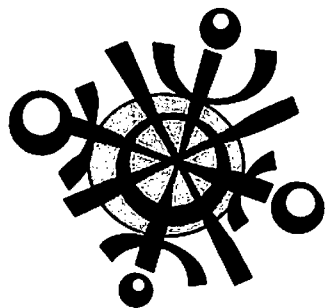
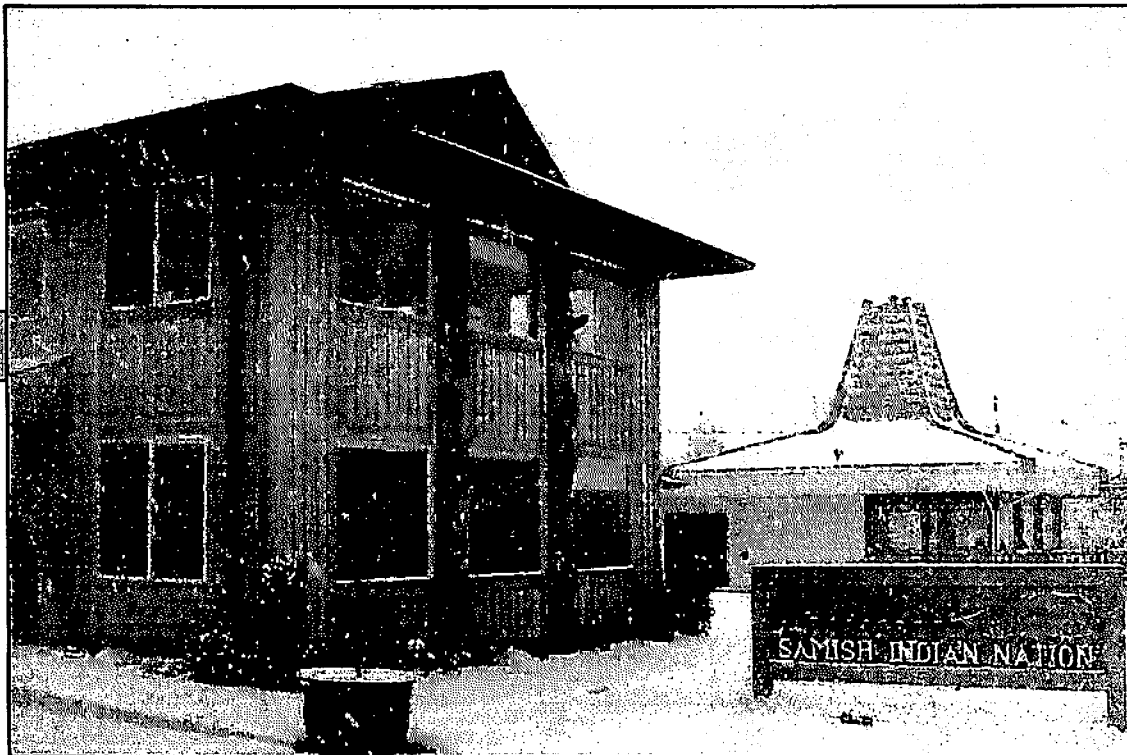


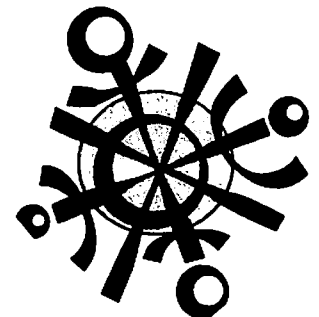
**SAMISH INDIAN NATION**

# **SAMISH NEWS**

**Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season  
from the Samish Indian Nation's  
Council Members and Administration**



**Goodwill and Sharing,  
Giving and Caring  
This is the Spirit of the Season  
May your Heart be Warmed by  
the Goodness of Christmas**



**The Samish Indian Nation Administration and the  
Samish Longhouse Preschool will be closed from  
December 24, 2009 to January 1, 2010.**

**For future reference, if the Anacortes School District is closed  
due to adverse weather conditions,  
our offices will also be closed.**

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Would you like to submit a letter? Please send a letter or e-mail to us at:

Samish Indian  
Nation Newsletter  
Attention:  
Nicole Tesch

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98221

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samishtribe.nsn.us

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ext. 110

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Samish Indian Nation,  
General Tribal Council

I live alone, am 77 years old and have been a widow for 15 years. Three years ago I lost my home and all contents in a forest fire. It has been a difficult time. Rebuilding my home and trying to replace what I need. The gift cards are appreciated very much and are a great help. I spend them carefully. I thank the Samish Nation with all my heart.

