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DRUM BEAT

DEPARTMENTS

WAMPANOAG BALL

COMMUNITY



Word from the Chairman

Wuneekeesuq Nutawâmâak
(Hello My Tribal Community);

While we await Secretary Salazar's decision on Cape Wind, a decision I realize may come before you read this column, I have been reflecting on what this fight has taught us. We deeply believe that the project should not be permitted on Horseshoe Shoal because of the incredible impact it will have on this historically, culturally and spiritually important area. However, no matter the decision, the process has been an important one as we stand up for the rights afforded to us as a federally recognized Tribe.

Despite attempts to silence and marginalize us, our Tribe has stood up for rights in the federal consultation process. For years, we have known that the Minerals Management Service did not live up to their responsibility to fully consult with us over this massive project. It was not until the past year, when every state and federal historic preservation authority to review the project agreed without position, that we were heard. The American Council on Historic Preservation, in addition to recommending that Secretary Salazar rule against the project, blasted the consultation process with our Tribe, calling MMS' attempts at consultation "incomplete, tentative, and late."

I am hopeful that because of what our Tribe has been through, the consultation process will be dramatically improved when decisions will affect not only our Tribe but Tribes across the country. Native American Tribes are afforded certain rights by the United States Federal government, and these rights must be respected.

Beyond Cape Wind, our rights must inform other issues that affect our Tribe. This is why, along with Vice-Chairman

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American Council on Historic Preservation Recommends Against Cape Wind

After consultation with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Wampanoag Tribe of Aquinnah, along with other parties concerned about the impact of the proposed Cape Wind project, the American Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) has recommended that the US Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar, rule against the project. In a strongly worded opinion, the ACHP found that the proposed wind farm would impact 34 historically significant properties, including those held sacred by the tribes.

The ACHP found that "In sum, Nantucket Sound and the surrounding land areas are a rich and unique tapestry of American prehistory, history, and culture. With Wampanoag ancestral habitation and the fabric of historic communities and landmarks surrounding Nantucket Sound, these properties mark the evolution of the area from Native American and then English settlement through the recent past, creating a collective historic resource that is greater than the sum of its parts. The continued vitality of the Wampanoags' traditional religious and cultural practices and their integral relation to Nantucket Sound add a rare additional dimension of significance to this special place."

"With the recommendation by the ACHP, every historic preservation agency at both the state and federal level has come to the same conclusion — that Nantucket



Sound is a place of deep historical, spiritual and cultural significance," said Chairman Cedric Cromwell. "We are gratified that the ACHP has validated our concerns related to the proposed Cape

Wind Project and we hope that Secretary Salazar will agree with their conclusion that Nantucket Sound is an inappropriate site for the project."

The ACHP was particularly critical of the Minerals Management Service's consultation efforts with the Mashpee and Aquinnah Tribes, calling their attempts at consultation "incomplete, tentative and late." They also made recommendations for how the federal government can improve the consultation process with Native American Tribes in the future.

The ACHP recommendation has been made to Secretary Salazar in advance of his decision on the project. Secretary Salazar must take the recommendation into account, but does not need to act in accordance with it. The Department of the Interior has indicated that Secretary Salazar will make a final decision on the project by the end of April. The decision was not available at press time.

Expanded Gaming Legislation Advances

A bill that would expand gaming recently passed the Massachusetts House of Representatives with a more than two-thirds majority. The legislation, which would allow slot machines at the state's four racetracks as well as two resort-style commercial casinos, paves the way for the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe to open negotiations with the Commonwealth to operate its own casino in the future. The legislation specifically states that only a federally recognized Indian tribe will be eligible to enter negotiations with the state to build and operate a casino over the next fifteen years.

The State Senate is now expected to write its own version of expanded gaming legislation, which may be debated later this Spring.

"The passage of this bill by the Massachusetts House of Representatives is a good step toward bringing good jobs to Massachusetts through expanded gaming," Chairman Cedric Cromwell said. "The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe is in a great position to work with the state to develop a resort-style casino in Southeastern Massachusetts."

