Construction Begins on New Government Center

Construction on the new Government Center began at the end of September. The first week of construction involved improving access and preparing the area.

Widening of the existing entrance and exit at the front of the property along Great Neck Road South started on Monday, September 24 and Tuesday, September 25. With access to the area improved, we were able to clear behind the existing building at the end of the week.

For safety reasons, Tribal access will be limited to the health services modular area via the existing North access (existing Exit). The access has been widened, allowing for both entrance and exit to the health services modulars.

The Executive and Judicial trailers will be relocated adjacent to the health service modulars. Access to these trailers will also be via the newly widened North access as well. There is now a perimeter fence around this area for safety - separating the health services area from the construction site. The existing South entrance to the site will be blocked off and a new construction only entrance and exit will be cut a little further south from the existing entrance. Signage will be placed at these access points for clarification.

All preparation and construction will be conducted with an eye toward the least amount of disruption to the Tribal functions that continue on the property as well as with the utmost respect to our natural resources.

Independent Audit of Tribe Applauded

Last month, the Mashpee Enterprise ran a front page story applauding the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe for the stellar audit we recently received. This audit confirms that the efforts we have made to professionalize our Tribal finances have worked!

This positive audit is the result of a team effort. From a new software system, to hiring a professional comptroller, to working proactively with all departments, to communicating financial information clearly to Tribal citizens in a transparent manner, many people have worked hard to make the improvements we needed to bring best-in-class financial practices to our Tribe. I want to thank the Finance Department, led by Finance Director Marjorie Seagraves, for their tireless efforts over the last few years. Marjorie’s project management and leadership towards the implementation, workflow and processes for the MWT finance

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* Congratulations to Nitana Hicks & Cameron Greendeer on their new baby boy. Wesley Stiles Hicks Greendeer was born July 17, 2012 at 2:43 a.m. weighing 8lb 9oz, 21”.

* Congratulations to Robbie Hendricks, Emergency Preparedness Director, for receiving a letter of recognition, a letter from the Department of Homeland Security (FEMA), in leading the charge for Emergency Preparedness throughout the New England Region, and especially for the collaborative, positive relationship Robbie has established for the Tribe with the National Emergency Management Community. Special thanks to Robbie, Brenda Richerson, and Jason Steiding, for all the hard work you do on behalf of representing the tribe.

**Elton Jerome Tobey Sr. Passed Away**

Elton Jerome Tobey, Sr. passed away August 30, 2012. A life-long resident of Bourne, Elton was born November 8, 1933, to Ellery S. Tobey, Jr., and Pearl Garfield Hammond Tobey.

Like several of his siblings, Elton learned the craft of masonry from his father, and spent more than 50 years practicing his trade, taking time off only to serve in the United States Army, from which he received an honorable discharge in 1956.

Elton is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Ellen; his children, Yvonne, Robyn, Kevin, Jennifer, and Carrie; stepchildren, Bill and Joe Schaeffer and Sherianna Yenser. Son Elton, Jr. preceded him in death in 2010. Elton also leaves beloved grandchildren Eric, Valerie, Brittany, Connor, Zachary, Kerri, and Aaron, and great-grandchildren Kianah, DeAndre, Ava, and Landon. He is also survived by his siblings: Billie, Alice, Rhoda, Thelma, Ernestine, Ben, and Malcolm. Elton is preceded in death by his siblings Carol, Pearl, Gertrude, Louise, Aaron, and Alcott; former wife, Valerie; and grandson, Jerohme.
ON THE DRUM BEAT

Chairman’s Message (continued)

right to land and economic development; to who staffs the agencies that we work with on a day to day basis. Almost everything we do as individuals and as a tribe is affected by who represents us in government.