Sincerely,  
Lourita Thompson Hargu

Dear Mr. Wooten,

I wish to thank the General Council so much for the five hundred dollar gift card. It is meeting some important needs in my life. May God bless you all.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth Barrett



Dear Thomas D. Wooten,

Just a note to thanking you for the gift card I sure appreciate it and I am proud to be a Samish.

Yours Truly,  
Joan Wills  
Thank you again

Chairman Wooten,

Once again thank you for the generosity of the Tribal Council. It is especially timely for our Mother, who, in her 100<sup>th</sup> year has started on some medication so this will help her greatly.

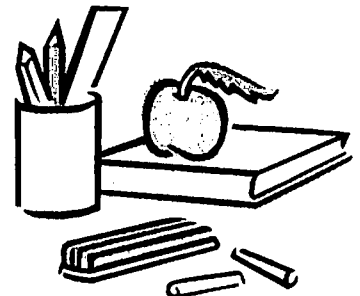
Barbara Wortley (Barrett)

Mr. Thomas D. Wooten, Chairman  
Samish Indian Nation

I wanted to send a thank you for the back to school gift cards sent to my children on behalf of the Samish Indian Nation. Being a single mother of three, in these very difficult times, it was wonderful treat to receive monies to help with expenses. There are many expenses that are incurred when my children return to school each year.

I am very proud to say I am an official member of the Samish Indian Tribe, as well as my children. It is very important that all three of my children have the opportunities to advance their education and expand the knowledge they have as well as learning as much as they can about their ancestors.

Thanks again,  
Denise R. Muniz, Carlos, Gabriela, and Isabel



# ENROLLMENT INFORMATION NEEDED

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE NO VALID ADDRESSES IN THE ENROLLMENT DATA:

James Barrett	Lloyd Barrett	Lyle Barrett	Shane Barrett
Carol Blackinton	Jessica Blackinton	Lisa Bleeck	George Bob
Lacey Brunner	Gerickah Charlie	Kelson Coughlin	Randy Daniels
Elizabeth Davies	Kristin Dunlap	Carolyn Edwards	Timothy Edwards
Jr. Michelle Foster	Darlene George	Christian Gidlof	Gordon Gidlof
Katherine Graves	Wayne Graves	Travis Hatch	Heidi Hawkins
Theo Hawkins Jr.	Debra Higgins	Laura Hovland	Marcy James
Terry Jones	Patricia Kavanaugh	Corey King	Jonathan Long
Shelbie Lucy	Brody Lundin	Charlotte MacDonald	Jennifer MacDonald
Dinah Lundin	Kurtis MacDonald	Winnifred Marchand	Heather McIntosh
Cassandra Myler	Bryan Perry	Skyler Ransier	Gwen Renteria
Richard Ritter Jr.	Malisa Sampson	Juliette Scates	Colleen Scheel
Jo-Anne Smith	Wesley Smith	Robin Spivey	William Steele
Matthew Sturdivant	Tyler Thompson	Patricia Tomlinson	Ada Torres
Angela Williams	Shelly Wade	Norman Underwood Jr.	Ralph Underwood Jr.
Sheri Underwood	Frederick Wills	Kenneth Wills	Don Wilson

We are either still searching for these people or their mail has been returned back to our office, at which point the address is removed from the system as no good. We have been having problems with not getting everyone's address changes correct. If you change your address and it affects your children's address then please let us know who they are so theirs may be changed as well. Thank you for all your help.

**If you are a Veteran or those of you who have an Indian name, please contact our Enrollment Department so we can record this information in our database.**

**Thank you.**

## Card Changes

Whenever someone changes a name, address, etc. they must send verification of that change. In the case of a name change we must have either a copy of the court document or a copy of a marriage license. **When it comes to an address change we need a copy of a bill, a copy of your driver's license with that change, rental document or etc. We can no longer take this information over the phone, we must have a valid home residence. We will accept Post Office Boxes but they must also have a valid residential address. Until we have this information we will not issue a replacement card with the new information on it.**

## Samish Enrollment Department

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98221



Phone: (360) 293-6404

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Jan Flagg, Enrollment Clerk

Extension 106

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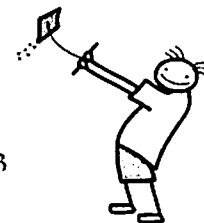
Ivan Haas, Sales Representative. Ivan can assist you with getting your discounts when starting new lines of service, upgrading your phone, purchasing phones and accessories, and adding data features.

