Chairman’s Message

Wuneekesuq Nutawâm (Greetings to my Tribal Community),

The 2010 Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow was an enormous success for our Tribe! Each and every Tribal Member should be proud of the first class, good medicine powwow produced by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

Once again, a fantastic team worked together to make the powwow such a success. Powwow Director Leslie Jonas outdid herself this year, producing a powwow with a 35% increase in attendance over last year. In addition, there was increased participation in the dance and drum contests, muhsh8n race, and vendors. I would also like to give special thanks to our artisans, who we honored with this year’s powwow theme, and who helped share our traditions with our own tribal family as well as visitors from around the country and around the world.

I was so proud of the young women in our Tribe who participated in the selection of our new Powwow Princess. I congratulate Kiona Anderson, our new Princess, and I look forward to working with her as she represents the Tribe through the next year. I also want to thank our outgoing Princess, Chelsie Miranda, for all of her hard work over the past year. She represented our Tribe with grace and dignity, and I know that she will take this experience with her as she goes off to college this fall.

Congratulations also go out to the

Mashpee Wampanoag Museum Re-Opens

The Museum Committee is proud to announce that the Mashpee Wampanoag Museum officially re-opened during Powwow Weekend. Visitors are welcome to come and tour the old Mable Avant homestead overlooking the Mashpee River herring run on Route 130. The Cape Cod half-house originally built in 1793 by the grandson of the Reverend Richard Bourne has been restored with the parlor furnished with 18th and 19th century antiques.

Other rooms in the museum dedicated to the history of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe include books and photographs of significance to the tribe and town and artifacts including a variety of tools, baskets, and hunting and fishing implements.

There is also a display of artifacts unearthed during an archeological dig on the site in 1999 including buttons, tools, and ceramic chips that provide a unique glimpse into the lifestyle of the Wampanoag families that lived in the home over the last two centuries.

Regular hours of the museum will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday and Thursday. These hours will coincide with the open hours of the Mashpee Archives and the One Room School House. Donations toward the continued maintenance and operation of the museum are gratefully accepted.

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe to Receive Health Clinic

The Tribal Health Department has announced that the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe will be receiving a new health clinic to benefit tribal members.

The purpose of this project is to expand the Indian Health Service’s ability to provide comprehensive health services to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. Indian Health Service currently provides Contract Health Services through employment of a specialist. Expansion of services will include locating temporary modular buildings on tribal land in Mashpee to serve as professional clinical and administrative work space and providing appropriate staff to deliver sustainable primary care.

The two modular buildings will consist of a double wide building for administration where seven staff members will work, and a triple wide building for the health clinic, which will include four exam rooms, two procedure rooms, two physician’s offices, a laboratory, business office, waiting room, restrooms, and a records area. This will result in the addition of approximately 4,798 square feet of new temporary space.

The Tribe has proposed locating the facilities on land that has historically been used as an unpaved gravel parking area adjacent to the Tribal Headquarters. Locating the new modular clinic and administrative building on this site requires design and construction of a new septic system that will serve both structures, construction of two foundations, and connection of water, electrical and communication systems.

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ON THE DRUM BEAT

Calendar of Events

August 2 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Food Pantry, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal (MWT) Headquarters

August 2 – 5:30 p.m.
Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club

August 4 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Food Pantry, MWT Headquarters

August 5 – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Beadings and Crafts, MWT Headquarters

August 7 – 6:00 p.m.
Rumble on the Rez, MWT Grounds

August 9 – 5:30 p.m.
Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club

August 12 – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Beadings and Crafts, MWT Headquarters

August 14
Mentorship Training Day for Adults 21 and Older, MWT Grounds

August 15 – 2:00 p.m.
General Body Meeting, Mashpee High School Auditorium

August 16 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Food Pantry, MWT Headquarters

August 16 – 5:30 p.m.
Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club

August 18 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Food Pantry, MWT Headquarters

August 19 – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Beadings and Crafts, MWT Headquarters

August 23 – 5:30 p.m.
Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club

August 26 – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Beadings and Crafts, MWT Headquarters

August 30 – 5:30 p.m.
Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club

September 2 – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Beadings and Crafts, MWT Headquarters

September 8 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Food Pantry, MWT Headquarters

September 9 – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Beadings and Crafts, MWT Headquarters

September 12 – 2:00 p.m.
General Body Meeting, Mashpee High School Auditorium

September 12 – 2:00 p.m.
Education Overview Meeting for Grades 9-12, Location TBA

September 13 – 5:30 p.m.
Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club

September 16 – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Beadings and Crafts, MWT Headquarters

ON THE DRUM BEAT

* Twins Morgan and Olivia Monty, age 10, graduated 5th grade on the Principals Honor Roll at Mt. Pleasant Academy in South Carolina. They achieved this by maintaining above a 93 average in each of their subjects for each quarter of the school year. Morgan and Olivia are the children of Treg and Nina Monty. Congratulations!