CALENDAR

May

- 3 Food Pantry, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 3 Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 3 Language Class, Mashpee Wampanoag Language Center, 7:00 pm
- 5 Food Pantry, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 5 Diabetes Workshop, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 6 – 8 p.m.
- 6 Beading and Crafts, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- 7 Little Miss Wampanoag Pageant, Mashpee High School Auditorium, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- 8 Elders Council Flea Market & Yard Sale, Tribal Grounds 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- 9 Mother's Day Gathering, Meetinghouse, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- 10 Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Language Game Night, Mashpee Wampanoag Language Center, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 Diabetes Workshop, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 6 – 8 p.m.
- 13 Beading and Crafts, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- 16 General Body Meeting, Mashpee High School Auditorium, 2 p.m.
- 17 Food Pantry, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 17 Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 19 Food Pantry, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 19 Diabetes Workshop, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 6 – 8 p.m.
- 20 Beading and Crafts, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- 22 Spring Craft Fair, Quashnet School, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 24 Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 24 Language Game Night, Mashpee Wampanoag Language Center, 7:00 pm
- 26 Diabetes Workshop, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 6 – 8 p.m.
- 27 Beading and Crafts, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- 31 Tribal Flag Raising, Mashpee Rotary, 1 p.m.

June

- 1 Language Class, Mashpee Wampanoag Language Center, 7:00 pm
- 2 Food Pantry, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 2 Diabetes Workshop, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 6 – 8 p.m.
- 3 Beading and Crafts, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- 5 Joshua R. Lopes Memorial Fun Run, South Cape Beach, 10:00 a.m.
- 7 Youth Cultural Night, Mashpee Rod and Gun Club, 5:30 p.m.
- 7 Language Game Night, Mashpee Wampanoag Language Center, 7:00 pm

ON THE DRUM BEAT

- On February 20th friends and family joined together in Mashpee to celebrate the 90th birthday of Ms. Helen M. Lopez (shown right). Happy Birthday!
- Nonya S. Collier, granddaughter of Elynor Coombs Grant, will be attending the Wharton School of Business in Philadelphia, PA this fall to obtain her M.B.A.
- Cameron Frye, a sophomore at Bishop Feehan High School, made the honor roll this semester and has been nominated to the Honor Society for high school scholars.
- Keith Foxx, a Project Manager and Senior Civil Engineer for Legion Design in Virginia would like to reach out to any Tribal members living in the Maryland, DC & Northern Virginia area. He would be of any help to those students that are looking for internships or job opportunities in the area. He can be reached at keith.foxx@legiondesign.com.



Tribal members who would like to submit items of interest for On The Drum Beat, Our Story or news for Naushaonk Mittark should send their information to SJonas@mwtribe.com. The deadline to submit all edited copy is the second Friday of each month.

Monthly Meeting to be Held May 16th

Please note that because of Mother's Day, the May monthly General Membership Meeting will be held on Sunday May 16th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Mashpee High School.

June (continued)

(Final Spring Class!)

- 9 Diabetes Workshop, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters, 6 – 8 p.m.
- 10 Beading and Crafts, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Headquarters 6:30 to 8 p.m.
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For The Record

In the April newsletter, Robert Hendricks was misidentified as the son of Robert and Kelley Hendricks. Robert Hendricks is the son of Robbie Hendricks and Rita Lopes and step-son of Kelley Hendricks. We apologize for the error and strive for accuracy in every edition.

Obituaries

Adeline B. Hicks

Adeline B. Hicks, 86, of Mashpee, died at home on March 22, 2010. Wife of 59 years to Donald Hicks Sr. of Mashpee, mother of Larry Dove of Mashpee, Gladys Barnes of Queens, N.Y., Donnella Pocknett of Mashpee, Errol Hicks of Mashpee, Donald Hicks Jr. of Mashpee, Gary Hicks of Mashpee, and the late Sonny Dove Jr. Sister of Earl Mills of Mashpee and Carl Mills of Mashpee, and the late Lincoln Mills, Elwood Mills and Delscena Hendricks. She leaves 15 grandchildren as well as many great-grandchildren.

