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Chairman's Message



Wuneekeesuq Nutuwam
(Hello My Tribal Community);

This is an exciting and unique time for our Tribe, as we push forward and fight for our rights on multiple fronts. I was honored and humbled to participate in the unveiling of the 2011 Native American \$1 Coin honoring the 1621 Wampanoag Treaty. This was an unforgettable opportunity to come together as a people and celebrate this long-overdue recognition, but also to educate others about the true history of our Tribe, the impacts on our people, and the respect and fairness we deserve moving forward.

Recently, we had another opportunity to reflect on our history, sovereignty, and aboriginal rights when Tribal member David Greene filed suit against the Town of Mattapoisett because of an inexcusable incident last fall in which his aboriginal fishing rights were denied and he was physically assaulted. I thank David Greene for standing up for all of us, and I look forward to working with him to ensure that our aboriginal fishing

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Wampanoag Treaty Honored with \$1 Coin

On March 25, 2011, close to five hundred Tribal members, elected officials, US Mint officials, coin enthusiasts, historians, and schoolchildren gathered for the unveiling of the 2011 Native American \$1 coin featuring the 1621 Wampanoag Treaty. Drumming, signing, prayer and speeches filled the Plimoth Plantation visitors center as all in attendance crowded together to get their first glimpse of the coin honoring our great Sachem Ousamequin.



Chairman Cedric Cromwell was honored to mark this momentous occasion with a speech that he has shared below:

*Remarks of Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal
Chairman Cedric Cromwell*

The 2011 Native American coin and its depiction of our great Sachem Ousamequin is a welcome recognition of our people. It is gratifying that an image depicting our ancestors' supreme diplomacy is being celebrated and commemorated in this fashion.

This commemoration is an opportunity to reflect on the Wampanoag Treaty, and the peace

and respect that existed between the Wampanoag Nation and the settlers at this time, and the ideal that this treaty represented.

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Tribal Member David Greene Sues for Fishing Rights



Tribal Member David Greene has filed suit against the Town of Mattapoisett following an incident in which his aboriginal fishing rights were denied. According to a complaint filed in Plymouth Superior Court, Greene was gathering quahogs for dinner on October 11, 2010 when he was confronted and assaulted by then-deputy shellfish warden Kenneth Pacheco.

The complaint states that Pacheco had been advised that Mashpee Wampanoag citizens have the right to fish without interference, but insisted that Greene was still subject to the town's shellfishing rules. Pacheco then "violently tried to take Mr. Greene's basket by physical force.

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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*

Fridays - 6:00 p.m.

Transitive Inanimate Verb Language Class, *MWT Headquarters*

Fridays - 7:00 p.m.

Youth Ministry, *Mashpee Baptist Church*

Biweekly - 6:30 p.m.

Food Pantry, ???

The food pantry will be held on Monday and Wednesday every other week beginning Monday, May 9

Additional Events

May 7 - 11:00 a.m.

Wampanoag New Year, *Old Indian Meeting House*

May 10 - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Infant Adoption Awareness Training, *A-7 Madaket Place*

May 15 - 2:00 p.m.

General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School (please note this is being held on the third Sunday)*

May 16 - 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Free Legal Clinic, *MWT Headquarters*

May 21 - 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Elders Social, *Tribal Grounds*

June 12 - 2:00 p.m.

General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School*

June 27 - 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Free Legal Clinic, *MWT Headquarters*



* **Kayla Gomes**, a Wampanoag student at Mashpee High School interviewed several Wampanoag health care professionals for her Senior Project, titled "The Mashpee Wampanoag Health Care System." Kayla met with Cheryl Frye-Cromwell and Rita Gonsalves to ask questions about the Tribe's

health care system and the new tribal health building. Kayla interviewed Winona Pocknett, MassHealth Enrollment Specialist to discover what her job entails in providing care at the Mashpee Tribal Health Office. She also spoke with Ramona Peters and learned about traditional spiritual healing practices and herbal medicines. Cherie Peters spoke about her career as a social worker and answered Kayla's questions about this health profession.

* **Jalina Skyy Lowe** and **Jesse Dunn** of Phoenix, Arizona welcome their first child, baby boy Aiden Dunn. Born March 26, 2011



at 3:46 a.m., 5 lbs and 15 oz. Jalina is the daughter of Gregory S. Joseph and Nanette Lowe of Arizona and the granddaughter of Janet and Domingo Teixeira of Mashpee. Congratulations!