* William Bransford Banks graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. He is currently working for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Indiana. William is the son of Douglas and Kelly Banks of Cleveland, Ohio and grandson of the late Alice (Peters) Banks.

* Cameron Frye, Junior at Bishop Feehan High School in Attleboro, made the Honor Roll.

* Dominique Frye, rising 8th grader at Coelho Middle School, made the Honor Roll.

* Scotty Reels, Jr., son of Lorraine Reels, made the Honor Roll.

* Tyrone Brunson, Jr., son of Lorraine Reels, graduated from high school class of 2010.

* Marcus Reine, son of Diane Johnson, has made the Honor Roll all four semesters at the Quashnett School in Mashpee.

* Talia Landry graduated Mashpee High School Class of 2010 and will be attending Quinnipiac University in the fall of 2010. Talia is the daughter of Diane Johnson and David Landry.

* Adam Jonas, Jr. received his General Education Diploma and will further his education towards a Bachelors in Arts in Culinary Arts in the fall of 2010. Adam is the son of Barbara and Adam Jonas, Sr.

* Natasha Jonas graduated from Cape Cod Upper Technical School with her Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) degree. Natasha will continue her education towards a bachelor degree in nursing and then enrolling in a nurse anesthesia program. This is a huge milestone for this mother of two. Natasha is the daughter of Adam and Barbara Jonas.

* Zoë Harris, 13, has just earned her first degree black belt in Karate. She is the daughter of Gordon Harris and Judi Urquhart Congratulations Zoë! We’re so proud of you.

* Anyone interested in using the Meetinghouse for religious or traditional events should contact the Meetinghouse Committee, Carol Lopez, Chairperson, with details of your event, requested dates and time. Carol can be reached at (508) 477-8388.

* Thank you to all the supports that came out to support Paul Averett and family over Powwow weekend. There will be advertisement of another function coming soon.

* Be sure to check out the newly-designed Tribal Website mashpeewampanoagtribe.com for Tribal news and updates!

2010 Graduates Honored at Powwow

The following 2010 Tribal High School Graduates were recognized and honored at this year’s annual powwow. They were gifted with a Certificate of Achievement and a fleece blanket with the tribal Logo. Five scholarships will also be awarded at the end of August to students entering an accredited college this fall. Congratulations to our rising stars!

Chelsie Miranda
Rhannon Maher
Ebony Gunn
Kayla Lopes
Taryn Medina
Cheyenne Galvin
Talia Landry
Amber Tubbs
Aquinnah Lopes-Pocknett
Kyle Foster

Adam Jonas, Jr.
Clorissa Hicks
Lore' Jackson
Dale Oakley
Miles Bernadett-Peters
Aquene Reed
Ariana Mercedes
Alisha Jonas
Jamaal Johnson-Coombs
Katherine Campbell

Tyson Brunson Jr.
Robert Helme
Deziare Galvin
Alexis Barros
Stephanie Harris
Julia Miller
Chelsea Karvonen
Miriah Karvonen
Tribe Amends Land In Trust Application to Include Fall River Parcel

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe formally amended its land in trust application to include a 300-acre parcel of land in Fall River, MA. The parcel, which is located in the outskirts of Fall River off Route 24, has been proposed by the Tribe for a full resort-style casino.

“This is a huge step for our Tribe,” remarked Chairman Cedric Cromwell after he and Vice Chairman Aaron Tobey submitted the amendment on behalf of the Tribe. “I am so proud of all the people who worked tirelessly to complete this amendment, and I look forward to its speedy review by the Department of the Interior.”

The amendment comes on the heels of a June 18th memo in which Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar reiterated the Department of the Interior’s plans to continue processing land-into-trust applications by recognized Indian Tribes. Secretary Salazar noted that, “The Department of the Interior, through the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs, has the authority and responsibility to review and approve applications to take land into trust for Indian gaming, adhering to the legal standards set forth in federal law, including the Indian Reorganization Act and the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA).”

