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## Chairman's Column



Greetings Tribal Community,

I want to start by congratulating everyone on a successful 92nd Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Powwow! Thank you to all of the Tribal members, drummers, dancers, artisans and vendors who came out and helped to make this a wonderful event for our Tribe.

A special thank you goes out to Powwow Director David Weeden, Chairman of the Powwow Committee Brian Weeden, Powwow Staff and Powwow Committee for their hard work. Thank you to our traditional leaders Chief Vernon Silent Drum Lopez and Medicine Man Earl Soaring Eagle Cash for their support and guidance as well.

Congratulations to our 2013 Powwow Princess Dee Dee Jackson, it is an honor well deserved. Dee Dee is a member of the Youth Council and she is involved in many important activities within our Tribe. She will serve as a great representative of the Tribe for the upcoming year. I would also like to thank our outgoing Powwow Princess Keturah Peters for all of the hard work she has put in for our Tribe in the past year.

Finally, I would like to thank the many Tribes who traveled from around the country to celebrate and be a part of this year's theme "Keepers of the East" with us here in Mashpee. In particular, the Warwick Gumbey Dancers, who came all the way from Bermuda to join us, deserve a special thank you.

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## Public Safety Commission Expanded

**A**t the July Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council meeting, a motion to expand the total number of members of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Public Safety Commission from five to seven was unanimously passed.

Also during the meeting, the Tribal Council appointed six new Public Safety Commission (PSC) members - Kevin Frye Sr., Chairman; Curtis Frye III, Vice Chairman; Adam Peters, Secretary; Alcott Tobey Jr., Treasurer; Daniel Nuey, Member; Jevin Pimental, Member. The appointment for the 7th and final commission seat will be approved by the Tribal Council at an upcoming meeting.

"In forming the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Public Safety Commission, we are moving in a direction to enhance and protect Tribal Sovereignty and public safety," said Cedric Cromwell, Chairman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. "The members of the public safety commission have a mix of strong professional experience in the fields of emergency medical treatment, public safety, law enforcement, military service and fire protection. I applaud these Tribal Members for advocating the implementation of public safety and law enforcement policies and regulations for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe."

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Public Safety Commission (PSC) was established on May 22, 2013 to serve as an advisory body to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council and the Mashpee Wampanoag Gaming Authority.

The PSC is responsible for protecting the members of the Mashpee Wampanoag tribal community, general public and Tribal assets, and responsible for gathering information and making recommendations regarding Police, Fire, Emergency Medical, Emergency Preparedness and general security matters at the Tribal, Federal (Bureau of Indian Affairs) and State level. The Commission is also tasked with

conducting a comprehensive review of required law enforcement and fire needs of the Tribe and assessing current available resources of area agencies, including Mashpee Police/Fire, Taunton Police/Fire, Barnstable County Sheriff's Department, Plymouth County Sheriff's Department, Massachusetts State Police, New Bedford Police as well as any surrounding municipality geographically located near Tribal properties.

Please join us in congratulating the Commission members unanimously appointed by the Tribal Council.

*"In forming the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's Public Safety Commission, we are moving in a direction to enhance and protect Tribal Sovereignty..."*

- Chairman Cedric Cromwell

## Implementing Tribal Court Infrastructure

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Court in Mashpee Massachusetts is a new court that was established in 2006 with the formation of the Elders Judiciary Committee (EJC). At that time the Judicial Ordinance was being developed which would provide some structure to the Court layout which consisted of a Supreme Court, District Court, and Peacemaker Court. The Elders

Judiciary Committee was considered judges and did hear one case. The EJC developed a two page Rules of Civil Procedure that were very rudimentary. When cases became more complicated and lawyers were brought in, it was decided to add a contract judge.

The Judicial Branch of government could not operate as separate but equal to the Legislative Branch until three Supreme

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## Events Calendar

### New Events

August 24 - 2:00 p.m.

Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum  
Lecture - Around the World: Mashpee  
Wampanoag Whaling in the Nineteenth  
Century, *Mashpee Library*

September 8 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

General Body Meeting,  
*Mashpee High School*

September 13 - 2:00 p.m.

Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum  
Lecture - Preserved on the Mighty  
Waters, *Mashpee Library*

September 14

Mashpee Indian Whalers Exhibit Opens,  
*Mashpee Wampanoag Indian Museum*

September 15 - 1:00 p.m.

Meeting House Road Housing Project  
Ground Breaking Ceremony and  
Luncheon,  
*Meeting House Road*

September 17 - 6:00 p.m.

Public Safety Commission Meeting,  
*766 Falmouth Road, Unit A4*

October 7 - 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

My Life...My Health,  
*Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit*

October 13 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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*Mashpee High School*

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*Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit*

### Weekly Events

Thursdays - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wamp Support Group, *Old Indian  
Meeting House*

Monthly - 7:00 p.m.

Chiefs Circle, *Old Indian Meeting House.*  
*It is held the first Tuesday of the month.*

### Language Classes

3-Day Family Language Immersion

Weekend - September 13 to 15

*Camp Good News, Forestdale, MA*

Visit [WLRP.org](http://WLRP.org) or call  
(508) 419-6281 for more details and  
upcoming language classes.



## Tribal Announcements

- » Congratulations to **Brianna Cheatham** for completing the Cape Cod Collaborative Advanced Studies Leadership Camp over the summer. The 3-week program was held at Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay. Fourteen-year-old Brianna is the daughter of Tribal member Rachele Jonas and the granddaughter of the late Tribal Elder Richardson Jonas. Brianna will be entering eighth grade at Mashpee Middle School in September. Great job Brianna!
- » A special thank you to Theresa Douglas for the generous donation to Tribal Youth Council and Tribal Elders Committee in loving memory of Buddy Lopes.
- » Zackary Avant received the President's Volunteer Service Award from the R.P. Lee Youth Center Boys and Girls Club in Colorado Springs. Zackary is one of nine kids recognized for this national honor in April. He was chosen as a recipient of the award because of his hard work and dedication to his community. Zackary spends countless hours volunteering after school and on weekends and is a great role model for his peers. Zack, who lives in Colorado Springs, will be entering the eleventh grade and is sixteen years old. This award was first given out by President GW Bush. Congratulations Zack, we are all so very proud of you...especially your Nana.
- » Tribal Health is looking for individuals to sit on our "Health Fair Committee". We will hold our annual health fair in October (date to be announced.) We here at Tribal Health want to share ideas on what our needs are as a community. Please call Wendy or Kim at 508 477 6912. Your health is our priority!



*Brianna Cheatham at  
Advanced Studies Leadership*



*Donation to Tribe in Loving  
Memory of Buddy Lopes*



*Zackary Avant, recipient of  
the President's Volunteer  
Service Award*

## Housing Project Groundbreaking Ceremony

On Sunday, September 15, the Mashpee Wampanoag Housing Commission in conjunction with the Housing Department will host a groundbreaking ceremony to officially mark the start of construction on the Meeting House Road Housing Project. The groundbreaking ceremony will begin at 1:00 p.m. A light luncheon will immediately follow the groundbreaking ceremony at the Old Indian Meeting House. The Tribal Council and the Housing Commission and Department look forward to sharing this

exciting event with the community. The project marks another large step forward for affordable Tribal housing.



## Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Class of 2013

### 2013 College Graduates

**Danica (Windsor) Hicks**

*Farleigh Dickinson University*

B.A., Humanities, Summa Cum Laude

**Lillianne Frye**

*Bridgewater State University*

B.S., Physical Education

**Shauntea Turner**

*Bunker Hill Community College*

Associates, Business Administration

**Sandra A. Knight**

*University of Massachusetts, Boston*

Masters in Education

**Michelle Foxx**

*Boston College*

Masters in Business Administration

**Melissa L. Hill**

*Northeastern University*

B.A., Journalism

**Rachael Miranda**

*Becker College*

B.S., Business Administration

**Ellen Sharpe**

*Norwich University*

Masters in Public Administration

**Hope Shwom**

*University of Massachusetts, Boston*

B.S., Business Management

**Attaquin J. Mills**

Associates, Aquaculture Technology/

Marine Biology

**Elissa Joyce Lopez**

*Bridgewater State University*

B.S., Biology

### 2013 Special Program Graduate

**Kevin Hicks, Jr.**

*Cape Cod Community College*

Project Forward

### 2013 High School Graduates

**Kendall Pires**

Tabb High School

**Antoinette Oakley**

North Quincy High School

**Elizabeth Wakanabo**

Mashpee High School

**Justin McCartney-Peters**

Mashpee High School

**Savannah Maher**

Falmouth Academy

**Sydney Harris**

Roger Williams High School

**Nakia Hendricks, Jr.**

Mashpee High School

**Jawan M. Knight**

Milton High School

**Taylor Knight**

New Mission High School

**Josiah Shepherd**

Classical High School

**Cody Bingham-Hendricks**

Mashpee High School

**Douglas Pocknett, Jr.**

Mashpee High School

**Kiona Anderson**

Mashpee High School

**Jessica N. Lopes**

Mashpee High School

**Jazmine Eve Nevels**

First Colonial High School

**Daryl Frye, Jr.**

Barnstable High School

**Jeffery Probasco, Jr.**

Diamond Ranch High School

**Summer Sargent**

Mashpee High School

## Addiction Support

The Wamp Support Group has real talk, Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Old Indian Meeting House, about finding the right treatment for individuals and families struggling with addiction. Recently, someone asked a person recovering from an addiction to describe the goals, achievements and challenges they have experienced.

"I'll answer that question. Waking up! Getting through the day; knowing a relapse can happen at any time."

Would someone ask a family member with cancer the same question? What have you achieved and what are your goals for recovery? It's important that we all understand that addiction is disease.

Real talk: addiction is a disease and it impacts every family... that this disease touches us all. Either someone is drinking, drugging, pill popping or selling. Maybe it's your father, mother, aunt or uncle that's doing it. (We always want to assume it's the kids, but think again.)

The disease causes people to lie, steal, cheat, leave children unattended, and harm or hurt family. Did you read that last word? Family. This is all done to family, who they really do love. Yes, they do these things to other people, but they hurt their family.

No one can decide for someone else when to stop using! We can pray and hope it will be soon for each one. Never give up prayer or hope; even when it gets bad, because it will get bad. Each family member must decide for himself or herself how to offer support and set boundaries.

Real talk: recovery is hard. We are fortunate to have advocates within our Tribe that will help you get into treatment. Yes, like any disease they need treatment. Depending on the disease the treatment will differ. When someone asks to go into treatment for help, even when it's the tenth time, help. Just like some forms of cancer it can go into remission or come back, but treatment is available.

Whether you're in recovery, have relapsed, or have a family member affected by addiction, please know we are here to talk, provide support and a road to recovery. Stop by the Wamp Support Group if you would like to learn more. No judgment. Just support

## Chairman's Column *(continued)*

I am proud of the way our community came together to work toward a common goal: putting on a great 92nd Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow. Such as with many obstacles in life and work, we cannot prosper unless we work together. With this attitude and the right spirit we will be able to succeed and accomplish all of our goals as a community and as a people.

Again, thank you for all of the hard work and dedication in making this event a success.

Kutâputunumu;

Cedric Cromwell  
Qaqemasq (*Running Bear*)

## Mashpee Wampanoag ICWA Department Hosts Judges Training

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Department held a comprehensive daylong training program for Judges and Court Staff at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth Law School. The program was the result of months of planning and conversations with court staff to better understand the issues Native youth face in the legal system and ways to better address the unique needs of Native Americans. The program was co-hosted by the ICWA Department and Bonnie Chalifoux from Aqiannah.

