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Chairman's Message



Wuneekeesuq Nutawâm (Greetings to my Tribal Community),

I hope that you all enjoyed a safe and happy summer, full of good medicine. As I reflect on the Summer of 2011, I think of our outstanding Powwow, the powwows of other nations that I was honored to attend, events like Rumble on the Rez, and the opportunity to speak before Congressional committees twice in support of our Tribe. It was a busy and fulfilling season!

Nothing was more important to me than witnessing our kids grow and learn, and our adults rally to support them and give them a brighter future. Recently, Bobby Gonsalves hosted a three on three basketball tournament to promote substance abuse awareness and encourage our kids to Say No to Drugs. Bobby is a strong tribal member leading a clean lifestyle, committed to ridding the Mashpee Wampanoag community of substance abuse and to promoting a clean, productive and healthy lifestyle. The tribal council appreciates and supports Bobby's commit-

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Expanded Gaming Bill with Provision for Tribe

Massachusetts legislative leaders introduced an expanded gaming bill on Tuesday, August 23 that calls for three resort casinos and one competitively-bid slot parlor, including a resort casino license in southeastern Massachusetts for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. The bill specifies that the governor may enter into a compact with a federally recognized Native American Tribe for the Region C casino license. Region C includes Bristol, Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket Counties.



The bill further stipulates that the Tribe must have an agreement on land to build the casino, have applied to place that land in trust as an initial reservation, and must schedule a referendum on the project in the host community. The Tribe and the governor would have to reach agreement on a compact by July 31, 2012.

Chairman Cedric Cromwell praised the bill. "We are very pleased that this bill recognizes the federal rights of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe to operate a destination resort casino in our ancestral homeland of southeastern Massachusetts," Cromwell said. "We look forward to the bill's timely passage and to negotiating a compact with the Governor so we can put people to work as soon as possible."

Earlier in August, Governor Patrick's administration had made clear in a letter to legislators that the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe will have the right to game once its land is placed in trust, so it is in the best interest of the state to deal with that reality in an expanded gaming bill.

At press time, members of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies were still voting on the proposal. The bill is expected to advance out of the committee and move on to the House and Senate for debate and a vote.

Run for Tribal Housing



The Wampanoag Home Run team completed the 39th Annual Falmouth Road Race on Sunday, August 14 raising nearly \$8,000 for the Wampanoag Housing Program in memory of the late housing director Alice Lopez.

The ten-member team included six tribal members, Paula Peters, Selena Jonas, Steven Peters, Miles Bernadett-Peters,

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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 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Food Pantry,
The food pantry is held on Monday and Wednesday every other week

Additional Events

Sept. 7

Deadline to enter the Youth Sports Lottery

Sept. 10 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

People of the First Light Canoe Race, *Mashpee Pond*

Sept. 11 - 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Federal Charter of Incorporation Hearing, *Mashpee High School*

Sept. 11 - 2:00 p.m.

General Body Meeting, *Mashpee High School*

Sept. 13 - 6:30 p.m.

Federal Charter of Incorporation Hearing, *MWT Headquarters*

Sept. 17 - 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Wampanoag Day 2011, *Aptucxet Trading Post Museum, Bourne*

Sept. 19 - TBA

White Bison 2nd Series, *Madaket Place*

Sept. 24 - 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Grand Opening New Bedford Office, *1913 Purchase Street, New Bedford*



* Congratulation to **Kimberley Allyssa Frye** of Bourne she graduated from the Salter school in Fall River from the professional medical assistant program on July 23, 2011. She is the daughter of Kimberly Frye and the granddaughter of Eileen and Daniel Frye Sr.

* From Marcy Hendricks: Bryan Purdie and I would like to wish our daughter **Aquilla Brylee Hendricks** a happy 2nd birthday. Her birth has saved my life and changed me for the better, as a person, Tribal member and mother of two.

* Councilwoman Selena Jonas would like to send a special thanks to **Paula Peters** and **Winona Hendricks** for their hard work and dedication in making this year's Home Run for Housing such a success!

Catherine Hendricks Named ICWA Director

I am happy to be aboard the ICWA team and I am excited that I was hired as the new Director. I would like to tell you a little bit about my background and myself. I received my associates degree from Cape Cod Community College, and a bachelor of science degree with a minor in human services from Lesley University, in Cambridge MA.

I am a licensed Social Worker in the State of Massachusetts. I have spent the last five years working in The Department of Children and Families; first as a family support worker visiting children and families in their homes, and for the last three years as a Child Protection Investigator (CPI). I then opened up a home care business and was working privately for the elderly.