Please take the time to read about the various candidates, visit their websites, and call their offices to get the answers you need to make an informed decision. We know what President Obama has done and that he has directed federal agencies to increase consultation with Indian tribes, supports tribal provisions in the Violence Against Women Act, included tribes in health care reform, directed stimulus money to economic and infrastructure development projects for tribes, and he supports a clean Carcieri fix. Governor Romney has not spoken much about how he would work with Indian Country, but hopefully will do so before the election.

But in order for any of this to matter, we must take the next step: we have to increase our voter registration and make sure all of our voters get to the polls or file an absentee ballot.

Here are some simple ways to make sure our voices are heard:

1. Register to vote, and make sure all your family members aged 18 and over are registered too. You can go to your local city or town hall, or print out a registration form and mail it to your local election official. If you live in Massachusetts, you can find out more voter registration information here: www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/eleifv/howreg.htm. If you live outside Massachusetts and need more information, you can find it here: www.register.rockthevote.com Voter registration forms are also available at the Tribal office. In Massachusetts, the last day to register to vote before Election Day is Wednesday, October 17.

2. If you or anyone in your family might not be able to vote on November 6th - if you will be away, if you have kids at college, a loved one serving in the military, or someone in ill health, you can request an absentee ballot. You can request an absentee ballot from your town hall, or print out an application: www.sec.state.ma.us/ele/elepdf/absentee_ballot.pdf

3. Know where you and your family vote on November 6th. In Massachusetts, go to www.wheredoivotema.com for more information on your polling place.

Let’s make sure we maximize our voice and our vote!

Kataputumuw;
Cedric Cromwell Qaqeemasq (Running Bear)

Native Family Adult Support Group

The Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit is hosting day and evening Native Family Adult Support Groups for community members that have family and/or friends that are dealing with addiction.

There will be a daytime and an evening group and groups will be limited to 10 members per group. Please contact the group facilitators, PumukQien Collins at (508) 477-6967 x2562 or Magdalena Castaneda at (508) 477-6967 x6965 if you would like to attend.

When: Tuesdays
Dates: October 23 - January 29, 2013
Times: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Where: MWT Health Service Unit Conference Room

New IHS Hires

Indian Health Services (IHS) is pleased to announce several, great new additions to the team. Alexandra (Ali) Armitage, nurse practitioner; and Magdalena Castaneda, behavioral health specialist, are welcome additions to IHS. Both Ali and Magdalena started their new jobs on September 10. In addition to the two new hires, PumukQien Collins has expanded the services she provides to include individual, couples, family and group therapy. The new hires and expanded services will continue to strengthen our Tribal health network.

Ali is a family nurse practitioner that spent ten years providing quality service to community health center and Boston hospital patients. Ali specializes in Diabetes, women’s and community health.

Magdalena holds a LMSW with clinical specialty that includes substance abuse.

PumukQien has been in the field of human services/counseling for 20 years. She holds licenses in mental health (LMHC) and social work (LSWA) and is a certified counselor (NCC) and clinical mental health counselor (CCMHC). PumukQien services include individual, couples, family and group therapy.

MWT Youth Council

The Mashpee Wampanoag Youth Council is back in session and will be meeting every Tuesday night at Madaket Place A7 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact: Keturah Peters keturahpeters228@ymail.com
Danna Jackson ddjackson93@gmail.com

The Youth Council is looking forward to seeing all youth 13-20 years of age at the next meeting.
**Indian Ed. Potluck**

On Tuesday October 9, 2012, the Indian Education Program will be hosting a potluck open house from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., which will be followed by the parent committee meeting, and nomination from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. These events are open to the public and will take place in the Indian Education Room E101 at Mashpee High School located at 500 Old Barnstable Road, Mashpee, Ma. 02649. If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact Carla Riley at (508) 539-3600 x1021 or x1025. You can also email Carla at camriley@mashpee.k12.ma.us.