Nakomis M. (Haynes) Wilson

Nakomis M. (Haynes) Wilson, 74, with her daughter by her side, was called on to her heavenly home on March 29, 2010. Mehitable, as she loved to be called, was the wife of the late Leo Wilson of Pleasantville, N.J. She was the beloved mother of eight children, Jeffrey (deceased), Leo Jr., Lanoka, Nakomis, Andrew, Jessica, Yakima and Gail.

Mehitable worked as a nursing assistant at the VA Hospital in Brockton and also for the Ocean Spray company. She lived and raised her family in Middleboro with a loving hand, heart and mind. She enjoyed her family, sewing, fishing, taking leisurely walks and engaging in conversation about various topics, her favorites being politics and genealogy.

Besides her children, she is survived by a brother, Adrian Haynes of Middleboro; a sister, Daisy Moore of Washington, D.C., 16 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

DEPARTMENTS

CITGO Fuel Assistance Available

CITGO fuel assistance of \$225.00 is available to **enrolled MWT members** who reside in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Quick Overview

- Total amount per household will be \$225.00.
- Allocated on the basis of **one allocation per household address**.
- **Enrolled MWT members** who reside in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- Funding is on a first come, first serve basis.
- **Eligibility is not based on income level.**
- This funding is separate from the LIHEAP program.

Process to Follow

All Tribal members interested in fuel assistance must provide the following:

- A **copy of your most recent heating bill** for your primary source of heat (if you heat your home with more than one source, please only provide a bill for the source of heat that you use the most).
- Your **contact information** including your **Name, Tribal ID number, Telephone number and Address of residence** for the person whose name appears on the bill.
- You can either mail in a copy of your heating bill and contact information or you can come by the tribal council office to drop the documents off.

Questions

Please do not hesitate to contact Trish Keliinui at 508-477-0208 with any additional questions.

Cleanup of Illegal Dump on Tribal Property to be held Saturday, May 8th

Tribal Members – We're in search of volunteers to assist the Natural Resources Department (NRD) and the Fish, Wildlife & Natural Resources Commission (FWNRC) in a cleanup of illegal dump sites on Tribe and Town land in Mashpee. The NRD and FWNRC will again be partnering with the Cape Cod Jeep Club and the Mashpee Land Stewards to clean up the Noisy Hole property off of Meetinghouse Rd. and the Johns Pond area on Town land in Mashpee. We are in need of volunteers with trucks who can help collect trash and materials from the back roads of both properties. If you are willing to volunteer and/or use your truck, please contact the NRD leaving a message with your name and phone number. If you can use your truck, please include a short description of your truck along with the license plate number. Plate numbers will be needed by the Town transfer station to identify vehicles that can dump materials free of charge on that day. Contact the NRD office for more details if you wish to participate:

508-419-6017 ext. 603 or 601
qtobey@mwtribe.com or cgreen@mwtribe.com

Opportunities to Attend and Chaperone 2010 Harvard Program

The Native American High School Summer program at Harvard Medical School is now looking for a chaperone and 4 students to attend the 2010 Program. The program will begin on Saturday, June 26th and end on Friday July 16th. Students will be able to attend the powwow and we are working to invite the other tribes that will be in attendance at the program (Aquinnah, Assiniboine Sioux, Hopi, and Hawaii).

The chaperone must be at least 25 years of age with experience in chaperoning/supervising students. The students must be rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are interested in medical field careers (nurse, doctor, psychologist, pharmacist, medical research, etc.) and willing to stay at Harvard in the dorms with other tribal youth participants for three weeks. This program focuses on Substance Abuse and its effects on the brain, body, families and communities.

This is a wonderful experience for our high school students and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe has sent 22 students thus far. 2010 application packets for both student and chaperone are now available. The application will need to be accompanied with a bio/essay on why you would like to attend/ chaperone the program. If interested please contact Cheryl Frye-Cromwell at 508-477-0209 or email CFrye-Cromwell@mwtribe.com.

Upcoming Training and Workshops For Parents, Grandparents and Caregivers of Tribal Children



FREE TRAINING

6 Week Training Sessions
Take one or take them ALL

Please sign up for informational Workshops and Training on the following topics:

All Training Sessions will be conducted by Professionals in the field of Education, Court related matters and Teen or Adolescent Behavior.