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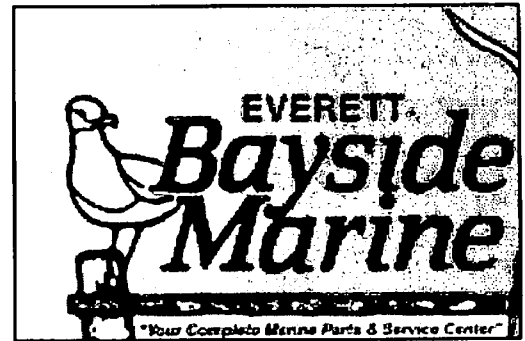
**BOAT BROKERAGE:** We sell quality used and consigned powerboats and motor yachts. check out our inventory often as things can change daily. If you need to sell your boat give us a call we will be glad to give you an estimate of it's value and even sell it for you.

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(360)293-6404 extension 110 or email her at  
[nherman@samishtribe.nsn.us](mailto:nherman@samishtribe.nsn.us)

## Request for Proposals

The Samish Fidalgo Bay Resort is anticipating building a new Shower house/recreation room at the Fidalgo Bay Resort and RV park. We are in the early stages of planning the building and would like to invite any Samish Tribal members who are construction contractors.

If you would like to be considered in bidding on the construction phase of the project, please contact Michael or Jean Madsen at the Fidalgo Bay Resort and RV Park at:  
(800) 727-5478

Thanks.  
Michael Madsen

## UPCOMING CULTURAL CLASSES

### DRUM MAKING AND PAINTING

**DATE:** January 16th, 2010  
**TIME:** 10:00AM to 3:30PM  
**LOCATION:** Longhouse/Elders 1618 D Avenue Anacortes, WA

### TREATY DAY CELEBRATION AND SEYOWIN WINTER SPIRITUAL DANCE

**DATE:** January 22nd, 2010  
**TIME:** 6:00PM  
**LOCATION:** Fidalgo Bay Resort and RV Park Clubhouse 4701 Fidalgo Bay Road Anacortes, WA

### SAMISH ORAL HISTORY PRESENTATION

**DATE:** February 20th, 2010  
**TIME:** 10:00AM to 3:30PM  
**LOCATION:** Fidalgo Bay Resort and RV Park Clubhouse 4701 Fidalgo Bay Road Anacortes, WA

### GIVEAWAY WORKSHOP

**DATE:** March 20th, 2010  
**TIME:** 10:00 AM to 3:30PM  
**LOCATION:** Fidalgo Bay Resort and RV Park Clubhouse 4701 Fidalgo Bay Road Anacortes, WA

### TRADITIONAL FOODS

**DATE:** April 17th, 2010  
**TIME:** 10:00AM to 3:30PM  
**LOCATION:** Fidalgo Bay Resort and RV Park Clubhouse 4701 Fidalgo Bay Road Anacortes, WA  
**INFORMATION:** Make your very own nettle soup, tea's, and many more traditional foods.

All classes will include lunch!

Any questions please contact Jan Flagg toll free at (800) 365-9062 or [jflagg@samishtribe.nsn.us](mailto:jflagg@samishtribe.nsn.us)

## HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

Longtime Oroville resident Rose Tannahill Spurlock celebrated her 100th birthday Friday, and a party was held in her honor. Born December 4th, 1909, Spurlock moved from Oroville to Washington in 2003 to be close to her daughter and now lives in Tumwater, Washington. While living in Oroville, Spurlock was a member of the Monday Club and a docent for the Chinese Temple and Lott Home. She played bridge and belonged to a poker club and walked every day. She belonged to Oroville Unity Church.

Celebrating her birthday with her were her three daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Jerry Louthain of Olympia, Washington; Barbara and Richard Wortley of Mercer Island, Washington; and Alayne and Don McFeteridge of Penticton, British Columbia, Canada. Also attending were 10 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren. Pat and Art Naylor, a niece and her husband of Oroville, attended as well.



## CONGRATS SAMISH!

Madisen Cork has been accepted into the ELENA program for gifted/talented children ion grades 3-6. ELENA stands for Enhanced Learning Experiences for Notable Achievers. The object of this is to introduce students to unusual topics of interest not often studied in their grade level. Madisen held a straight A grade last year and is also in the Young Writer's classes as well.

Good Luck to you, girl!



In September 2009, Tribal Member, 17 year old Toby Eliassen, entered a Demolition Derby at the Spokane County Fair grounds. His division had 18 cars in it and in the end he was the only car running. He won a beautiful trophy and \$800.00.