Secretary Salazar also acknowledged the urgency of moving forward with decisions on applications, stating, “It is important that we move forward with processing applications and requests for gaming on Indian lands within the context of objective statutory and regulatory criteria.” Indian gaming is intended to provide Indian tribes with important economic opportunities.

Secretary Salazar explained, “Revenues from tribal gaming are used for specific purposes, including funding tribal government operations and programs, and providing for the general welfare of the Indian tribe and its members. The proceeds that tribes realize from gaming allow many of them to provide greatly needed services such as health care, education and housing, which increases tribal self-reliance.”

In addition to submitting the application, Chairman Cromwell and Vice Chairman Tobey participated in a “Carcieri Summit” sponsored by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and the United Southern and Eastern Tribes (USET) with the aim of finding a permanent fix to the uncertainty caused by Carcieri v. Salazar last year. The summit of tribal leaders was addressed by Secretary Salazar, Senator Byron Dorgan, and other leaders.

Chairman Cromwell and Vice Chairman Tobey also met with several members of the Massachusetts congressional delegation to discuss the Tribe’s proposed resort casino in Fall River, the application for land in trust, and federal funding for tribal programs including health care, housing, education, natural resources, and economic development.

Wôpanâak Language Work Gets Boost From Two Sources

The Wôpanâak Language Reclamation Project (WLRP) has won a grant to support its efforts in advancing the reclamation of the Wôpanâak language. The Seventh Generation Fund for Indian Development has awarded WLRP $5,000 to help defray the cost for this year’s language immersion camp. The Seventh Generation Fund is dedicated to promoting and maintaining the uniqueness of Native peoples throughout the Americas by offering grants to grassroots communities. The organization derives its name from a concept of the Great Law of Peace of the Iroquois Confederacy which mandates that tribal leaders consider the impact of their decisions on the seventh generation yet to come. WLRP’s 3-Day Language Immersion Camp program is being planned for the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend in January 2011.

This grant will be a tremendous help for WLRP which relies solely on the support of its dedicated volunteers, individual donors and grant giving organizations to continue its mission of language and cultural survival.

Additionally, jessie little doe baird has received a personal research fellowship by the National Science Foundation’s (NSF) Documenting Endangered Languages (DEL) fund and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Over the next 11 months, jessie will produce a book of complete grammar of the language that can be used by speakers. This book will accompany the first volume of the Wampanoag dictionary, now in excess of 11,000 entries. NSF Fellows are selected by peers within their field of science; their selection is determined both by the significance of their project to the field of linguistics and for the project’s contribution toward the documentation of endangered languages.

By Judi Urquhart

To make a gift to the language project or to learn more about upcoming events, please visit the website at www.wlrp.org.

Chairman’s Message (continued)

Museum Committee, which successfully re-opened the Mashpee Wampanoag Museum during Powwow Weekend. Thank you for all your hard work!

I would also like to thank the many tribes from around the country that travelled to Mashpee to celebrate with us. In particular, I was honored to share our powwow with the Shinnecock Nation, which recently received its federal acknowledgement.

It also filled my heart with joy to see how our Tribal community came out to pay tribute to our Chief, Vernon “Silent Drum” Lopez, who has led us selflessly for so many years. Chief Lopez has been a source of great strength to me, but more importantly, to the Tribe as a whole, and I thank him for that.

Thank you to all who came home to Mashpee this year. Thank you for sharing your ideas, your concerns, your warmth, and your spirit. I know that I left this powwow renewed and energized to face the challenges and the opportunities that lie ahead.
Education Scholarships

Chairman Cromwell and the tribal Council are pleased to announce that $15,000 has been approved for scholarships to support Current College students. There will be 15 scholarships at $1,000 each awarded for the 2010 school year. If you are currently in college and would like to apply for one of the scholarships please send a letter from the college confirming your enrollment and a 300-word bio that includes who you are, what your aspirations are for the future when you complete college and how this money could benefit you.

Deadline is Thursday, September 30

Please mail to:
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Education Department
C/O Cheryl Frye-Cromwell
483 Great Neck Road
Mashpee, Mass 02649.

If any students K-12 are in need of a school supplies please call the tribal office and leave name and contact number for the Education Department.