I have been in the town of Mashpee since I was 14 years old and I am very familiar with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. I was married to a Tribal member for over 34 years. I raised all three children in this town. My goal as the ICWA Director is to see great



forward movement in our program and enhance infrastructure to its fullest capacity. It's important that our Wampanoag Native Tribal Children, our future generation, are able to excel to the highest capacity in their native land.

Catherine M. Hendricks, BS, LSW
ICWA Director

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ment to creating a clean drug free environment for our Native Community.

I am blown away by the success of the Native Tribal Scholars program in its first summer session. Almost 40 Native high school-aged students gave up their usual summer activities in order to participate in the intensive, six-week academic program at Regis College. Instead of hanging at the beach, these kids made a commitment to their future. For six weeks, they took classes, attended workshops, participated in group educational trips, and lived in a college dormitory setting. They worked hard, supported each other, and made great advancements.

What really set their experience apart from other college prep programs, however, was the focus on Native American culture, history, and sovereignty. Coursework incorporated themes that these kids could relate to as Native people, and encouraged them to think about their identities as Native people and what that means. This identity will not only help each of our students recognize their special place in the world and the history that they carry through their bloodline; it will help each of them to chart their own course for success in a way that celebrates and stays true to their proud heritage.

Seeing the progress that the Native Tribal Scholars made in six short weeks is remarkable. Not only are they more confident and capable students who have gained valuable skills that will help them be successful in high school and beyond, it is clear that these students have gained a confidence and a sense of purpose that they will carry through their lives.

I was struck by the messages that the students displayed on Family Day: "I commit to stick with the program." "I will be respectful of my parents and teachers." "I will stay in school."

The essays that students wrote and shared at the end of the summer session were remarkable. Students each wrote of overcoming their challenges, including difficult circumstances at home, feeling hopeless about school, and the low expectations of teachers and school officials. The Native Tribal Scholars program has begun the process of giving these kids the support and the confidence that they need to transcend the barriers placed in front of them and to reach their full potential. I know many of us always saw the potential of these young people; it is so gratifying that they now see that potential in themselves.

Many people came together to make this great program a reality. I especially thank Native Tribal Scholars Director Gail Hill and Education Director Renee Lopes Pocknett for their tireless efforts. I thank the entire staff of the program, which nurtured our kids and pushed them to find their own greatness. I also thank Dr. Cedric Woods of UMass Boston for his relentless support, and for his coordination of so many outside efforts to make this program a reality. And I thank the families of our scholars for their support and commitment.

Moving forward, the Native Tribal Scholars program will continue to work with Tribal youth in areas of tutoring, mentoring and college visits during the school year, followed by another summer session next year. I encourage any student who wishes to participate in the program to please contact Renee Lopes Pocknett to get involved.

This program is one piece of our commitment to support the education of our youth so that they can reach their full potential to be happy, healthy, and productive adults. I applaud everyone who came together to make this initiative a success, and ask that you join with me in supporting these students as they pursue their bright futures!

Kataputumuw;

Cedric Cromwell
Qaqeemasq (Running Bear)

Juvenile Justice

The Juvenile Justice Department will be hosting a "People of the First Light Youth Canoe Race" on Saturday, September 10, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Mashpee Pond. Tribal youth aged 13 -18 may participate, and a parent or authorized guardian must be present to sign a registration/liability form.



The White Bison 2nd Series will begin on Monday, September 19 for our youth ages 13 -18. Presenters at the series will be Pumukquien Collins and Brian Washington. This program will be held at 766 Falmouth Road Mashpee, MA (Madaket Place).

Youth tutoring services will begin Monday, September 26, 2011 at the Juvenile Justice office. The time announcements will be forthcoming.

Please feel free to contact Stephanie or Marcy in the Juvenile Justice department at (508) 419-6017 extension 608 or 610 with any questions.

Runners Raise Money for Tribal Housing *(continued)*

Marcus Hendricks, and Savannah Maher. Steven's wife Jennifer Peters and tribal friends Elena Moraza Pol-lard, her son Chichil Moraza and Pat-rick Duffy joined them. They were among nearly 11,000 runners who ran the seven-mile seaside course between Woods Hole and Falmouth Heights and were grateful for an overcast sky and a refreshing sea breeze.

Miles began the race in the coral of elite runners carrying the Tribal flag for about a quarter of a mile before passing it off and Marcus completed the race wearing his tradi-tional skins and feathers.



Miles carrying the flag a few rows back

The Falmouth Road Race fun-draising effort was something that Alice looked forward to each year when she would become an enthusi-astic cheerleader for the team.

This year, the team was in-volved in the sale of limited edition



Paula and Selena getting ready

prints of an illustration of Alice done in 1982 by renowned Orleans artist Nancy Ekholm Burkert. Each print, signed and numbered by the artist, sold for \$100 with all proceeds ben-efitting the tribal housing program.