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**Child Care Update**

Happy fall - the time when all the pesky people have returned from whence they came, and the kiddies are back in school. At this time the childcare program will address the needs of our tribal families for before and after school care. Priority will be given to families that are currently on the waitlist. Please call the education office for the “list of items” needed to receive services. If you have received your “top of the waitlist” notice, we are working on your case. If you have received a notice please collect the needed paperwork and call for an appointment to complete the process. If you have filled out an intake application and are on the waitlist and have not received a “top of the waitlist” notice, we will work hard to place your child in a before or after school program only. We strive to do our best to provide our families with a safe and secure environment for your children.

**New Bedford Office Informational Meetings**

Please join us at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Office in New Bedford for some informational meetings on Saturday, October 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 1913 Purchase Street in New Bedford. We will also hold a second meeting on Wednesday, October 17 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the same location.

If you are going to attend one or both meetings, please RSVP by calling the MWT New Bedford Office at (774) 202-6260.

Please come find out about all the great things that have been going on at the New Bedford office. Get information about available services and future events, such as language and cultural classes, guest speakers and socials. We would like to hear your ideas, concerns and input on how our office can better assist you and your family. Get involved!

**News from the Education Department: Indian Education Update**

The new academic year has begun with a slew of changes for the Indian Education Program run by Mashpee Public Schools. After much hard work over many months, the program looks to be kicking off a great start to this new year.

A new Indian Education Coordinator was hired late this summer: Ms. Carla (Jackson) Riley, a Mashpee Wampanoag tribal member and mother of one son. She has been on the job for just a few weeks and has already made significant outreach efforts to the staff and administrators to create and develop relationships that will benefit both the tribal youth and the school system. You can reach Ms. Riley at camriley@mashpee.k12.ma.us or at (508) 539.1557.

In addition to a having a new coordinator, the school has hired two tutors, Ms. Cassie Jackson (another Mashpee tribal member) who will be providing tutorial services and cultural programming in the middle and high schools; and Marlene Pinsky-Panish, who will continue as tutor for the KCC and Quashnet native students.

Indian Education Parent Committee meetings are open to all parents of Mashpee school students. They are held in the Indian Education Room at Mashpee High school on the second Tuesday of every month from 6-7:30pm.

We need an active parent committee with everyone’s input to make a successful program and experience for our children! Parent Committee officer seats are all up for election this year. Consider nominating someone for Chair, Vice-Chair or Secretary by emailing a brief note with your nominee’s name, address and phone number and the position you are nominating them for and send to: Apocknett@opencape.com BEFORE October 9. Elections will take place at this meeting.

Meeting dates: October 9, November 13, December 11, January 8, 2013, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, and June 11, 2013.

I also want to thank the current Parent Committee for their hard work this year: Allyson Pocknett, Liz Vieira, Kevin Frye, Suzette Spinola, Morgan Peters, Kristine Foster, Celina Gonzales and Marcy Hendricks and Evelyn Peters and Kendall Scott (student rep).
Important Notice from Contract Health Services

As stated at the July 8, 2012 tribal body meeting, effective October 1, 2012, Contract Health Services will no longer cover co-pays, deductibles and open market charges for Primary Care Physician appointments. This EXCLUDES Pediatrics, Obstetrics, Gynecology, Mental Health, Dental, and prescription services but may be subject to change.

Primary Care is offered at the Mashpee Wampanoag Health Service Unit, Monday - Friday, 8:00AM - 4:30PM by calling (508) 477.6967.

NRD Update: Great American Wood Stove Program

The Natural Resources Department (NRD) is looking into eligibility to participate in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Great American Wood Stove Change-out Program. If this program is funded next year, there is the possibility that a number of tribal members with wood burning stoves will be eligible for this program designed to replace old, inefficient wood stoves with new, cleaner burning, more efficient wood stoves. To exhibit our eligibility for this program, we need information from tribal members that have wood stoves and would be interested in the program. If you are a tribal member that has a wood stove and would like to participate in this program when it is funded, please contact the NRD and leave them your name, phone number and street address. If not available, please leave your information on the voicemail system. This information will be stored in a database and you will be contacted when the program is active and funding is available. Without this information, the Tribe will not be eligible for the program. The NRD can be contacted at (508) 477-5800 x 10, 483 Great Neck Rd. South Mashpee, MA 02649 or q tobey@mwtribe.com.