Housing Department News

Contractors

The Wampanoag Housing Department would like to update its contractors list. If you are a Tribal member and own your own contractors business such as plumbing, construction, electrical, etc., or if you own at least 51% of a contracting business and you have a contractor’s license and liability insurance, the housing department would like to put you on our list to contact. If you are interested in doing work with the Wampanoag Housing Department, please come in and fill out a Tribal Owned Business Profile Form. These forms can be found on the front entrance table in the Main office. Please fill out a form and ask the receptionist to put it in the Housing Director’s mail box.

Ask the Advocate

The Associated Advocacy Center-Visions for the Future, Inc. has been contracted to provide educational advocacy, consultation, and training to tribal members whose children are having learning challenges in school and/or in court (when your child has been sent to court by the school personnel for behaviors due to “Zero Tolerance”). I can answer specific questions, and help you understand your child’s disability and also teach you how to advocate for your child. Whether the student is on an Individual Education Program (IEP) or 504 Plan, I can help you navigate the maze of special education and related services.

Check the “CALENDAR” or “ON THE DRUM BEAT” for upcoming dates of advocacy trainings!

WIA: What We Do

Through funding from the U.S. Department of Labor, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe operates a job placement assistance program called WIA (Workforce Investment Act).

The Workforce Investment Act was established to help provide jobs and job training. The Mashpee Wampanoag WIA department accomplishes this by partnering with the Cape & Islands Workforce Investment board and the Career Opportunities program. In addition, The Mashpee WIA department assists adults with obtaining basic skills instruction and GED preparation.

An individual is eligible to receive services through the Mashpee Wampanoag WIA if he or she is:

* a native who is a member of a federally recognized tribe
* an Alaska native
* a native Hawaiian; and
* a resident of one of the five counties we serve

He or she must also be one of the following:

* unemployed or underemployed
* the recipient of a layoff notice
* an individual who is employed, but is determined by the Mashpee WIA department to be in need of employment and training services to obtain or retain employment for self-sufficiency

In addition, the WIA department offers assistance with resume preparation, interviewing skills, and provides use of office equipment. These services are available to all Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal members, regardless of eligibility.

Tribal members are encouraged to call the WIA office at (508) 477-0208, ext. 226 with any questions or to set up an appointment.

Mental Health Department Notes

To all Commonwealth Care Clients: If you have recently been approved for Commonwealth Care you must call to enroll and choose a health plan. Your health insurance benefits will not start until you are enrolled. To enroll: Call the Commonwealth Connector at 1-877-623-6765 or to enroll online visit their website at www.MAhealthconnector.org.

If you have any questions please call the Health Office at (508) 477-0209 and ask for the MassHealth Team: Kim Frye, Wendy Pocknett, and Winona Pocknett.

Remember Health insurance is Mandatory! Now that you have insurance make a WELL visit to your Doctor. Preventive care is the best medicine!

The Juvenile Justice Program is sponsoring a mentorship-training program for adults 21 and older on Saturday, August 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Grounds.

The mentorship-training program will include:

* Mandated reporting
* Food and allergy response
* CPR
* Understanding adolescent behaviors

For additional information, or to sign up, please contact the Juvenile Justice Program Director Gail Hill at (508) 419-6017 x607
Hello to my colleagues, friends, and family. Many of you may not know that I am living with Type 1 diabetes. On Sunday, August 15th I will be running the Falmouth Road race for Team Joslin in support of finding a cure for diabetes. Please support me in reaching my goal of $2500 in donations that will go to Joslin’s High Hopes Fund which will help prevent and hopefully one day cure this disease.

Please visit my personal fundraising page: http://events.joslin.org/falmouth/pfp/?ID=BD0003. Checks can be made payable to Joslin Diabetes Center and can be mailed to 27 Shipwreck Drive, Mashpee, MA 02649.

Thank you for your support in finding a cure for diabetes.

~ Deona Mills Brennan

Indian Child Welfare Act Program Updates

**Becoming a Foster Parent**

Foster parents Must:
- Be at least 21 years of age
- Be willing to be fingerprinted and have a criminal background check
- Have a stable home & income
- Maintain a drug free environment
- Complete all required training & be licensed by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe’s ICWA Department
- Have no substantiated abuse and/or neglect reports

**Primary Role of Foster Parents**

The primary goal for a foster parent is to provide a safe and loving temporary home for children to live in until they can be safely returned home or placed with a permanent family. A foster parent must nurture and care for the child as if he or she is a member of the family. A foster parent will help the child transition to a permanent home, whether reunited with the birth family or adopted. ICWA Department is committed to being as flexible as possible when working with new families.