There are now approximately 20 of the 100 prints remaining which can be purchased at the Han Dun Gallery owned by Tribal member Emma Jo Mills located on Route 151 in Mashpee. Those interested in prints may also contact Paula Peters at paula@wampworx.com.



Native Tribal Scholars

At the conclusion of the summer session of Native Tribal Scholars, the students hosted their families and showcased their accomplish-ments during their six weeks on the campus of Regis College. The students displayed science proj-ects, collages, essays,



and other projects for all to see. Families enjoyed a barbecue with the students and staff, followed by remarks from Chairman Cedric Cromwell and Dr. Cedric Woods, Director of the Institute for New England Native American Stud-ies University of Massachusetts-Boston. The students presented a program including a debate, sci-ence projects, Family Jeopardy, a media production project, and other performances. Congratula-tions on a job well done!



IN THE NEWS

Farm Manager Offers Testimony at State House

On July 21st, Kris Clark, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's shellfish farm manager, offered testimony at the State House in favor of legislation that would allow oysters to be sold at farmers markets. Kris and the Natural Resources Department feel that this would be a positive development for First Light Oysters and for the Tribe's

continued economic development. Her testimony is below:

Tribal members of the Mash-pee Wampanoag Tribe are interest-ed in buying oysters directly from the Tribe's emerging enterprise, the Mashpee Wampanoag Shellfish Farm. We support a legislative solu-tion that would enable non-whole-

sale shellfish farmers to sell oysters at farmers' markets to the general public.

Shellfish farmers are very dif-ferent from shellfish harvesters who hunt for their catch in the wild. Farm-ers invest time, money, and effort as they culture tiny shellfish seed over

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multiple years to become available for market. Shellfish farmers harvest their shellfish from the same place (their farm) and uphold their reputation while maintaining their shellfish crop on their farm. The motivation to sell shellfish of unquestionable integrity is high because robust sales depend on it.

Smart and thoughtful conditions for selling shellfish at farmers markets can be crafted to allow for shellfish sales without the seller having a wholesale permit. The high cost of building a wholesale facility, which is a requirement now, is expensive to small shellfish farmers, especially as they are starting out. Newer farmers emerging into the marketplace can establish their product's reputation by making direct contact with their customers at farmers' markets. The "entrance fee" of having a wholesale facility is too steep for many new shellfish farmers and most have not yet been able to make this major investment.



Shellfish farmers with a wholesale license move much of their product to more lucrative urban markets- not local. Once the investment in a wholesale facility is made by a shellfish grower, much of the shellfish product is marketed away from the locale in which it was grown to cities so that the farmers can recoup their investment, maximizing the opportunity to cash in on that wholesale permit. Forcing farmers to go through a wholesaler promotes the sale of shellfish away from the local market, flying in the face of the Buy Fresh/ Buy Local campaign.

Additionally, those with a wholesale facility can already sell their shellfish at their facility, so their regular customers likely buy the farmer's shellfish directly at the farmers' wholesale facility. From my understanding,



there are about 15-20 shellfish growers with a wholesale permit, whereas there are about 250- 300 shellfish growers without a wholesale permit. Farmers' markets can offer seasonal outlets for those who have yet to get a wholesale facility, while giving consumers the ability to purchase local food locally.

We understand and support the need to ensure the safety of consumers of shellfish. My colleague at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, George Green, and I took and passed the ServSafe course this winter to become cognizant and certified in safe food handling. We understand the time-temperature considerations for safe shellfish handling and believe that as a shellfish farmer we can provide safe shellfish at farmers' markets by managing the time out of water along with proper temperature control. Unsold shellfish should be allowed to be returned to the shellfish farm, a practice currently prohibited.

Perhaps staff at the Department of Agriculture Resources could manage and monitor the shellfish sales at farmers' markets, especially given that the current Aquaculture Specialist used to be the supervisor for the Department of Public Health's seafood unit. Criteria can be promulgated and monitored for compliance.

Recently, to get our First

Light Oysters to sale at the local fish market 2 1/5 miles away from our farm, those oysters took a ride with our wholesaler to Buzzards Bay before they came back to Mashpee to go on sale - an extra 35 mile round trip. How can that be any safer than making those oysters available for sale at a local farmers' market under refrigeration just like the wholesaler had them? At the farmers' market, our oysters would be out of water about the same amount of time that it took for the wholesaler to drive them over the Bourne Bridge and back.