IN THE NEWS

Tribe Responds to Column on Gaming Compact

On September 22, Indian Country Today published our Chairman’s response to a column that had ran the previous day criticizing our Tribal-State Compact. Chairman Cromwell, who has been a strong advocate for our compact and creating a healthy Tribal economy, felt the columnist had passed judgment on our decisions without all of the facts.

Our Tribal State Compact, which we celebrated recently with Governor Deval Patrick is currently undergoing its required federal review. Below is Chairman Cromwell’s response to the September 21 column that ran in Indian Country Today.

It was with great interest that I read Harold Monteaú’s editorial, “Regarding Gaming Compacts and Their ‘Illusory Exclusivity,’” in which he criticized the tribal-state compact reached between the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Our tribe was re-acknowledged by the federal government in 2007 after hundreds of years of struggles that, while familiar to many tribes, were unique to our tribal nation. Through early exposure to European explorers and settlers, warfare and slavery, brutality and broken promises, the loss of our land and attempts to exterminate our culture, the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe persevered.

Now, after a 35-year federal recognition process, we are working diligently to provide for our tribal citizens, which will only be possible with economic self-sufficiency. This includes our successful fight to have our sovereign rights respected in the Massachusetts Expanded Gaming Act and the negotiation of a tribal-state compact to allow Class III gaming. While I respect Mr. Monteaú’s concern and his service to Indian country, I believe that he is unaware of the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe’s specific circumstances and the decisions that we as a sovereign nation must make to provide for the future of our people.

As a landless tribe, without the legislation authorizing the governor to negotiate the compact in recognition of our inevitable rights and the Common-
Tribe Responds to Column (continued)

The Commonwealth’s support for our gaming efforts, we would have first been expected to acquire lands eligible for gaming and only then could have required the Commonwealth to enter compact negotiations under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.

The Compact reflects concessions from the Commonwealth on matters that the Commonwealth was not required to negotiate and which are of immense value to our Tribe, both economically and otherwise.

Further, as a result of our negotiations, the Commonwealth elected to forego moving forward with a commercial gaming company in our region—the alternative permitted under that law if the Compact had not been approved by July 31 of this year.

It is vital for the future self-sufficiency of our tribe that the compact be approved. While other tribes in different circumstances negotiate different compacts, this compact reflects our needs, our priorities, and our specific circumstances. This compact should in no way be construed to have any bearing on other tribes. I wholeheartedly support each tribe’s right to negotiate compacts based on what is in the best interest of their people, and I hope that Indian country will afford the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe the same respect.

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services and economic development to our Tribe. Our Tribal citizens, federal agencies, and our partners can all have great confidence in the professional management of our finances.

Congratulations and thank you to all involved!

Kutaputunumuw;
Cedric Cromwell
Qaqeemasq (Running Bear)

Honoring Of Nations Veterans Powwow to be Held November 10

The inaugural Honoring Of Nations Veterans Powwow will be held on Saturday, November 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum in Connecticut.

The powwow honors Native nations and their veterans both past and present through traditional arts, regalia, song and dance.

There will be a 50/50 raffle - half of the proceeds going to the winning ticket and half going to the Mashantucket Pequot Museum. There will also be intertribal dances open to everyone.

If you are interested in hosting a vendor table, please contact Toni Weeden at tweeden@mptn-nsn.gov or Jean Little at jlittle@mptn-nsn.gov.