The program opened with a 90 minute presentation on the issues Native youth face and included a video of a Native girl that lives on Martha's Vineyard that grew up in a non tribal home and the complex issues she had to deal with growing up. Following the presentation we opened the forum up to questions from the audience.

There were over 80 judges, attorneys and court staff in attendance - many of whom requested the training program - including Mashpee Wampanoag Attorney Rob Mills. It was the biggest group that the ICWA

Department has trained.

"I feel very good about how the training program went and the impact the program will have on everyone that attended," said Catherine. "I was even surprised at how some of the attorneys were overwhelmed by the attendance and even a little nervous about speaking to such a large group of their peers. What a great success story."

In addition to being a huge success in educating a group of law professionals on our communities needs, it met the Title IV-B requirements. Catherine Hendricks, director of ICWA, spent months meeting with Judge Border, Jenny Weiz, Susan Devine and several other court officials on what would be presented and what topics will be included.

ICWA is committed to ensuring every Native child and family have access to community-based, culturally appropriate services that help them grow up safe health, spiritually strong, and free from abuse (physical, verbal, and/or sexual) and neglect. The department functions with a commitment to preserve and strengthen Mashpee Wampanoag families, to prevent

out of home placement, to maintain family ties and responsibilities, to reunify families and to provide kinship permanency plans for children who cannot return home.

ICWA services include:

- » Advocating for Family and Children for their best interest
- » Collaborate with Department of Children and Families
- » Recruited and Trained American Indian Foster/Adoptive Parents
- » Facilitate Child and Family Team Meetings
- » Court Advocacy and Preparation
- » Referral Source
- » Supervised Visitation Services

For more information about ICWA, call (508) 477-1652 or stop by the office located at 766 Falmouth Road, A7.

## Vice Chairwoman Speaks at Institute on Native Americans

*Vice Chairwoman of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council and founder of the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project jessie little doe baird was featured on Masslive.com for her workshop at a 3-week institute on Native Americans. Below are several excerpts from the article.*

Peter Gunn already teaches a class on Native American history at Williston Northampton School in Easthampton but said, "I'm shredding my syllabus."

This was after Gunn participated in the National Endowment for the Humanities Institute program on "Native Americans of New England: A Historical Overview" sponsored by the Five College Schools Partnership.

The three-week program held at the University of Massachusetts campus drew 25 educators from across the country with the goal of teaching them about the diverse Native American culture so they can better teach the subject or so librarians can provide better resources.

UMass professor Alice Nash and Smith College professor Neal Salisbury began talking about creating the program about two years ago.

She is hoping the institute will help educators learn to ask the questions they need to ask to better teach.

Nash and Salisbury both led workshops along with professors Amherst College professors Lisa Brooks and Kevin Sweeney and others from the Five Colleges and other schools.

They were joined by other educators and leaders, such as Linda Coombs from the Aquinnah Cultural Center in Martha's Vineyard and Jessie Little Doe Baird, a MacArthur Genius award winner from the Mashpee Wampanoag, who founded the Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project.

During her workshop, she exhorted participants "to question everything read in textbooks and lesson plans" when teaching.

"The topic is really relevant for students," said Mike Netkovich, who teaches history at Minnechaug Regional High School in Wilbraham. He said he was "looking for an opportunity to increase what we do with the topic of Native Americans." From all the workshops and discussions he realizes there's a wealth of material that is lacking in the curriculum and he's hoping to weave some of that into lessons at school. "It's been a great experience," he said.

Rachel Baker from Turners Falls teaches social studies subjects and psychology and is interested in social history. "I



tend to teach on social justice issues." She said that needs to include Native Americans. "I feel I have a way better understanding," she said from the institute.