* **Haley Jonas**, daughter of Jon Jonas, is a second time high honors student in the fifth grade at the Morse Pond School in Falmouth. Good Job Haley!

* **Cameron Frye Jr.**, son of Cheryl Frye-Cromwell has made honor roll at the Bishop Feehan High School with 5 As and 2 Bs. Congratulations Cameron!

Voice of a New Chief

The Elders' Council invites all tribal members to a potluck social gathering on Saturday, May 21, 2011 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on the tribal grounds at 483 Great Neck Road South in Mashpee. Members will be able to discuss and learn about the raising of a new Chief while mingling and socializing with any Tribal Member who would like to be considered as the next Chief of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

Tribal Members will have the opportunity to choose a new Chief at an upcoming traditional ceremony. Additional details regarding the ceremony will be shared as they become available.

With honor and respect,

The Mashpee Wampanoag Elders' Council

Chief Silent Drum Vernon Lopez	Judy Sanford-Harris
Medicine Man Soaring Eagle Guy Cash	Sharon Tobey-Kennedy
Bill Pocknett, <i>Chairman</i>	Albert Peters
Cecelia Tobey Gomes, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	Cherie Peters
Anne Foxx - Secretary	Edith Rose
Joanne Frye - Treasurer	

Our Journey of Life

Each morning as we rise to greet the dawn of the day, let us be thankful to the Creator for all his blessings.

We must pray for our world and all living things, asking ourselves how we may serve our Creator.

We as human beings are struggling through troubled times. As a family team with much love from our hearts to each other and the world, we can overcome any obstacles that come our way. We are sustainable people. With the steps listed below and the Creator's guidance, we can all make a difference in this world, one step



at a time, joyfully, for our future generations to come.

1. Faith
2. Patience
3. Positive Attitude
4. Determination
5. Fortitude
6. Persistence
7. Overcoming the trials and tribulations of life

Blessings and strength to all who wish to make this a reality.

Patricia A. Turner-Weeden

Wampanoag New Year

Save the Date

Wampanoag New Year Celebration ~ A Symbol of New Beginnings

Saturday, May 7, 2011 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Hosted by the Old Indian Meeting House Committee

Carol Lopez ~ Committee Chairwoman

Chairman's Message *(continued)*

rights are respected throughout our ancestral homeland. I would also like to thank The Boston Globe for their recent editorial calling on the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to acknowledge and protect these rights.

As we continue to work to advance the Tribe's priorities, I am mindful that we must continue to educate municipal, state and federal officials about what sovereignty truly means. Tribal sovereignty refers to the inherent right of indigenous peoples to govern themselves. Indian tribes are distinct, independent political communities that maintain their original natural rights in self-government and self-determination. Among other things, tribes have the right to establish their own form of government, adopt legislation, establish a legal system, and define their citizenship. It is our duty to continue to remind others of our sovereign status, and to insist that we are dealt with on a government-to-government level. I hope you will join me in

educating non-Native people about tribal sovereignty and why it is so important.

Issues important to our future continue to arise on a daily basis, and we are working hard to get the best possible outcome for our Tribe. Recently, the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs advanced a clean Carcieri fix. It is our hope that it will be considered and passed by the full Senate, which will then join President Obama in support of rectifying the uncertainty that remains because of Carcieri. On a less positive note, Senator Feinstein recently introduced a bill that would place additional, onerous conditions on disadvantaged tribes seeking to take land into trust. While we are confident that we would meet even these extreme conditions, the measure flies in the face of Congressional intent with Section 20 of IGRA, which seeks to assist ALL tribes in gaining the economic development tools necessary to provide for their citizens and move toward self-sufficiency. Congress specifically included remedial provisions to assist the

tribes that were the most and longest disadvantaged, which the Feinstein bill would dilute.

On the state level, a hearing on expanded gaming is scheduled for May 4, and there is hope that a bill can be passed this year. We continue to educate lawmakers about our unique rights, and push for legislation that will allow us to develop a resort style casino quickly, providing jobs and revenue to our Tribe and our neighbors.

Here at home, we are making progress in the prioritized areas of health and education. Please read about the changes and new initiatives in our Tribal Health Department. I am also pleased that Renee Lopes-Pocknett has joined our staff as Education Director. Renee brings great energy and ideas to her role, and I hope you will join me in welcoming her.

Kataputumuw;

Qaqemasq (Running Bear)

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Health Moving Forward

This is an exciting and challenging time for the Tribal Health Department. From its humble start as a one-grant program to a sophisticated \$700,000-plus healthcare operation is an incredible transition that has been possible because of teamwork, tribal support, and exceptional energy on the part of Tribal Health Department staff.

