration and lunch as we piled into the Camp Edwards barracks on Otis Air Force Base armed with sleeping bags and blankets, eager to start the Wôp language workshops.

During the three-day immersion, meals were catered by Sherry Pocknett /Sly Fox's Den cuisine. Her cod cakes and beans, quahog chowder, shrimp and grits, kale soup, salmon, baked chicken, jag and, especially, Sherry's famous blueberry slump were the talk of every meal. Without question, we all left a few pounds heavier! Thanks to a lot of help from Allyson, Vernon and Doug Pocknett, Sherry's children, Cheyenne, Jade and even little Sophia too, we all ate native food like there was no tomorrow.

The point of the "language immersion" strategy (also known

as Total Physical Response, TPR) is to place people in a situation where they MUST use their language exclusively. Because many of the attendees had taken classes in either Mashpee, Bourne, Aquinnah or Boston, we had to retrieve and use all of the Wôp words learned in those classes as well as words we had learned in the workshops themselves. Immersion is the strategy. Fluency is the goal. Mata (No) English is the key. The curriculum is designed, however, to be user-friendly to those completely new to the language as well.

As we began the workshop weekend, each person was given a string of 20 wampum beads. Each time someone spoke English, a bead was lost and given to whoever overheard the English words spoken. It was important to not only hang onto your beads, but also to keep your ears open and collect more beads in the hopes of accumulating as many as possible. The beads served as 'auction wampum' on the third and last day of camp during which an auction of lots of valuable items was held. Bidding exclusively in Wôp, individuals placed their bids on everything from native art to kitchen wares.

Throughout the weekend, the Wôp workshops were taught by apprentice teachers Nitana Hicks, Melanie Roderick and Tracy Kelley as well as by 'master teacher'

jessie. Students walked the halls uttering all of the Wôp words they had just learned as they rotated between the teacher's classes, each of which focused on different topics. Evenings featured many games in the language, played by small groups following the vocabulary lists set out with each game. Games such as ômâsh (Go fish!), Nupâsuqun (Uno), Skunapun (Scrabble), Mutup (Cranium), sent roars and laughter throughout the halls.

Thanks go out to Seventh Generation Fund who generously provided a grant for the weekend, Aquinnah's Jason, Mashpee's Judi Urquhart and Deona Mills-Brennan, and Herring Pond's, Troy Currence, all of whom were a great deal of help during the weekend. Also, it didn't hurt to have one of our Mashpee Clan Mothers, Cherie Peters, as well as Peacemaker, Vivian Bussiere, present for a little dutiful tribal leadership.

All in all, the weekend was considered a huge success for WLRP who saw the largest enrollment ever since language camp first began in 2007. Of course, the best part was that more people left speaking Wôp much better than when they first arrived... Kutâputunumuw (Thanks to you all) the WLRP teachers, for a great weekend!

By Leslie Jonas, 2nd year Wôpanâak language student

Game Dinner

The Game Dinner will be held at the Mashpee Rod and Gun Club on Saturday, March 19. Doors will open at 2:00 p.m. and dinner will be served from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person. For tickets or additional information, please contact Winona Hendricks.

Language Class Schedule Announced

Noun Possession and Beginner Language classes began on Tuesday, February 22, and will continue to be held each Tuesday thereafter (until May).

Class Schedule:

6:00 p.m. Noun Possession
(pre-requisite of beginner class required)

7:00 p.m. Beginner Language
(no pre-requisite required)

The Transitive Inanimate Verb course began on Friday, February 25 and will continue to be held each Friday evening thereafter

(until May).

6:00 p.m. Transitive
Inanimate Verb
(Beginner Class a pre-requisite)

You may register during your first class. There is no cost for tuition. Each speaker must live in a household of a Wampanoag person from Mashpee, Assonet, Herring Pond, or Aquinnah.

You may not begin class after the third class of the semester.

Class location is the language center at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council, 483 Great Neck Road South in Mashpee.



Laurie Mark Green Passed Away at 53

Laurie Mark Green, 53, passed away peacefully at Falmouth Hospital on Saturday, February 5. He is survived by his children, Jason Carreiro, Heather Green, Keesha Green, Latoya Green and Lincoln Green; parents, George Green Sr. and Patricia Green Hicks; siblings, Cheryl Green, George (Chucky) Green Jr. and Guy Green; 8 adoring grandchildren, many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Laurie was born in Boston and raised in Mashpee. He attended Falmouth High School and became a carpenter. He was a lifetime resident of Mashpee who enjoyed traveling, playing golf and softball, camping and spending time with his family. Laurie had the biggest heart on earth, always kept a smile on his face, and was loved by everyone he met. He will be missed dearly by all who knew him.

Coin Event Rescheduled

The unveiling of the 2011 Native American \$1 coin has been rescheduled for Friday, March 25 at 10:30 a.m. at Plimoth Plantation.

The United States Mint will be unveiling the 2011 Native American One Dollar Coin that will feature a depiction of a 1621 treaty between the Wampanoag Tribe and European Settlers. The theme of the coin is "Supreme Sachem Ousamequin, Massasoit of the Great Wampanoag Nation Creates Alliance with Settlers at Plymouth Bay (1621)." The design, by Richard Masters, depicts the hand of Ousamequin offering a symbolic peace pipe to Governor John Carver.

"We are honored that the United States Mint has chosen to acknowledge our great Sachem Ousamequin and the significance of the 1621 treaty to American and Wampanoag history," remarked Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Chairman Cedric Cromwell. "As the first Tribe to meet the Pilgrims, the alliance our ancestors forged through this treaty ensured the European settlers' survival during their first difficult years here."



Do You Have Tribal News to Share?

Do you have Tribal news to share? We want to hear from you! All Tribal members are encouraged to submit news to be included in the Nashauonk Mittark. Please contact Tribal Council Liaison Selena Jonas at sjonas@mwtribe.com or (774) 238-6832 or at the Tribal headquarters at (508) 477 0208.

**all submissions are subject to editing for space and clarity*



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IN THE NEWS

February Social at Camp Burgess

Over 200 tribal members came together for a fantastic social at Camp Burgess in February. All enjoyed the dancing, drumming, potluck feast and reconnection with our Tribal family.