Golden Age: Men’s Eastern War/Women’s Eastern Blanket
1st Place $300; 2nd $200; 3rd $100

Adult: Eastern War, N&S Traditional,
Grass, Fancy, Eastern Blanket, and Jingle
1st Place $300; 2nd $200; 3rd $100

Teen: Eastern War, N&S Traditional,
Grass, Fancy, Eastern Blanket, and Jingle
1st Place $75; 2nd $50; 3rd $25

Veterans War Dance Special
1st Place: $200; 2nd - 5th $50 each

Youth Coat Drive

The Youth Advisory Committee wishes to express our deep appreciation to all of you that have donated to our School Buddy Program. We were able to match your generous clothing gifts with children who truly needed it. Thank you for bringing a smile to their faces.

The Youth Council and the Youth Advisory Committee are now on to our next mission.

We would like to supply as many of our youth with coats, hats and gloves as possible. If you would like to help us reach our goal by giving a gift of warmth, please donate new or used coats, hats, gloves, and scarfs in good condition.

For more information please contact: The Mashpee Wampanoag Youth Council Attention: Coat Drive, 766 Madaket Place, Suite 7A, Mashpee, MA 02649

Thank you for making our youth warm inside and out.
Inspiring Tribal Youth to accomplish their goals through education and a greater involvement in Tribal culture and traditions is the goal of 2012-2013 Mashpee Wampanoag Powwow Princess Keturah Peters.

An accomplished scholar-athlete at Mashpee High School, Keturah is a member of the National Honor Society, the Mashpee High School field hockey and lacrosse teams, the Mashpee Wampanoag Youth Council, and is a member of a Peer Leadership group. A talented Traditional dancer, Keturah has also completed the Native Tribal scholars program and won first place in the Cape Cod Art Association show.

Keturah hopes to use these accomplishments and her involvement in a wide range of activities to represent the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe in a positive manner and help Tribal Youth strive for success. “I hope to see our Tribe maintain and preserve our culture and traditions, and I would like to work toward a stronger connection between our Youth and Elders,” Keturah said. She hopes that this connection will bring a greater sense of respect and cooperation among Tribal citizens.

Keturah is the daughter of Randy Peters III and Kristine Foster, and is sister to Chenoa and Amiyah Peters. She is the granddaughter of Nadine Costa, Randy Peters, Jr., Joanne Frye and Charles Foster, Jr. She is the great granddaughter of Natalie Costa, Aneba Costa, Marjorie Hendricks and Milton Frye.

Keturah is currently a junior in high school and plans to attend college to study psychology, which she hopes to utilize to return to Mashpee and help the Mashpee Wampanoag people.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Public Works Department, in conjunction with Emergency Preparedness, is currently soliciting bids for snow removal services for the 2012/2013 season.

The job entails plowing and shoveling for approximately thirty six (36) elder Tribal Members in Mashpee and Falmouth. Responsibilities include: plowing of driveways, shoveling of steps, walkways and mailboxes, and de-icing.

For more information, please contact Jason Steiding at jsteiding@mwwtribe.com, or (508) 477-0208 ext 204. Applicants must possess a valid driver’s license, and carry liability and workman’s compensation insurance.
The last day to register to vote in the Presidential Election is Wednesday, October 17. You can register to vote any day prior to the October 17 deadline at the following locations during the hours specified.

**Mashpee Town Hall**
8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Great Neck Road North

**Mashpee Wampanoag Elders Center**
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
766 Madaket Place, Suite 7A
Route 28

For all towns in the state of Massachusetts, the deadline for voter registration is the same. For more information, call (508) 419-6017 x600, 601 or 608.

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**Voter Registration**

**Legal Clinic**

Do you have legal questions or concerns?
UMASS Law School is sponsoring a Free Legal Clinic on Tuesday, October 16 from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the MWT Headquarters.
Legal Students, under the supervision of Raymond Yox, Managing Attorney for South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc, will be available to answer your specific legal questions and/or provide additional legal representation.
For more information, or to schedule an appointment, contact Atty. Yox at 508-775-7020, x 2011.

**Annual Water Wizz Trip**