Well before federal recognition, the Tribe had been working hard to educate federal officials about our Tribe's history, health issues, and the need to be funded as soon as possible. Tribal members face a multitude of health concerns, many caused by post-colonial stress and poverty, including substance abuse, diabetes, depression, heart disease, asthma, and others. Our people were suffering at home while we were waiting for officials in Washington to make funding decisions.

Once we received federal recognition in 2007, we became eligible for additional resources, and Tribal Council notified Indian Health Services (IHS) that we wished to enter a contract to allow IHS to provide the Tribe with resources and funding to build a Direct Service Clinic. This was the jumpstart we needed to make our goal of providing the health services our people need a reality.

The Tribe's Health Department officials, Health Advisory Committee, Tribal Council and Indian Health Service officials began meeting regularly to map out the plan. The two main questions became clear: where would we build the clinic and what services would we provide? Indian Health Services hired a strategic planning company, Innova Healthcare Solutions, to work with our team to identify our needs and plan for the appropriate building and staffing. After six months of hard work with our Tribal strategic planning team,

including Health Director Rita Gonsalves, Development Consultant Wanda Lord, Market Analyst Elora Raymond, Health Advisory Committee Chair Steve Helme, and me as Tribal Council Liaison, we developed a 10-year comprehensive plan and presented it to Tribal Council and other department leaders.

Moving forward, it is clear that the two agencies - IHS, an administrative agency that assists federally recognized tribes in building their healthcare capacity, and the Tribal Health Department - will need to collaborate daily on all issues pertaining to fulfilling the Tribe's healthcare mission and goals. IHS is supportive of Tribes working toward self-sufficiency and we will diligently work toward that status, however this is very new to us so we will continue to contract with the agency for as long as we are comfortable and in a solid financial position to manage our yearly appropriation that is allocated from Congress. We have always had an effective relationship with the Indian Health Services and appreciate all that they do in understanding our unique vision as we create and implement our own quality tribal healthcare system.



After many years of planning, our first ever health clinic project is nearly complete. The clinic, once open, will operate 40 hours a week with a Primary Care Physician, a dentist, dentist assistant, psychologist, Behavioral Health Specialist, Substance Abuse

Counselor, Medical Assistants, Clinical Receptionist, Lab Specialist, Nurse case manager, Billing/coding, and other support staffing as needed. Rita Gonsalves, former Tribal Health Director, has been hired by IHS and will oversee administrative and clinical operations in the new clinic. I will serve as the Interim manager of the health programs and continue working as the governmental interface with Indian Health Service and other federal, state, and local agencies to represent the Tribe in healthcare.

We are very appreciative to have an opportunity to build a new Health Clinic and proudly and humbly say that after all these years Tribal members are finally in a position to access quality healthcare just by walking through the Health Clinic door. Please contact the health office to register and create your medical record, obtain health insurance, receive medical, dental, prescription co-pay assistance and substance abuse treatment, both long and short term through our Contract Health Service Program and don't forget to check out our new Diabetes and Grandparents raising Grandchildren Initiatives. Our staff is always ready and able to assist Tribal members with all of your health needs. We appreciate your support and look forward to an exciting and healthy future as we begin the first phase of a comprehensive "Center of Excellence" in quality health services.



By Cheryl Frye-Cromwell, Tribal Council

Health Office at a Glance

Health Staff:

Cheryl Frye- Cromwell, *Tribal Council*

Rita Gonsalves, *Health Systems Administer (IHS)*

Robyn Tobey-Stamps, *Medical Support Assistant (IHS)*

Wampsikuk Mills, *(IHS)*

Danielle Hill, *Health Receptionist*

Kimberly Frye, *MassHealth Coordinator*

Wendy Pocknett, *MassHealth Specialist*

Winona Pocknett, *MassHealth Specialist*

Lorraine Reels, *Patient Registration*

Robert Hendricks, *Emergency Preparedness Planner*

Brenda Richerson, *Emergency Preparedness Outreach Specialist*

Health Advisory Committee

Cheryl Frye- Cromwell, *Tribal Council*

Steve Helme, *Chair*

Rita Gonsalves, *Federal Liaison*

Rachael Hicks

Cherie Peters

Bette June Texiera

Services

Patient Registration

Health Insurance Enrollment

Medical, Dental and Prescription Co-Pay Assistance

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Treatment - short and Long Term

Substance Abuse Individual and Family Counseling

Substance Abuse, Diabetes and Grandparents Raising Grandchildrent Support Groups

WIA Department Overview

The Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Department is receiving more and more calls from Tribal members who are looking for employment opportunities; and we are doing everything we can to assist them. The following is a snap shot of what is required of a WIA participant.