Foster Parents DO NOT have to be married, rich, or own a home.

ICWA will offer foster parents monthly financial assistance based on each child’s age and needs.

**Save the Date**

**August 5 – 6:00 p.m.**
Foster Care Orientation/information meeting, ICWA Department 766 Falmouth Rd. Mashpee

**August 6**
Deadline for Summer Camp and Elder Lawn Services

Are you an elder or in need of assistance? Would you like free lawn work?

Apply today Space is limited

**Hosting Substance Abuse Prevention Summer Camp**
August 16-20 Ages 13-18 (students)

Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe ICWA Department
Physical Address: 766 Falmouth Rd, Mashpee, MA 02649
Mailing Address: 483 Great Neck Rd South, Mashpee, MA 02649
Phone: 508-419-6017x 604 and 774-255-0119-crisis number
Email: rhughes@mwtribe.com

**Tribe Assists Special Olympics**

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe was proud to assist with the Fourth Annual Special Olympics Cape Cod School Day Games in May. Over 260 athletes and 400 staff and spectators from the Cape and Islands participated in the special day. The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe looks forward to partnering with the community in the future to help facilitate such a memorable event.

**Attaquin Park Restrictions**

Pursuant to the Town of Mashpee, Attaquin Park, also known as Mashpee Pond, closes at 7:30 p.m. as of July 1. Tribal members must show their Tribal Identification to gain access to the park after 7:30 p.m.

**Tribal Health Clinic (continued)**

Both the administration and medical modular buildings will be acquired and transported to the site for placement. Funding for this project has been estimated at $675,000+ including the purchase and installation of office furnishings and medical equipment. Funding for this project will come from “new tribes program funding” that has been received from IHS Headquarters for the purpose of establishing healthcare services for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe.

Indian Health Services will federally staff this facility to provide healthcare services at this location for approximately five years or until such time as a larger permanent structure will replace these temporary modular buildings or the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe can contract/compact for operation of the healthcare facilities.
89th Annual Powwow a Great Success

Tribal Members and visitors from near and far came together to celebrate the 89th Annual Powwow July 3rd through 5th. With a 35% increase in attendees from a year ago, the Powwow was the most widely attended in memory.

Those who braved the heat throughout the weekend were treated to an incredible display of dancing and drumming, including smoke dancers and Aztec dancers from Mexico. In addition, this year’s theme of “Honoring Wampanoag Artisans” was celebrated with a special section of the grounds reserved for displays featuring traditional and contemporary Wampanoag art. This was a great opportunity to understand the importance of our artisans in preserving and passing on our rich heritage from generation to generation.

The Powwow truly had something for everyone, from dance and drum contests to a traditional clambake, a mushboat race to fireball, traditional clambake to artisan displays, our culture and heritage were shared with each other and with our friends and neighbors.

2010 Powwow Contest Winners

MUHSH8N RACE

Women
1st place
Delscena Hicks & Kima King 29:34
2nd place
Anita Peters and Marla Bingham 37:07
3rd place
Vanessa Mendes and Brittany Smith 39:02

Men
1st place
Tony Perry and Phillip Hicks 28:05
2nd place
Troy Bearse and Ray Peters 30:04
3rd place
Errol Hicks and Marcus Hendricks 32:43

DRUM COMPETITION

1st place – Young Guns
2nd place – Southern Eagle
3rd place – Red Earth

Hand Drum
1st place – Lauren and Kenny Merrick 2nd place – 416
3rd place – Leroy Araujo

DANCE COMPETITION

Women’s Golden Age
1st place – Keela Rayna
2nd place – Elana Moraza Pollard
3rd place – Myra Perry

Men’s Golden Age
1st place – Dean Stanton
2nd place – Burt Waters
3rd place – Albert Sergent

Jr. Boy’s Jingle
1st place – Hailey Arago
2nd place – Deztiny Figueroa
3rd place – Sipsis Paul

Girl’s Fancy
1st place – Caun Callins
2nd place – Sierra Mullin
3rd place – Chenoa Peters

Girl’s Traditional
1st place – Joleece Pencore
2nd place – Dominique Frye
3rd place – Nashote Williams