Good Job Toby!!

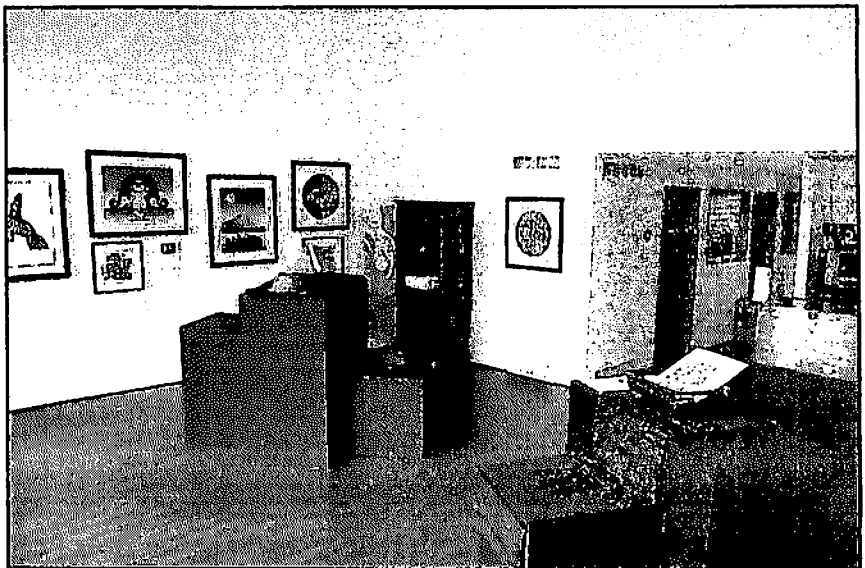
## Samish Gallery of Native Arts is now open!

The Gallery had a soft opening August 7<sup>th</sup> to coincide with The Anacortes Art Festival weekend. We are continuing to develop our inventory and working out a few bugs, with a Grand Opening planned in the near future. The Samish Gallery of Native Art was developed for three distinctive purposes: to provide a showcase for Native Artists who present authentic art with an emphasis on traditional or contemporary Coast Salish style; to serve as a support for the Samish Tribal Vocational Rehabilitation Program whereby the Gallery and staff will offer an encouraging and supportive environment for Vocational Rehabilitation clients; to provide Samish members and the community with the opportunity to learn about and appreciate native culture and art.

The Gallery hours will 10am to 6pm  
Tuesday thru Saturday. For inquires or  
comments please contact:

Dave Blackinton: (360) 588-8200 ext. 3

daveblackinton@samishtribe.nsn.us



# TOMMY THOMPSON TRESTLE REPAIR

## SAMISH INDIAN NATION MAKES \$30,000 DONATION TO THE TOMMY THOMPSON TRESTLE REPAIR FUND

**December 9, 2009:** The Samish Indian Nation makes a \$30,000 donation to the Tommy Thompson trestle repair fund and hopes to inspire others to donate to this tragic loss in our community. The Tribe, whose name in proto-Salish origins means the giving people, has always held a deep-rooted respect for the traditions of sharing with its neighbors and chooses to carry on this tradition of contributing to the local community. Samish Tribal Chairman, Tom Wooten and the Mayor of Anacortes, Dean Maxwell, share a commitment to rebuilding and reopening the trestle by April of 2010.



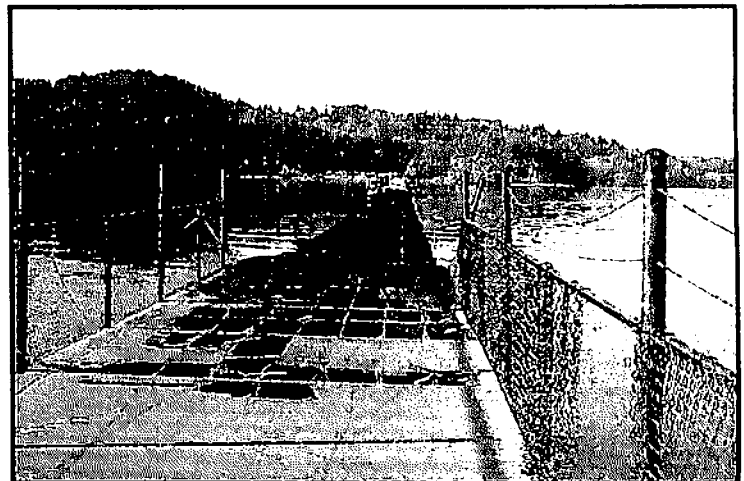
In early October, a fire damaged a major portion of the trestle on the Tommy Thompson Trail, across Fidalgo Bay. Unfortunately, there is no insurance available to replace the damaged section. Therefore, local contributions are critical to making the repairs. Tom Wooten, Samish Tribal Chairman said, "The impact of this incident has raised public and community awareness of the larger project of the replacement of the trestle and the opening up of the head of Fidalgo Bay. No one person or entity can fix this, but collectively and as a community we can and will make this repair happen."