THE PROCESS

Serving a young adult/adult population, the WIA department is funded by the Department of Labor. The Department of Labor provides us with guidelines and we set up our program according to those guidelines.

Intake: It is mandated that we obtain basic information from all WIA clients. This is done by appointment and includes personal and financial information for everyone living in your household.

Interview: The WIA department will take into consideration your interests, knowledge, skills, and abilities to help steer you in the right direction. Every WIA client

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From the Education Department

Hello! My name is Renée Lopes-Pocknett and I have just begun my responsibilities as the Director of Education for this tribe. As a brand new employee on the staff of the MWTC, I want to extend my gratitude to this community for your confidence in hiring me and for the warm welcome that I have received, thus far. At this writing I am completing my first week in office and am currently, but temporarily, located in the original Tribal office building on Great Neck Rd. South. For now, I can be reached at (508) 477-0208, ext. 206. My email

Health Update

Attention Commonwealth Care Clients:

If you have chosen BMC (Boston Medical HealthNet) as your plan, you can get a reimbursement of \$50 per month on your gym or exercise program. Call BMC at 1-888-566-0010 and ask to be sent a "Fitness Club Reimbursement Form," and make sure to have a copy of your gym contract.

What is the difference between BMC HealthNet Plan and MassHealth?

BMC HealthNet Plan is one of the organizations that contracts with MassHealth to provide health care coverage for MassHealth recipients. MassHealth is the state agency that qualifies you for MassHealth benefits. You must qualify for MassHealth to be eligible for the BMC Health Net Plan.



address is rpocknett@mwtribe.com.

Please watch out for the next issue of the Mittark, where I will lay out my plans to grow and develop Educational opportunities for tribal members. In the interim, please do not hesitate to call, email or stop in for a visit. I welcome your ideas, thoughts and suggestions! Lastly, if you are a high school or college senior PLEASE be in contact with me ASAP so that I can help you with your upcoming goals.

Be well and kutaputunumuw.

Renee LP

WIA Department Overview *(continued)*

will be expected to participate in developing an Individual Employment Plan (IEP).

Barriers: During the interview process, we sometimes find barriers to employment, i.e., substance abuse issues, lack of training, etc., and the WIA department makes every effort to refer its participants to other Tribal departments as well as outside resources. A lack of a high school education is a barrier often seen. It is mandatory that all WIA participants without a high school diploma or GED enroll in a GED preparation program.

Resume: Every WIA participant agrees to develop a resume for submission to employers.

Releases: Every WIA participant signs release forms. The Department of Labor mandates that the WIA department keep adequate records of employment history and employers are contacted to determine date of hire, rate of pay, job title, etc. Release forms are also signed by those WIA participants attending WIA funded training programs to determine compliance with attendance and other program requirements.

COMMITMENT

Once the above intake requirements have been met, the participant will be expected to participate in three WIA sponsored trainings/workshops, which are held at the Tribal offices.

EMPLOYMENT

The WIA department is here to provide you with the tools necessary to obtain gainful employment. Participants in the program are expected to actively and independently seek work. The WIA director is regularly meeting with potential employers and when employment opportunities come up, those opportunities are matched

with qualified participants on file. WIA is here to assess your skills, help you learn how to complete paper and on-line applications, and ensure that you have the skills necessary to interview successfully. But, it is the WIA participant who must be willing to commit his or her time and energy. Looking for work is a full-time job.

SUPPORT SERVICES *(Financial)*

There are several ways in which WIA supports eligible participants. For example, once employed, a participant may need assistance purchasing a work uniform or help with transportation costs. Each participant has different supportive service needs and not everyone receives the same supportive services. In order to be considered for financial support services a participant must complete the intake, interview, and workshop requirements described above.

TRAINING

Training Funds are very limited and it is expected that participants contribute to their training funds whenever possible. It may be necessary for WIA participants to enroll with Career Opportunities

and access the training programs they offer.

Also, the WIA department is limited to spending its funds on those trainings that the Department of Labor has determined will ensure viable employment. For example, if you would like to be trained as a skywriter, WIA cannot fund this training with Department of Labor funds. As of this writing, examples of acceptable trainings are as follows: medical, hospitality, and construction. Funding must be available and these acceptable fields of employment are subject to change at any time. Support services are available to those WIA clients who have successfully completed a training program.