Traceability for food safety is easy because the sale has one stop - between the harvester and the consumer. Customers can trust the shellfish from a safely managed farmers' market, because they can look the farmer in the eye and discuss how the product was grown and harvested. Many customers, like me, prefer buying farmed food directly from the farmer.

Exposure of local shellfish in farmers' markets is good for the industry too as shellfish farmers can explain the environmental benefits of growing shellfish, which clean our embayments with their mass filter feeding. Shellfish farming is a growing green industry in our state and throughout the country. We're raising the profile of this industry in the spirit of "a rising tide lifts all boats."

On behalf of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Shellfish Farm, I support legislation that would enable an option for locally-farmed shellfish to be sold at a farmers' market without having a wholesale license.

Kris Clark
Farm Manager
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

Wampanoag Day 2011 to be Held Saturday, September 17

Wampanoag Day 2011 will be held on Saturday, September 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Aptucxet Trading Post Museum in Bourne, MA.

A full-day of hands-on activities, food and performances for the entire family is scheduled, including an interactive performance by the Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers at 2:00 p.m. Additional events include weaving and wampum demonstrations, Mother Bear's Wampanoag Village and the Plimoth Plantation muhsh8n exhibit.

Mashpee Wampanoag Artisans will be displaying and selling



their work and there will be traditional Wampanoag food.

For more information and directions, call (508) 759-8167 or send an email to bournehistoricalsociety@comcast.net.

Scenes from the Trip to Water Wizz



Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe 2011-2012 Powwow Princess Tiana Lopes

Tiana (“Wakebebasketweaver”) is the daughter of Kimberly and Tyrone Lopes, and the granddaughter of Bernice and Walter Gonsalves, Karen Lopes, and Larry Dove. She has four siblings: brothers Jordan, Edwin, the late Tyrone, Jr., and sister Talease.

Tiana’s priorities as Powwow Princess include representing the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe at events in a positive light. She hopes that other Nations will better understand

the proud history of her Tribe. Tiana also hopes to encourage her fellow Wampanoag students to stay in school and pursue their goals.

Tiana is a former member of the Mashpee Wampanoag Youth Council and is a competitive fancy dancer. She has worked part-time at Plimoth Plantation as an interpreter.

A resident of Marstons Mills

on Cape Cod, Tiana is a junior at Barnstable High School, where she enjoys English and Science classes. After completing high school, Tiana plans to attend college and study nursing with the hopes of becoming a registered nurse in a maternity center.



Federal Charter Hearing of Incorporation Scheduled

Announcement	September 11	September 13
Federal Charter of Incorporation	1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.	& 6:30 p.m.
Public Hearings Scheduled	Mashpee High School	MWT Headquarters

Lottery for Tribal Youth Sports

How Do I Enter the Lottery?

Fill out the form and return it to:
Joanne Frye, Office Manager
483 Great Neck Road South
Mashpee MA 02649

Where Do I Return The Form?

The form can be returned by the following methods:

- Hand Delivery at the Main Tribal Building, or
- Mailed to 483 Great Neck Road South Mashpee MA 02649, or
- Scanned and emailed to JFrye@mwtribe.com

When Is the Last Day that I can enter the Lottery?

September 7th at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline (*no exceptions*)

Lottery Entry Form Must be Filled Out Completely to be Entered

Name of Tribal Parent: _____ Tribal ID: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Child: _____ Tribal ID: _____ Age: _____

Athletic Program: _____ Phone: _____



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Tribal Youth Sports Lottery to be Held

All Tribal youth between the ages of five and 18 that are in sports are encouraged to put their name in for the Tribal Youth Sports Lottery. 30 children will be awarded \$250 to be used for any sports-affiliated costs. The drawing for the lottery will be held during the Sunday, September 11 Tribal General Membership Meeting. Application forms are available at the Tribal Council office or online at mashpeewampanoagtribe.com/department-32.com.

The deadline for submission of an application is Wednesday, September 7 by 4:30 p.m. The application may be scanned and emailed to Office Manager Joanne Frye at JFrye@mw-tribe.com or mailed/hand delivered to Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, NIKE N7 Fund Tribal Youth Sports Lottery, 483 Great Neck Road South, Mashpee, MA 02649.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council and a grant award from the NIKE N7 Fund make the Tribal Youth Sports Lottery possible.



The N7 Fund provides product donations and grants to Native American and Aboriginal communities in support of sports and physical activity programs for youth. Its goal is to help unleash a child's potential through the power of sport.

New Bedford Office Opening

Join us for the grand opening celebration of a satellite tribal office to better serve the needs of Tribal members living on the South Coast.

Saturday, September 24, 2011

11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1913 Purchase street
New Bedford

Opening Ceremony – Cookout –
Tribal Social

Tours – Information on Services