Leslie Eastwood, Samish Administration General Manager said, "When we participate the Canoe Journey every year here in the Salish Sea, we tell our Canoe Family to dig deep as they paddle. We are asking our community to do the same thing and dig deep in our pockets to contribute to this need in the community."

According to the Anacortes Parks Foundation, As of December 2, 2009, we have received donations totaling \$15,600!! The City of Anacortes estimated the costs to repair the trestle to be approximately \$300,000. The tribe's contribution will cover 10% of the total need, but we still need our communities help to reach the goal of funding this need in our community to 100%. Two donations to the Anacortes Parks Foundation were announced at the trestle this afternoon by Anacortes Mayor Dean Maxwell, Samish Indian Nation Tribal Chairman Tom Wooten and Bert Valdman, interim acting chair of the Puget Sound Energy Foundation's board of directors and PSE's executive vice president and chief operating officer. The PSE Foundation is donating \$20,000 to the trestle-repair project.

Anacortes Mayor, Dean Maxwell said, "These contributions are marvelous gestures by your organizations – tremendous holiday gifts to our community. I hope others will follow your lead and step forward to help us rebuild this vital link of the Tommy Thompson Trail."

Tax-deductible donations to the bridge-repair effort can be sent to Anacortes Parks Foundation at P.O. Box 1902, Anacortes, WA 98221. Donations also can be made online at the foundation's Web site ([www.anacortesparcsfoundation.org](http://www.anacortesparcsfoundation.org)).



# WHALE NAMING

The Whale Museum News  
Updated: Oct. 21, 2009

## The Samish Indian Nation Names New Calf J-45

Friday Harbor, Wash. – On Saturday, October 17, 2009, the Samish Indian Nation held a traditional potlatch naming ceremony for J-45, the newest J Pod calf in the Southern Resident Community of orcas.



The Whale Museum participated in the ceremony by providing ceremonial gifts for the attendees as well as a greeting by executive director Jenny Atkinson. The museum was asked to appoint a witness to the ceremony. Because of her role as the Orca Adoption

Program Coordinator and the story keeper of the whales, Jeanne Hyde was named. Jeanne noted that, "It was an honor to be asked to witness." Being a witness to the ceremony requires one to remember the ceremony and then witness to the gathering what was seen and heard. Witnesses also have the duty to pass on to others what they observed at the ceremony.

Blankets played a significant role in the ceremony. Each witness had a blanket placed over one shoulder. Four blankets were ceremoniously placed on the floor. A young person was appointed to carry the image of J-45, the orca calf to be named. For this ceremony, a young man named Jacob was selected and led the procession. Two blankets were placed on him, one on each shoulder. He then walked to the center of the blankets where words were spoken in the Samish language. Jacob then moved off the blankets with the image and slowly moved about the gathering 'introducing' this young killer whale to all in attendance. Proceeding behind him were reverent singers and drummers. When the ceremony ended, the framed image and blankets were given as gifts to honor others in attendance.

J-45's name was announced: Se-Yi-Chn (pronounced "sea-ye-chun"). This name means younger one. In the Samish language there is no name for brother or sister, but only references to older or younger with the emphasis always being placed on the older or elder ones. In his family group, Se-Yi-Chn is the younger one to Granny (J-2), Ruffles (J-1), Samish (J-14), Riptide (J-30), Hy'Shqa (J-37) and Suttles (J-40), as well as to all in J Pod. The Naming Ceremony promoted a feeling of community and commitment. Also in attendance, museum Board member Fred Felleman observed, "We all share in the responsibility to help assure that Se-Yi-Chn has a clean, productive and serene environment in which to grow up."

Se-Yi-Chn is now entered into the Orca Adoption Program where he can be symbolically adopted. Adopting this young calf or another whale in the Southern Resident Community supports the mission of The Whale Museum which promotes stewardship of whales and the Salish Sea eco-system through education and research.