Thank you for taking the time to learn about the Mashpee Wampanoag Workforce Investment Act department. Please feel free to call me, Yvonne Tobey, anytime with your questions.

It is the mission of the Wampanoag Tribe Workforce Investment Act department to provide its members with the tools they need to become self sufficient and self reliant through gainful employment.

IN THE NEWS

Tribal Court Announces Free Legal Assistance

The Tribal Court is pleased to announce that three local attorneys have offered their services at no cost to tribal members who cannot afford an attorney. If you have a question regarding tribal law or are interested in bringing a case to Tribal Court these attorneys may be able to help you. All three of the below listed attorneys have been admitted to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court bar. The three attorneys are:

Matthew P. Fitzsimmons

112 Water Street, Ste. 203
Boston, MA 02109
Tel: (508) 685-9892
Fax: (617) 368-6891

Lois M. Farmer
Garnick & Scudder, P.C.
282 Barnstable Road
Hyannis MA 02601
Tel: (508) 771-2320
Fax: (508) 771-3304

Donald C. Lynde
126 Lake Shore Drive
Marstons Mills, MA 02648
Tel: (508) 419-1695

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Free Legal Assistance *(continued)*

A fourth attorney is presently in the process of being admitted. When his admission papers are completed we will publicize his name and contact information.

The Tribal Court does not vouch for or endorse these attorneys. You should clearly understand that they are not a part of the Tribal Court system except to the extent that they are bar members. They are, however, duly admitted in our court and they have generously volunteered their time to represent tribal members who are not able to pay for their services. We recognize that Tribal Court is unfamiliar to

tribal members and that justice may require representation by an attorney. We thank and commend these attorneys for making their services available at no charge when tribal members are unable to afford their services.

Also, please note that due to the Memorial Day and Massasoit Day holidays, May's free legal clinic will be held on May 16, 2011 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Again, this free legal clinic is not sponsored by or a part of the Tribal Court system.



negotiate the rules to get their legal issues successfully accomplished.

Graduate Student Jim Wills is a 3rd year student at UMass Law and works for Attorney Alexander Watts. Jim lives in Mashpee and reports that when he moved to Mashpee he became interested in the history of the Town and read many books on the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. The Legal Clinic gave him the opportunity for his interest in the Tribe to grow. He stated that he wanted to represent people who need help. Jim had his own experience through his daughter who at a time in her life needed an attorney who would take her case without a fee. She just could not afford to pay a lawyer. Jim reports that they did find one and that interested him in helping others the way his daughter was helped.

Tribal Court Offering Free Legal Clinic

What exactly is a free Legal Clinic? Well, it's an opportunity to get your legal questions answered (Tribal Court related or state court related) and gain free representation for your case in Tribal Court.

How is Tribal Court able to do this? The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court in collaboration with the University of Massachusetts Law and Attorney Raymond A. Yox of South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc. will be offering a Free Monthly Legal Clinic on the last Monday of each month that will be free to tribal members.

Who are the Attorneys doing this? Attorney **Ray Yox**, who is a 28-year veteran in Legal Services; 3rd year graduate student **Heidi Grinsell**; and 3rd year graduate student **Jim Wills** will be available at the legal clinic. Heidi Grinsell and Jim Wills will be graduating in July of 2012. As graduate students they are able to represent tribal members in Tribal Court.

Why do they want to offer this service to us? The supervising attorney and graduate students

have shared their thoughts and feelings about justice and why they wanted to offer their services for free.

Attorney Ray Yox stated that he felt that all people should have equal access to justice. Ray started in Legal Services in New York 28 years ago, and it was there that he became aware of tribal issues and tribal court. Ray believes that courts need to be accessible to everyone. He likes the concept of helping people to accomplish and fulfill their needs in a court of law. Without representation court can be difficult to negotiate.

Graduate Student Heidi Grinsell is a 3rd year student at UMass Law and works for Attorney Eugene Curry. Heidi lives in Marston Mills. When asked why she was interested in helping tribal members, she stated that she was told that there were not a lot of defense attorneys available for tribal members. Heidi knows that court processes can be difficult if you don't know the rules. Heidi feels that if you know the rules you can get things accomplished. With her knowledge and maturity she feels she can help tribal members

When and where is the Legal Clinic happening? The legal clinic will take place in the Tribal Court Room located at 483 Great Neck Rd. South, Mashpee on the last Monday of the Month with the exception of May's clinic which will be held on May 16. The clinics are held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tribal members can show up or call Atty. Ray Yox at (508) 775-7020 x2011 to set up an appointment. Additionally, UMass Law has begun offering a weekly legal clinic for Tribal members in the New Bedford area. The clinic is held at the law school at 333 Faunce Corner Road, Dartmouth every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tribal members should contact Atty. Yox to schedule an appointment.