Besides having these educators bring the work back to classrooms and libraries, the information will be digitally preserved or, as Gunn called it, placed in a "legacy resource archive" so anyone will be able to have access.

Nash said they would like to run the institute again but it needs to be evaluated and the soonest it could be offered again would be in 2015.



## Mashpee Wampanoag Family Dental Clinic

# GRAND OPENING!

OPEN HOUSE WEEK

August 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Come celebrate and visit the NEW  
Dental Clinic and bring the kids by  
for “Back-To-School” dental  
screenings, cleanings, and  
sealants!**



## My Life...My Health (Nupumôtam8ôk...Nuneetushkuheut8ôk)

### My Life...My Health Nupumôtam8ôk...Nuneetushkuheut8ôk

- Are you stressed and anxious?
- Tired and in pain?
- Feeling depressed?
- Dealing with difficult emotions?
- Are you not sleeping well?
- Do you have a bad diet?
- Are you not exercising?
- Are you as healthy as you want to be?

If you answered yes to any of these questions and you are between 16 and 26 years old, please register for the My Life... My Health class. If you would like to find out how you can start moving forward again and/or you are interested in learning about these issues, then sign up for the next session.

The classes will be held on Mondays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. starting October 7. This is a six-week class with lots

of helpful information.

For more information, or to register for the class, please call the Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit today at (508) 477-6967

## 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow

### Dance Competition Results

#### Women's Golden Age

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Elena Moraza-Pollard
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Stacy Perry
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Roberta Funmaker

#### Men's Golden Age

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Dean Stanton
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Colonel Bert Waters
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Martin "Bruzzy" Hendricks

#### Jr. Girl's Traditional

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Dasia Frye
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Janae Perry
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Renee Everett

#### Jr. Girl's Jingle

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Isabelle Wilson
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Debwaywin Deleary
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Savasia Durham

#### Jr. Girl's Fancy

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Chenoa Peters
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Kaili Hunter
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Noolan Wilson

#### Jr. Boy's Traditional

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Iyano Fermino
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Randy Noka
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Anthony Beltran

#### Jr. Boy's Grass

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Mishquashim Zamora
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Caesar Hendricks
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Jalen Ridgeway

#### Jr. Boy's Fancy

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Chaske Hill

#### Teen Girl's E. Blanket

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Dominique Frye
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Fatia Rickerson
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Kendall Scott

#### Teen Girl's Traditional

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Keturah Peters
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Leah Henry
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Danna Jackson

#### Teen Girl's Jingle

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Savanah Phillips
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Cassie Averett
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Kaya Sawni Turner

#### Teen Girl's Fancy

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Shania Durham
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Amyah Little Wolfe
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Naelani Blake

#### Teen Boy's E. War

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Darryl Frye
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Deshawn Dias

#### Teen Boy's Traditional

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Attaquin Weeden

#### Teen Boy's Fancy

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Missugken Zamora

#### Adult Women's E. Blanket

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Paasheshau Driver
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Chena Bullock
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Quaiapen Perry

#### Adult Women's Northern Traditional

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Angelica Greendeer
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Victoria Miranda
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Lauren Merrick

#### Adult Women's Southern Traditional

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Sparrow Plain Bull
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Althnageebah Myles
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Autaquay Peters

#### Adult Women's Jingle

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Aquayah Peters
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Sunshine Gumbs
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Chelsie Miranda

#### Adult Women's Fancy

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Katy Iseknock
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Josephine Tarrant
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Dinalyn Spears

#### Adult Men's E. War

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... John Thomas III
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... John Boyd
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Cameron Frye

#### Adult Men's N. Traditional

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Cheenuka Pocknett
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Norman Machado
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Michael Richardson

#### Adult Men's S. Traditional

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Will Mosley
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... A.J. Pierce
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Dwayne Harris

#### Adult Men's Grass

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Josh Richardson
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Quinton Wilson
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Albert Zamora