- **IEP Training: Understanding your child's IEP (Individual Educational Plan).**
- **Educational Advocacy : Know your rights!**
- **CHIN's : What is a CHIN's and who can file a CHIN's.**
- **Mentoring Training**
- **Parental Empowerment**
- **Understanding the Juvenile Court System**

Please sign up if you would like to be notified of dates and times. Information will be posted on the Tribal Website and in the Mittark.

"Knowledge is Power" Sponsored by the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe

Annual Wampanoag Ball A Huge Success

A capacity crowd of Tribal Members and friends gathered on Saturday March 27th to honor award winners and support our Medicine Man, Guy Cash, at the Annual Wampanoag Ball. The Wakeby Lake Singers opened the ceremonies in which this year's honorees, who were chosen by the Elders Council, were presented with their awards.

The **Lewis Gurwitz Spirit Award** is given to any non-tribal member who has displayed unselfish devotion and friendship to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. This year's recipient, Kenneth Reels of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribe, has been a friend of our tribe for "years upon years" in the words of his nominator. He has served as Chairman and Vice-Chairman of his own Tribe and often can be heard recalling experiences of running into his "dear Mashpee friends" in Washington DC during the years of our quest for federal recognition. He also presented Mashpee with a statue of Supreme Medicine Man John "Slow Turtle" Peters with his daughter Autaquay, which is on display in Mashantucket and in our Tribal Headquarters. More recently, Kenneth was instrumental in contributing funding toward the restoration of our meetinghouse, and travelled to Mashpee in a blizzard to celebrate its opening with us.

The **Wampanoag Business and Professional Leadership Award** honors tribal members who exemplify a strong work ethic, professionalism and performance excellence, and leadership qualities. It is given to a tribal member who has been successful in launching a business or professional career while balancing the need to be successful and the need to retain our culture and traditions, and as such is a positive example for our youth.

Staff Sergeant Maegan Lewis left her family to fight for her country during a year-long deployment in Iraq, where she witnessed senseless destruction, torture and death. A recipient of a Bronze Star for service beyond the call of duty, Maegan has served in the United States Army for over 10 years, and is currently training to obtain an E-7 stripe in Chemical Warfare with the 84th Engineer Battalion.

In his recent correspondence to the tribe, First Sergeant Carlos Cano, III, who is the Deputy Commandant at NCO Academy in Oahu, Hawaii states, "Maegan has only been in our organization since January 26th and she has proven herself to be an outstanding instructor for our future noncommissioned officers. We are very fortunate to have her teaching here at our academy." Although she is stationed 6,000 miles away, Staff Sergeant Maegan L. Stewart was able to accept the award in person at the ball.

The **Osamequen Award** is given to a tribal member who has been dedicated to the preservation of the tribe, culture and history of the people in memory of the 17th Century Wampanoag Massasoit, Osamequen. Anywhere you find the youth gathered, you'll find our Evelyn Peters Fermino. She is an advocate, friend, confidant and mentor to all youth, particularly our Tribal youth. She is a member of the recently established Youth Committee and is one of the driving forces behind the Youth Cultural Night that meets on a weekly basis. Because of her unselfish efforts, Tribal youth are becoming better connected with our culture and understanding the importance of our rich heritage.

The 2010 Ball was also an opportunity to honor our Medicine Man, Guy Cash, who has been suffering from serious health problems over the last several years. Throughout his struggle, he has remained a source of strength to our tribe, and the Ball Committee felt it was important to honor Guy and assist him and his family with proceeds from the Ball. In addition, the Narragansett Tribe honored Guy with their attendance and a significant gift to help with the family's expenses during this difficult time.

After the moving ceremony, the lights went low, the music from DJ Frye began, and attendees danced the night away with family and friends. Special thanks for a fantastic evening go to the Ball Committee: Suzette Peters Spinola, Chairwoman; Winona Pocknett; Keisha Peters; Barbara Jonas; Sherry Pocknett; Kristine Foster; Diane Johnson; and Trish Keliinui, Council Liaison.