Wampanoag Treaty Honored with \$1 Coin *(continued)*



Cedric Cromwell, chairman and Aaron Tobey, vice-chairman at the coin event

Unfortunately, respect for the indigenous people of this land quickly disintegrated, as did any gratitude for the Wampanoag people's efforts to assist the European settlers during their first harsh winters here.

The Wampanoag people were systematically killed, sold into

slavery, forced into praying towns, split from our families and driven from our homes. Our traditional beliefs and language were no longer welcome. Our

right to care for our families through fishing and hunting – how we had survived for thousands of years, and how we helped the Pilgrims survive – was taken away. Our people's ability to utilize our natural resources, remain on our ancestral homeland, and practice our way of life was stripped from us. But still, we persevered.

Even federal recognition – an acknowledgement by the US government that we are what we always have been – a Native American Nation – took over 30 years and protracted legal battles to achieve. But still, we persevered.

The results of this mistreatment linger. Our people struggle to find jobs and housing in our homeland. We suffer disproportionately from the health and social issues that result from poverty. But still, we persevere.

We are a landless Tribe. Despite the fact that we were one of the first Native peoples to come in contact with European settlers, we are still without a reservation, still unable to fully provide for our people in the way that is spelled out in federal law, and still unable to achieve the true sovereignty our Nation deserves. But still, we persevere.

Today, Wampanoag people proudly serve the United States of America in Iraq and Afghanistan, continuing a tradition of defending the United States of America in every major conflict since the American Revolution.

Today, with support from our Wampanoag community and the leadership of the amazing jessie little doe baird, we are reviving the Wôpanâak language.

Today, despite being severely underfunded by the federal government, we are providing scholarships and tutoring programs for our young people so that they can find success in school and become productive adults.

Today, we are working to provide housing for our elders and families who remain homeless in our homeland, and we will continue to fight for this effort with all our strength, as our late Housing

Director Alice Lopez would want us to do.

Today, we can provide direct health care services to our Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Nation, which will combat the critical health disparities that we continue to face.

And today – despite all of our challenges – today we have an opportunity. Not to forget our difficult history, but to be inspired by the treaty and the partnership

depicted on this coin. Inspired to move forward as partners, with two proud nations working cooperatively, in a spirit of mutual respect and responsibility, to benefit us all.

My hope is that the United States of America, through the leadership

of President Obama, will live up to its trust responsibilities for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and all of Indian Country. That the government will not create two classes of Indian Tribes, but treat all of us equally, and with the respect we deserve. Allow us to care for our people, and provide the education, health care, housing and jobs they need to be productive members of not only the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe but also the United States of America.

So today, I call on all of us to be inspired by the spirit of peace, mutual respect, and mutual responsibility depicted on this coin. We have a long way to go to live up to this ideal, but we must move forward as great partners, so that we may lift all of our people up and thrive as strong nations.



Cedric Cromwell and Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, chairwoman of the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head, unveil the \$1 coin



jessie little doe baird speaking at the event



David Greene Sues for Fishing Rights *(continued)*

In so doing, Mr. Pacheco struck Mr. Greene in the throat with his forearm knocking him backward and off balance."

As a result of the altercation, charges of assault and battery and assault and battery based upon national origin have been issued against Pacheco. Pacheco left his position as deputy warden shortly after the incident.

Among other measures, the civil suit against Pacheco and the town of Mattapoisett asks the court to "enter a permanent injunction enjoining Mr. Pacheco, the town of Mattapoisett and its agents from violating or in any way actually or attempting to interfere with, impede, frustrate, or limit Mr. Greene's aboriginal, usufruct, or statutory rights, or the rights of the Mashpee Wampanoag people, to hunt, fish and shellfish for all purposes, including commerce and sustenance."

Chairman Cromwell offered full-throated support to David Greene,

stating, "The lawsuit brought by Tribal member David Greene in Plymouth Superior Court seeks to vindicate basic rights which are critically important to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and all Native Americans.