**CORRECTION:** Originally, we reported that Jacob was the grandson of Dr. Wayne Suttles. Unfortunately, Jacob was introduced incorrectly at the ceremony and is not Dr. Suttles' grandson. (Dr. Suttles spent his career working with the Coast Salish people. After his death in 2005, the Samish Nation honored Dr. Suttles by giving J-40 the name "Suttles" on October 6, 2005.)

## 2010 NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS FOR A HEALTHIER YOU

The New Year is a great time to get started making your 2010 New Year Resolutions for your health! Here are some easy practical tips to help you get healthy and stay healthy:

- **Walk!** Start slow and build up to at least 30 minutes most days of the week. Regular exercise not only increases energy levels and reduces stress but helps control weight, blood pressure and can improve your mood.
- **Go green!** Try complementing your meal with one new vegetable each week. They are high in fiber and antioxidants and low on calories. Dark leafy greens (such as spinach, kale, bok choy) and cruciferous veggies (broccoli, cabbage and Brussels sprouts) are loaded with important disease fighting nutrients.
- **Fruit Matters!** Like veggies, fruit is high in fiber, vitamins and minerals. Choose whole fruit for a great snack or a healthy dessert. It's easy to take an apple or orange along with you when you travel.
- **Win With Whole Grains!** Try gradually substituting whole grains for refined grains. Easily prepare sandwiches with 100% whole wheat or whole grain bread instead of white bread. Choosing whole grain breads and cereals, whole wheat pasta, brown rice, wild rice or barley can reduce your risk for major diseases such as cancer, heart disease, obesity and type 2 diabetes. Snack on popcorn (a whole grain!) instead of chips.
- **Eat Less Fat!** Choose lean meats like poultry (remove the skin) and fish. Use healthful unsaturated oils, such as canola, olive and safflower oils. Better yet, instead of frying, try baking, broiling, roasting or grilling foods. Also, select low-fat or non-fat dairy.
- **Cut down on Salt!** Use more pepper, herbs and salt-free seasonings. Eating less salt helps control blood pressure which lowers your risk of heart disease and stroke.
- **Beans, beans ...** Healthy and inexpensive, it's easy to include dried beans such as pintos, kidneys and lentils in your favorite meals. Use them as a meat substitute! When matched with a whole grain or vegetable, beans form a complete protein.
- **Drink plenty of water –** the healthy beverage choice. Aim for at least eight 8-oz glasses of water each day. And, finally, to help maintain a healthy weight, keep those portion sizes in check!

The information presented above is not a substitute for the advice of your own qualified professional health care provider. Be sure to check with your health care provider before starting any new exercise program, particularly if you have been inactive for a long time.

-- *Samish Public Health – Mitch Markovich, RN*

### 4th ANNUAL HEALTH AND WELL NESS GATHERING

**DATE and TIME:** April 10, 2010 9:00am to 3:00pm

**LOCATION:** Fidalgo Bay Resort Clubhouse 4701 Fidalgo Bay Road Anacortes, WA

Join us in April for an informative and inspiring diabetes and healthy heart conference. Visit the many new health fair exhibits, and reserve your spot for free health screenings now extended to include afternoon non-fasting walk-ins! \* Enjoy our famous complimentary catered lunch! Free cultural programs, free admission and free screenings, reservations for Health Screenings are required.

Look for the Samish 2010 Event to be bigger and better with more door prizes, raffles, and giveaways.

Fidalgo Bay RV Sites free to Tribal Members Friday April 9th and Saturday April 10th! .

**TO RESERVE A HEALTH SCREENING CALL: Mitch Markovich (360) 588-4509 Extension 107**

# HEALTH NOTES

## Contract Health Services reminders for our clients:

- Call in advance for approvals for medical, dental counseling and physical therapy appointments
- Call for information on vision, hearing aid, and drug/ alcohol treatment benefits
- Keep us up to date on your insurance coverage. We cannot get your bills paid in a timely manner if we have out of date insurance information.

Call (360) 899-5454 to speak with Joanne, Erin or Kim

Effective January 1, 2009, the Samish Council has approved the following increased benefits for CHS eligible clients:

- **Vision Services**

\$ 350 per person per calendar year. For patients with diabetes, additional eye care services are available, as required.

- **Physical Therapy**

24 visits per calendar year

- **Hearing Aids**

\$ 6000 lifetime benefit

- **Dental Care**

\$ 1000 per calendar year if you use your own dentist

\$ 1500 per calendar year if referred by tribal dental clinic

- **Mental Health**

24 non-physician visits per calendar year

Skagit County resident Samish members are required to contact the Samish Wellness Mental Health Program prior to receiving any new mental health services from any agency or providers.