#### Adult Men's Fancy

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Todd Wilson
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Urie Ridgeway

#### Alice Lopez Memorial Special

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Paasheshau Driver
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Quaiapen Perry
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Madas Pocknett

#### Melvin Coombs Memorial Special

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Cameron Frye
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Norman Machado
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Iyano Fermino

#### Men's Smoke Dance Special

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Quinton Wilson
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Cheenuka Pocknett
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Chad Benedict

#### Women's Smoke Dance Special

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Madas Pocknett

### Sly Fox's Memorial Canoe Race

#### Women's

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Delscena Hicks & Kimma Jackson
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Jodi Newcomb & Marla Bingham
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Madas Pocknett & Chena Bullock

#### Men's

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Tony Perry & Phillip Hicks
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Ray Peters & Troy Bearse
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Norman Machado & Peco Barber

### Drum Contest Results

- 1<sup>st</sup>..... Northern Wind
- 2<sup>nd</sup>..... Nassaw Nation
- 3<sup>rd</sup>..... Storm Boyz

### Mashpee Cook-Off Results

- Blue Ribbon..... Sherry Pocknett, Sly Fox's Den

## Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow Princess 2013-2014

Danna "Little Storm" Jackson has a very proud and supportive family. She is the daughter of LaVerne Floyd and has three sisters; Ciara, Bianca, and Anaiya. Danna is the granddaughter of Eleanor Jackson and the great granddaughter of Beatrice Jackson and Warren Hicks.

As a junior in Falmouth High School, Danna is the secretary-treasurer for her class and also a committed cheerleader. She has received awards from Obama for Academic over Achievement. Danna is among the top 5% of students across the country and that has allowed her to attend the National Youth Leadership Conference in New York and was invited to the Global Young Leaders Conference in England, Germany, China and Washington, D.C. She

would like to study Native American law or pursue a career in language after high school.

"No matter the career choice I make when the time comes, I know in my heart that it is my duty to take my skills back to Mashpee and help our people."

Mashpee Wampanoag Youth Council has been a big part of Danna's life for quite some time now and she says it is her passion and motivation. She has danced Traditional her whole life but has learned many styles through the years. Danna will remain very active in our commu-



nity and will try to attend all events and support all aspects of the tribe. Her goal as powwow princess 2013 is to inspire our tribal people as a positive leader.

"With an open mind you are never too old or young to learn. Especially our youth, they can learn a lot about not only subjects in school but if they take time to listen to our elders." As princess Danna hopes to make a difference as well as show other people, tribal and non-tribal, that we still have a strong culture and we are proud to be Mashpee Wampanoag.

## New Tribal Court Infrastructure *(continued)*

Court Judges were hired. In 2009 those Judges were interviewed and recommended by the EJC. With the arrival of Supreme Court Judges the Chief Judge adopted the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. It was soon discovered that the Federal Rules put our Tribal members at a disadvantage, especially those who wanted to represent themselves because they could not afford a lawyer. The Federal Rules were too complicated to understand and allowed cases to drag on

The EJC, who were given the task of developing the Court, decided that the Court needed its own Rules of Civil Procedure that were Mashpee Wampanoag specific and reflected our own tradition and culture. We also noted that when the Rules were developed they needed to be easily understood by our members. They had to be assessable to our community along with events happening in Tribal Court. The EJC surveyed the Tribal members to find out what they wanted in their Tribal Court. The clear answer was speedy justice with cultural and traditional elements prevalent. The EJC in collaboration with the Development Department wrote a proposal for a two year ANA SEDS TG grant to help develop Mashpee specific Rules of Civil Procedure, Policy and Procedure for Tribal Court, a website, Peacemaker Code of Ethics and a Pro Se Litigant Guidebook.