"All too often, our aboriginal rights are overlooked and ignored as though we do not exist or as if, like other people who live in the community, we came from somewhere else. Public officials must understand and respect that we are the original inhabitants of these lands and waters. We are a sovereign nation. We have never compromised our right to fish and hunt our ancestral lands, and for generations we have been responsible and respectful stewards of our natural resources.

"It is unacceptable that a member of our Tribe could be treated by a public official in the manner in which Mr. Greene was treated for simply fishing as we have always had the right to do."

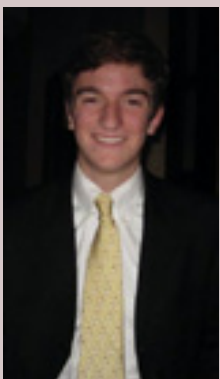
Infant Adoption Awareness

An Infant Adoption Awareness Training program will be offered by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Health Services office on Tuesday, May 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The training program will be held at the Mashpee Wampanoag Juvenile Justice and Indian Child Welfare Office located at A-7 Madaket Place, Route 28 in Mashpee. Lunch will be provided and social workers, nurses and LMHCs will receive 4.5 free CEUs.

The Infant Adoption Awareness Training is geared toward medical, clinical and educational professionals that work with pregnant teens and adults that did not plan the pregnancy and are now trying to decide which options are best for her. The training provides participants with opportunities for self-reflection and open discussion about the issues

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Rob Maxim Awarded George Washington University Graduate Fellowship



Tribe member Robert Maxim II, son of Karen Stratton, and Robert "Allan" Maxim has been selected as a Presidential Administrative Fellow to the graduate degree

program at George Washington University in Washington, DC. Rob will enroll in the Masters Degree program for International Trade and Investment at the GWU Elliot School of International Affairs this fall. George Washington University has a total student enrollment of more than 25,000 students, including 2350

undergraduate candidates in the class of 2011.

On track to graduate with high honors in May on the lawn of the US Capitol, Rob will earn bachelor degrees in both International Affairs and Economics. He distinguished himself both academically, and as a student government leader at the DC University. Honored as a GWU House Scholar in 2010, Rob is also fulfilling his term as the elected student body Executive Vice-President.

Rob was one of ten freshmen students chosen in 2007 by former University Freshman Dean Fred Siegel to attend a dinner roundtable discussion at his home with authors Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, Bernard Wood, and Richard

Dawkins. He won the "Dean's Summer Reading Challenge" based on his insightful analysis, reaction, and responses to books written by the three widely divergent contemporary writers, with diverse backgrounds and perspectives.

Competitively chosen from over 300 candidates to the GWU "Colonial Cabinet" in his sophomore year, Rob emerged as one of the prominent student faces of the University, engaging student orientation, programming, and recruitment. As a member of the University's International Affairs Society Model UN, Rob debated national and world issues and events in structured competitions with other colleges,

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Rob Maxim Awarded Fellowship *(continued)*

and universities including the National Military Academies, and Ivy League Universities. In the summer preceding his junior year, the GWU Office of Sustainability selected Rob to intern with them, performing urban sustainability research, planning and development studies.

Rob studied abroad at Univeritat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona Spain during the fall of his junior year. During that time he refined his Spanish while studying Economics, and travelled throughout Europe and Northern Africa. Upon returning to the nation's capital, Rob was hired by the US Department of Commerce for an internship with the National Export Initiative. Based on his outstanding performance, the DOC extended Rob a year-long employment opportunity. He is presently working for the Office of Strategic Partnership in the



Rob Maxim on break in Paris

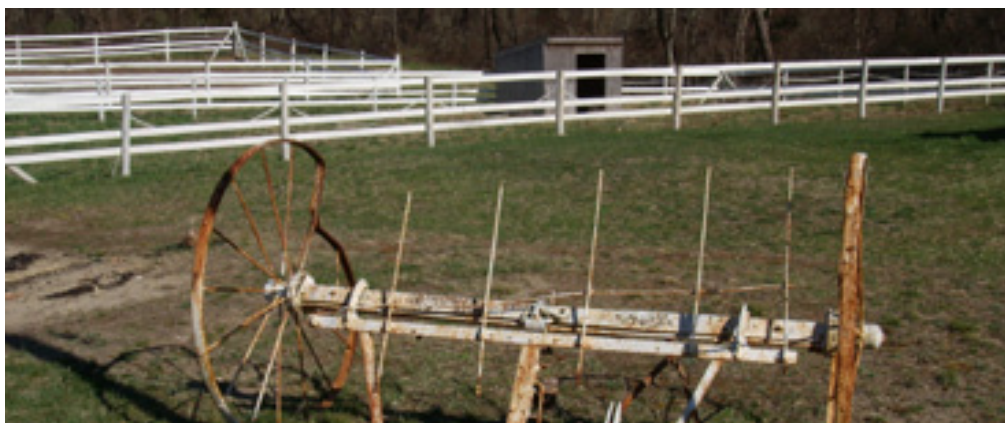
International Trade Administration. Rob is a member of the Greek fraternity Pi Kappa Alpha, and an alumnus of the Sandwich High School class of 2007.