Photo Credit: Kathy Szmít



Chairman Cromwell shown with Medicine Man, Guy Cash, the Ball's esteemed honoree.



Staff Sergeant Meagan Lewis accepts the Wampanoag Business and Professional Leadership Award



Chairman Cromwell presents Evelyn Peters Fermino with the Osamequen Award.



Congratulations to the Wamp Warriors Basketball Team and Cheerleaders

By Robbie Hendricks



They did it again! Our Wamp Warriors won the Annual Kenney Merrick Sr. Memorial Basketball Tournament, bringing home the championship for the second year in a row. Along with the younger Warriors were our very own Wamp Cheerleaders. They blew the roof off the building letting everyone know that Mashpee was there. All players, cheerleaders, coaches, chaperones and fans did a tremendous job working together as individuals, a team, and as a Tribe. They showed pride and honor, with love and respect to each other and everyone. They represented the Mashpee Wampanoag very proudly.

All this was possible with the love, support, and leadership of Carlo Hendricks, Robert Dias,

Marcus Hendricks, Kevin Frye, Missy Hendricks, Vanessa Mendes, Evelyn Peters, Crystal Peters, Liz DeBarros, Bernadine Hendricks, Sassamin Lopes-Weeden, Mariah Gunn, and Marrisa Silvia. The leadership they showed is wonderful and their time and effort is greatly appreciated. You've shown our kids something that they will always cherish and be proud of... "That's Mashpee."

INENAS Community Building Event

by Cheryl Frye-Cromwell

(Word from the Chairman, continued from page 1)

Tobey and other officers and councilors, I have spent so much time trying to educate federal and state officials about our needs and our rights.

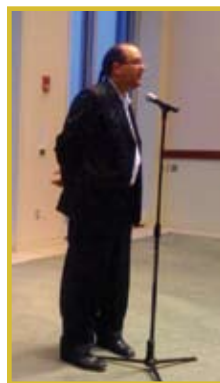
First and foremost, we have been working with federal officials surrounding the Carcier decision that has postponed the government's ability to take land into trust for our Tribe. It is the United States government's policy to acknowledge Tribes' sovereignty; however, a Tribe cannot truly be sovereign without land for economic development, housing, health care, education, and to govern as we as a nation see fit. This inequitable situation must be fixed and I am confident that it will be in the near future.

We have also been working diligently to make certain that state and local officials understand and honor our aboriginal fishing and hunting rights so that Tribal members can fish and hunt just as our ancestors have done for thousands of years. This is an ongoing process, and one we take very seriously.

In addition, we have been working to make sure that the activity around expanded gaming in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts takes into account the rights afforded to us as a sovereign Indian Tribe. The legislation that recently passed the House of Representatives is an important step toward bringing good jobs to Massachusetts through expanded gaming. Our Tribe is in a great position to work with the Commonwealth to bring a resort style casino to Southeastern Massachusetts, which will provide jobs and economic development to our Tribal members as well as our neighbors. As you know, we are conducting our due diligence to determine which site in Southeastern Massachusetts will provide the Tribe with the best opportunity to develop our resort style casino project quickest and with the greatest long term benefit to the Tribe and the Commonwealth.

As your Chairman, I will continue to work to protect our rights. I am confident that this hard work will provide a more promising future for our Tribal members and generations to come.

Kataputunumuw (Thank you);
Qaqemasq (Running Bear)



J. Cedric Woods, interim Director of INENAS, addresses attendees at the community building event.

On April 8th in the Campus Center of UMass Boston, one could hear and feel laughter, the reverence of prayer, an inspirational address, and the sound of drums. What event combined all these elements? It was a community building event hosted by the Institute for New England Native American Studies (INENAS) at UMass Boston.

The goal of this gathering was to connect current Native students, alumni, faculty and staff as well as those non-Native administrators, faculty and staff who are working to support the goals and priorities of Native communities.