Jr. Boy’s Grass
1st place – Yona Locklodge
2nd place – Quentin Lopes
3rd place – Leroy Araujo

Jr. Boy’s Fancy
1st place – Jashiel
2nd place – Joe Pecore
3rd place – Kobi Howerton

Jr. Boy’s Traditional
1st place – Sima Big Mountain
2nd place – Anthony Belton
3rd place – Iyano Fernino

Teen Girl’s Jingle
1st place – Seven Big Mountain
2nd place – Taylor Mollin
3rd place – Yaya Herand

Teen Girl’s Traditional
1st place – Jasmine Collins
2nd place – Lark Durham
3rd place – Jesse Fortune

Teen Girl’s Fancy
1st place – Brianna Rocha
2nd place – Cheyenne Galvin
3rd place – Amber Tubbs

Teen Girl’s Eastern Blanket
1st place – Cholena Smith
2nd place – Quaiapen Perry
3rd place – Ashkeah Hopkins

Teen Boy’s Grass
1st place – Duncan Munson
2nd place – Dustin Big Mountain
3rd place – Quinton Wilson

Teen Boy’s Traditional
1st place – Sean Jones
2nd place – Attaquin Weeden
3rd place – Quinton Talbott
Honoring our Young Tribal Princesses

As each powwow comes and goes we can always count on the excitement and joy that the Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow Princess contest brings. Tears of joy and hearts full of pride are the most felt emotion at this moment of honor. This opportunity gives a young lady a time to exhibit great pride in being a Mashpee Wampanoag and looking forward to the day when she can share her love for her people by becoming a young leader and representative with a voice and a mission. Throughout this year she will have the opportunity to represent as a positive role model as she begins to fulfill her own dreams and goals of where she wants to go in life.

We thank and recognize 2009 Powwow Princess Chelsie Miranda for her wonderful year of serving and representing the Mashpee Wampanoag people. Chelsie attended many Powwows across Indian Country and has held many fundraisers. She is the Vice Chairwoman of the Tribal Youth Council and is very active in filling the gap between the Elders and the youth. Chelsie will always be a princess to the Tribe and will continue to be recognized for all her academic successes as she heads off to Temple University to study social work. We are very proud of Chelsie and wish her many successes in her endeavors.

We are very excited to welcome Kiona Anderson as our newly crowned 2010 Powwow Princess. Kiona has been dancing in the circle since she was a little girl with her head held high as she traditionally danced around the circle with her soft and quiet demeanor. Kiona serves on the Tribal Youth Council and is one of the original members of the Youth Council (which was established last year). She has plans to represent her tribe by attending Powwows throughout Indian Country, holding fundraisers and working aggressively with the tribal programs, especially around building positive behaviors and choices for our youth. We are blessed and honored to have Princess Kiona Anderson represent the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe as 2010 Powwow Princess.

By Cheryl Frye-Cromwell

Rumble on the Rez 4

Rumble on the Rez 4
Mashpee Wampanoag
Charity Boxing Event

Saturday, August 7
Mashpee Tribal Grounds
Gates open at 6:00 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Council Office and at the gate. Admission is $15
When asked recently to recount one of his favorite memories of Mashpee, Dr. Chet Soliz, a tribal Elder, shared the following story in his own words…

"Without a doubt - it was the family’s ambitious, visionary efforts, energies and very meagre financial resources that were thrust into extricating, purchasing, transporting and converting a 130 foot German prisoner of war barracks that was doomed for demolition into a 50 room New England/Cape Cod style motor lodge known as ‘La Plaza Del Sol Motel.’"

It took a great deal of thought, ingenuity and time (1961 to 1968) for Barbie and me to convert the military appearance of the building into a way-side spot of comfort and relaxation, which it eventually became for thousand of vacationers over a forty year period of time. In order to ensure the element of time it required to accomplish this feat, that should have taken 6 months rather than 7 years, (because banking privileges were not available to Wampanoag people at that time and because of our less than moderate income and lack of a credit history) we rationalized at times and called it a hobby, a work ethic for our five children and in time it truly became a “work of love,” a gathering place for friends and hundreds of repeat vacationers, golfers, fishermen and even a number of honeymooners.

It was regarded as a well maintained, comfortable resort by several travel magazines.”

Chet and his wife Barbara sold La Plaza Del Sol in 2003 to enjoy their retirement.

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