The prestigious two-year PAF fellowship grant includes the total cost of University fees, an annual tuition stipend to cover the entire forty-two credit hours of academic study in the graduate degree program at the University, a bi-weekly work stipend, and a monthly housing stipend.

Community Garden at Maushop Farm

Got a green thumb? Turn your passion for gardening into an opportunity to grow your own vegetables and reconnect with the earth and your tribal family at the same time at a community garden to be established on the tribally-owned Maushop Farm on Sampson's Mill Road in Mashpee. Individual garden plots will be made available to tribal members in exchange for helping to tend a common garden designed to raise

vegetables to distribute to tribal elders and sell at the local farmer's market to raise money for youth programs. The plots will be available on a first come first served basis and all gardeners will be required to use organic fertilizers and pest control. Interested tribal members should contact Tribal Council Treasurer Mark Harding, who is the liaison to the Community Garden Committee at (508) 477-0208 or by email at mharding@mwtribe.com.



Adoption Program *(continued)*

that women facing unintended pregnancies experience. The training does not advocate for any one option, but it does educate about adoption and the process of Infant Adoption in Massachusetts.

The curriculum includes: A history of adoption and how it has changed, the different types of adoption, the federal and MA laws and procedures relating to infant adoption, birth father's rights, cultural influences on decision making, working with pregnant adolescents and using non-directive, non-coercive counseling techniques.

All participants will receive a manual of information and a current statewide guide of all resources and the three options available to the woman.

To register, go to www.iaatp.com, click on Massachusetts and scroll to May 10, and follow the prompts. For questions, contact Danielle Hill at (508) 477-0209 or the trainer, Donna Morrison, at (508) 563-6255 or dnnmorri@verizon.net.

Meeting Notice

On Sunday, May 15, 2011 immediately prior to the regularly scheduled Tribal meeting, a meeting of the Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Tribal Council, Inc. (MWITC) will be held. At this meeting members of the MWITC (which are all Tribal members) will be informed of certain proposed changes to the MWITC Bylaws. These proposed changes will then be voted upon at a June meeting. For more information on the proposed changes to the Bylaws please visit the Tribe's website at www.mashpeewampanoagtribe.com or stop by the Tribal offices.



90th Annual

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POWWOW

Annual Powwow to Take Place July 2, 3 & 4

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe will hold its 90th Annual Powwow July 2nd, 3rd and 4th on Tribal Grounds at 483 Great Neck Road South in Mashpee. This year, the Tribe is “Honoring Wampanoag Traditions.” The Powwow is a traditional celebration of Mashpee Wampanoag culture featuring Native American dancing, drumming, games, food, art, jewelry, wampum, gifts, crafts and clothing. The Tribe is offering \$30,000 in prize money for dance and drum competitions throughout the weekend.

Scheduled events and special performances include Host Drum: Shinnecock’s Young Bloods, Yarina (Andean Music), The Wampanoag Nation Singers, New England Birds of Prey, Wampanoag Powwow Princess Contest, Traditional Canoe Race, a Fire Ball game and Clam

Bake.

The Powwow will feature Master of Ceremonies, Cedric Cromwell, and Arena Director, David Weeden, Head Man and Head Woman Dancers TBA.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow is open to the public and offers events and attractions for the whole family. Gates open at 10am each day. General Admission is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 12 and under and elders 62 and over. For information on group rates, please call Powwow Director, Leslie Jonas at (617) 417-5260.



Powwow Jobs

Powwow job descriptions are posted in the main office and on the website.

Jobs to include: gate cashiers for 1/2 day shifts, a director assistant, a runner, a back gate attendant, a Head Judge assistant., two dance registration and tallying persons, a van driver. We are also looking for contract bids for parking, trash removal and security.

All contract bids are to be typed and sent to the Tribal Council Powwow mailbox by May 27. ATTN: POWWOW Committee. Details on contract rfps are in the main office and on the website.

Volunteers are always welcome. Please call Powwow Director, Leslie Jonas for details. (617) 417-5260.