Since the EJC had managed a TCAP grant that helped lay the Tribal Court foundation, it was decided that the EJC was in the best position to oversee the grant and participate in the activities that the grant generated. Vivian Bussiere, Chair of the EJC, Barbara Harris, Vice-Chair of the EJC, and Marita Scott, Court Clerk were identified as key project staff members during the first year of the project. Tribal Court had put out feelers for Law Schools to help with such a lofty project prior to being awarded the grant. We were fortunate that Suffolk University Law School partnered with the Tribal Court to help develop the infrastructure that was needed to service our Community.

As we progressed through the project other Rules were identified as needed, Rules of Evidence and Appellate Rules of Civil Procedure. We also needed laws. Transitioning from the end of the first year to the second year brought all kinds of challenges that we did not foresee. The Court Clerk resigned from the second year of the project. Tribal Court was displaced several times and actually closed while cases were continued.

Our goal was to increase tribal member's participation in Tribal Court. The first year of the Grant exceeded our goal of a 25% increase in cases. We are currently working on the Pro Se Guidebook that will be distributed at the end of the project that will provide a visual of the Court Processes that will make it easier for our members to negotiate Tribal Court. The Mashpee Wampanoag Rules of Civil Procedure are in simple language with as little legal language as we could get away with. Simple language is also contained in the Rules of Evidence and the Appellate Rules of Civil Procedure. We will have a Full Faith and Credit Law that will allow collaboration between jurisdictions. We will have a Family Preservation Code to provide guidance for our ICWA cases.

Once all the Rules are adopted they become part of our Tribal Court forever. It will be the same for the Pro Se Guidebook, Peacemaker Code of Ethics, The Employee Handbook which is considered part of our policy and procedure for court staff. Our web site is up and running [www.mwtribejudicial.com](http://www.mwtribejudicial.com) and continues to be a work in progress.

This was a big project and very ambitious. With the help of our partners, Suffolk University Law School, the Chief Judge, Supreme Court Judges, Judicial Advisory Board, the Elders Judiciary Committee, Tilden & McCoy LLD we have been successful. The EJC discovered that for a project of this scope to be successful you needed a Team that are dedicated and willing to do the work needed in the time accorded to it and within budget.

## Food Pantry Moving

Effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013, we will be suspending the "Food Card Program".

During this suspension time we will be preparing for the opening of our new Food Pantry in the Government Building. We are hoping that this will happen by the beginning of November 2013, but no later than January 2014

If we are not opened by the holidays (Thanksgiving and Christmas) we will still schedule days to distribute turkeys and some fillings for those in need.

Additionally we will be scheduling local (10 mile Radius) food pantry transportation to nearby food pantries during the suspension time. We will be organizing local pick up and drop off during the days that those pantries are open. For those outside of our local area, we will be working on getting volunteers who would like to help take people to the pantries near you.

The food needs have risen faster than our funding ability has and we must work on getting the new food pantry in the community building up and running by the end of 2013. To do this successfully, we need time to completely develop this through organization, preparation, processing and the knowledge of what types of food and accessories needs we will have to stock

We thank our people and Council for the support we have been given to be able to give whatever help we could to our people for the last year and half, while waiting for our new building to be erected and our food pantry to begin again.

We are still available for emergencies, such as, loss of home, fire, floods, placement of children in your home (one time only), or major accident, causing a loss of income.

## Two Museum Lectures on Indian Whaling

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

Nancy Shoemaker will present at the Mashpee Library Community Room on Saturday, August 24 at 2:00 p.m. The title of

her talk is "Around the World: Mashpee Wampanoag Whaling in the Nineteenth Century."