If you move or change health insurance, don't forget to call Joanne or Erin.

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Health Services  
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Anacortes, WA 98221



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# SOCIAL SERVICES NOTES



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## FAX

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## OFFICE HOURS

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8:30am to 5:00pm

## TOLL FREE:

Tribal Administration: (877) 470-8737

The big move is complete! The new Health and Human Services Building is home to Contract Health, Housing, and Social Services. We have new phone numbers. Contract Health is 360 899-5454. Housing and Social Services is 360 899-5282. Our physical address is 1809 Commercial Avenue Anacortes, WA. Mailing address is still P.O. Box 217, Anacortes, WA 98221. Want to say thank you to everyone for their patience during the move, what with phones or computers being down for awhile. Now we are settling in and enjoying our new space. Please come by and visit us in our new digs!

### Joe Ruiz, Social Services Director

Joe was hired September 1, 2009, as Samish Social Services Director. He has an extensive background in social service and employment programs. Joe began his career with the Washington State Employment Security Department where he progressed up the career ladder from Employment Counselor to District Manager. Joe has managed Employment Security District Offices in Thurston County, Yakima County and the Skagit District which is comprised of Skagit, Island and San Juan Counties.

After leaving Employment Security, Joe worked for the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe as TANF Manager where he developed and negotiated funding for the Tribe's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. Most recently he worked for the Nooksack Tribe as Site Manager for the Skagit TANF Office. His duties included management of local programs, policy development and State/Tribal negotiations.

Joe has been involved in a number of State and community organizations, including the Skagit Valley College Board of Trustees and the State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.

Joe and his wife Susan live in Anacortes.



## SOCIAL SERVICES NOTES

### **Cleo Harris, Chemical Dependency Counselor**

I am new to the Samish Chemical Dependency Wellness Program. I am a Navy brat and spent most of my growing up years on the East Coast; Tennessee, Virginia and Florida. My Dad retired when I was a senior in high school and moved me and my brothers and sister to Montana, my mom's home state. After high school I worked in the restaurant business until I was 27 until I decided to go to college. I graduated from Montana State University with a degree in Microbiology. I moved to the Great Northwest in 1994 and found Home. I absolutely love Western Washington. My career path has been interesting and diverse but in 2004 I found myself attending Edmonds Community College for a Chemical Dependency Certificate and began my true calling as a Counselor. I have 1 son, who is in the Navy and stationed in Virginia and lives with my two beautiful grandchildren and his wife. I have 2 daughters, one attending college at Western and one just graduated from high school. I feel fortunate to be working for the Samish Nation Health and Human Services. The folks here are wonderful and I respect and appreciate their compassion and warmth. I am sharing an office with Jim Straight (an Awesome Counselor) and our door is always open to anyone that would like to stop by.

### **Romeo D. De La Peña, Housing Director**

Inspired by my last four years of government service in the Philippines, I earned my Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture and did partial completion of my Master's in Business Administration, prior to joining my wife and her family in Canada during the early 80's. I then earned my Post-Degree in Urban Site Planning from the University of British Columbia and spent more than two years practicing architecture and urban planning in BC. Inspired by my previous experiences, I left private practice and worked with the First Nations in Canada as a Community Planner and Municipal Engineer, developing Strategic Policy for community and economic development. My experience there included a multi-year capital management and housing development. The development was jointly funded by the Department of Indian Affairs Canada, Public Works Canada and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. I also assisted First Nations in Canada in developing mini hydro systems (5MW); Transportation and Corridor Planning; and Official Community Development Plans with Land Use Plans, Zoning and By-Laws, Development Standards, and Development Permitting Requirements to manage growth and sustainability. Overall, I worked for ten years in Canada prior to moving to the United States to live with my now deceased parents. First I worked for the Yurok's, a northern California tribe, as housing authority. Then as Director of Planning and Development, I provided direct oversight of government funded community development planning and capital project building; infrastructure of utility projects funded by USDA and IHS; and a housing development funded by NAHASDA, BIA, and USDA for both on and off reservation development. I have also worked as Corporate and Management Services Advisor assisting corporate clients, in the Pacific Northwest, in maintaining optimum capacity to manage capital assets, operations and maintenance.