The event featured a welcome from Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Winston Langley (UMass Boston), an invocation by the Honorable Walter Vickers (Chief, Nipmuc Nation), remarks by Jim Peters (Executive Director of the Mass Commission on Indian Affairs, Mashpee), and an address by the Honorable Cedric Cromwell (Tribal Council Chairman, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and UMass Boston alumnus). The speaking program was augmented by entertainment from the Wolf Cry Singers, a Native women's hand drum group from Massachusetts.

Tribal and Native organizational representatives attended from the Nipmuc Nation, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Natick Nipmuc, Old Federated Tribes of Plymouth, North American Indian

Center of Boston, Massachusetts Center for Native American Awareness, and the Massachusetts Commission on Indian Affairs. Several UMass Boston Native American students, alumni, staff, and faculty attended this event as well.

UMass Boston faculty and staff attended from Academic and Support Services, Government Relations, the College of Nursing, the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Management, the Small Business Development Center, the History Department, the Environmental, Earth, and Ocean Sciences Department, and the Anthropology Department. External agencies present who have programs for tribes or who partner with tribes and Native organizations included the United States Department of Agriculture, the Administration for Children and Family Services, and the Administration on Aging.

This event is part of the ongoing efforts of the Institute for New England Native American Studies to develop collaborative relationships with regional tribes and developing a stronger Native community at UMass Boston. The institute is headed by J. Cedric Woods (Lumbee), interim director.

Green Seeks Selectman's Seat

Tribal Member Chuckie Green is seeking election to the Mashpee Board of Selectmen on Saturday, May 8th. Polls are open from 8 am to 8 pm at the Quashnet School. If you are a registered voter in Mashpee, please remember to get out and vote. Please support Chuckie Green, an important voice for the Tribe in town government.

Elders Council Annual Flea Market & Yard Sale



The Elders Council will hold its Annual Flea Market and Yard Sale on Saturday May 8th from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm on tribal grounds. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit the raising of the tribal flag on the Mashpee Rotary. The event is open to the public. The rain date is May 15th. For additional information, please call Tribal Headquarters at 508.477.0208.

Mother's Day Celebration



A Mother's Day Celebration will be held at the Old Indian Meetinghouse on May 9th from 10-12 pm. All Wampanoag Women, Clan Mothers, Mothers, and Grandmothers will be honored. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Raising of the Tribal Flag

The Mashpee Wampanoag Elders Council proudly announces that they will be honoring our tribe by raising a flag pole and the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Flag on the Mashpee Rotary. The ceremony will begin at 1:00 pm on Memorial Day, May 31st, followed by a social gathering on tribal grounds.

Donations toward this effort are gratefully accepted. Checks may be mailed to the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, PO Box 1048, Mashpee, MA 02649 or given to any member of the Elders Council. Elders Council Members are Willard Pocknett, Chairman; Cecilia Tobey Gomes, Vice-Chair; Anne Foxx, Secretary; Joanne Frye, Treasurer; Sharon Tobey Kennedy; Cherilyn Peters; Albert Peters, Jr.; Edith Rose; Judy Sandford-Harris; Chief Vernon Lopez and Medicine Man Earl Cash.

Meetinghouse Available for Use



The Meetinghouse Committee encourages tribal members to use the Meetinghouse for religious or cultural events. Anyone interested in using the Meetinghouse should contact the Meetinghouse Committee Chairperson, Carol Lopez, with details of your event, requested dates and time. Carol can be reached at 508-477-8388.

Joshua R. Lopes Memorial Fun Run

June 5th, 2010
(Rain Date, June 6th)

From South Cape Beach to Turning point and Back to South Cape Beach
4.5 Miles

Start Time 10AM
Registration Fee: \$15.00

Registration at 8AM
To Pre-Register Call:
Ronald 774-836-3866
Janet 508- 477- 2428

Everyone Welcome To
Tribal Grounds after race
Relay Races, Dunk Tank, Games, Food & Drink

All Proceeds go to Joshua R. Lopes
Memorial Scholarship Fund



In Our Own Words



(In Honor of Quahogging Day)

Nunštamâqunônup: We went fishing

ahshap: net

pštupâq: bay

seep: river

namâhs: fish (noun, finned)

namâhsak: fishes (finned)

paqah: quohog

paqahâak: quohogs

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