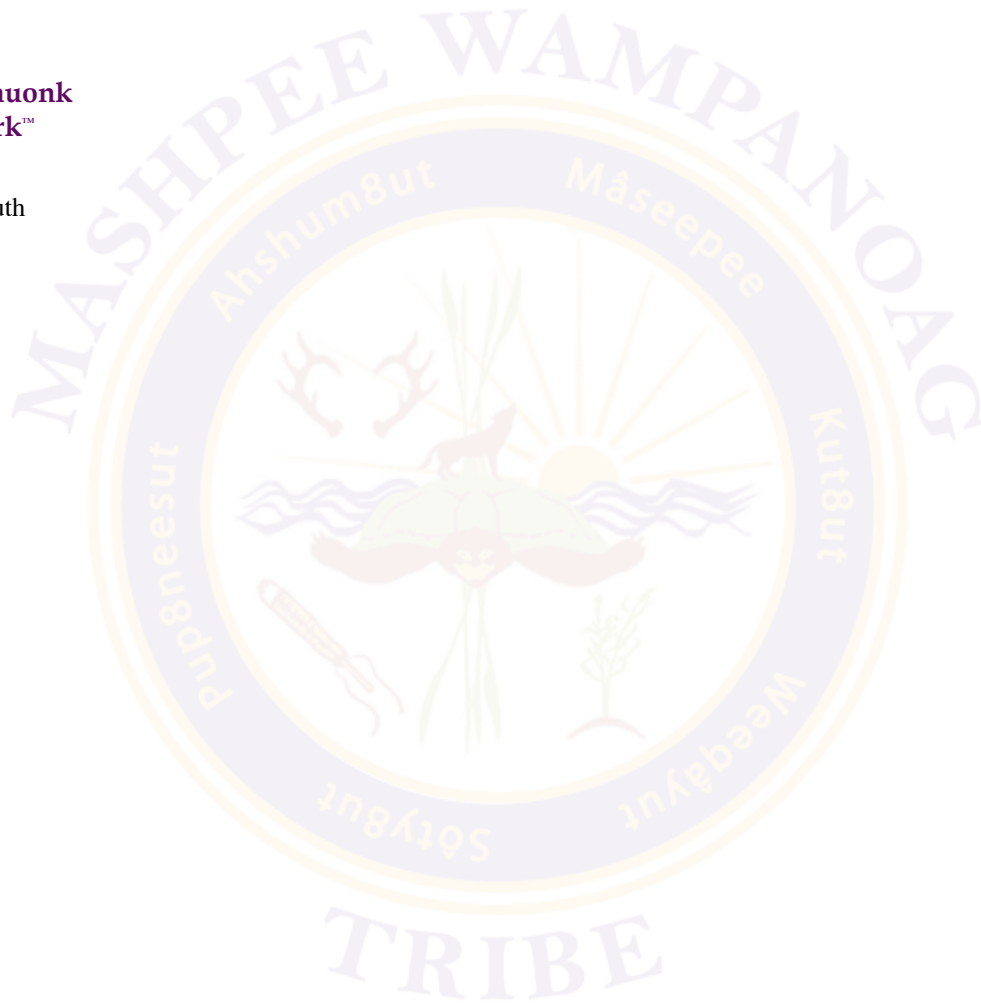
Jason Mancini will present on Saturday, September, 13 at 2:30 p.m. The title of his presentation is "Preserved on the Mighty Waters." Jason's talk will also be held in the Mashpee Library Community Room.





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# COMMUNITY



## Government/Community Center Update



*Quahog shells for the Terrazzo flooring of the Mashpee Wampanoag Government/Community Center.*



*(L-R) Danny Tavares, Jeff Greene, Martin "Bruzzy" Hendricks crushing 750 lbs. of quahog shells for the foyer.*



*A 6-foot Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal logo will be uniquely designed as part of the Terrazzo flooring as well for all of the Tribal members and visitors to see as they walk through the doors.*

## Open Seat on the Election Committee

The Mashpee Wampanoag Election Committee will fill one (1) open seat. Enrolled Tribal members are invited to submit letters of interest for review and consideration of appointment by the Tribal Council. All correspondence may be directed to Executive Administrative Assistant Frances Dottin at (508) 539-1026 or [FDottin@mwtribe.com](mailto:FDottin@mwtribe.com).

## Housing Commission

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