Personally, I have three children, all professionals in their own right. My eldest daughter is a Recreational Medicine Practitioner in California, second oldest daughter is a Landscape Architect in British Columbia, and my son is a naval officer in the Royal Canadian Navy. Although I cannot take credit, I am proud of them all. My hobbies include my participation as a volunteer physical fitness trainer in local community and sports activities. Don't even get me started on going "jeeping" on the Cascades Mountain trails/roads!

# BANK STABILIZATION AND BEACH NOURISHMENT

## Department of Natural Resources

The Samish Indian Nation will restore 550 feet of eroding shoreline with an engineered soft shore stabilization project; protect an archeological site that is in danger of eroding onto the beach; provide habitat for forage fish spawning along with vegetation for shade of habitat; and restore the shoreline along the Tommy Thompson Trail in Anacortes that is currently being impacted by erosion. This area lies to the west of the Tribally owned Fidalgo RV Park and also includes Tribal property on the far west end.

On September 1, 2009, work began with Shoreline Excavation and Construction Inc. on this project. The project was monitored for archeological requirements by Equinox Research and Consulting International Inc. (ERCI). The permitted project design was completed by Tom Slocum, Skagit County Conservation District and Coastal Geologic Services Inc. Project oversight was completed by Christine Woodward, Director of Natural Resources, and Diana Barg, Cultural Resources Manager. This project took approximately 6 weeks to complete.



Close to 30 concrete cylinders and numerous angular, remnant rip rap, were removed from the beach. Jute fabric from a prior project was largely in a state of rot so was removed when it was encountered. Some areas of mat were left so as not to disturb the soils and bank. Two sections of large 21" concrete storm drain from the far west side were removed and a scour apron was constructed. It is now a day lighted gradual seep across the beach entering Fidalgo Bay. We also installed 8 large root wads one end facing bank and other the Bay with a 25-30' long log in the middle. These were placed at designated locations according to the project plan, to interrupt along-shore transport of gravel. Each log is chained to an ecology block buried into the beach.

1475 tons of 3-3.75" rock was placed as the base of the new beach. This was followed with 375 tons of pea gravel and a final layer of 132 tons of washed sand. Once the path was built, a smaller tracked cat was brought in to transport material. One of the biggest time factors was waiting for the delivery of beach material and having to work around the tides. There were many early mornings and late evenings and some days no work at all due to this. There were several voids in the bank mainly under the larger trees and trees that had been removed, that took a substantial amount of rock to fill. Our biggest void was 14' long! When the first layer of rock was in place, we found we needed more rock. This was mainly due to the fact that more bank was lost since the actual project plans were accepted four years earlier. We had to secure additional funds for delivery and placement of 5 more loads of rock. This added close to \$5000.00 in project costs. Planting of new native vegetation will take place in



early spring with dune grass; 10-15 trees and a varied assortment of shrubs will stabilize the bank and provide shade for forage fish. During the six weeks working on the job there were 1000's of people walking, jogging, wandering and riding bikes on the trail that we had an opportunity to talk with about the work that was being done at this site. The educational component for the public has been enormous. Questions ranged from building a bulkhead to construction of a marina. Being onsite allowed for the interface with the public about what work was being done and how the trail they were using will be secure and that habitat for forage fish is being enhanced. It also gave us the venue to share the importance of this type of cooperative effort in Fidalgo Bay and how everyone wins with the work being done.

## SAMISH COLLECTIONS ACCESS AND REVITALIZATION PROJECT



**By Diana Barg, Cultural Resources Program Manager, Cultural Resources Department**

The Cultural Resources Department currently manages three collections and provides access to tribal members, the community and students. The collections are used to enhance and preserve the Samish culture, aid Samish programs, and assist the tribal administration with informed decision making. The collections are comprised of Archives, Object, and Education Collections. As the Department and collections have grown, care of the Object Collection has begun to receive more attention, but a lack of training and funding has delayed progress towards creating museum standards in our facility and creating new exhibits and displays. The Object Collection includes archaeological artifacts and samples produced during excavations, donated objects, contemporary art and craft items made by Samish members and other northwest coast items. The creation of a Collections Management Policy and a needs assessment has moved us further towards our goals of achieving better standards for the collection.

In October the department was awarded a grant in the amount of \$45,877.00 from the Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Grant Program of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development. To learn more about the Institute, please visit [www.imls.gov](http://www.imls.gov). The Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Grant Program funds a variety of activities and services, including those that support the educational mission of a museum; build the skills and knowledge of individuals who provide museum services; or improve museum services, such as disaster preparedness, strategic planning, improvement of technology, collections care and management, and hiring of staff. This year we were one of 22 applicants who were awarded funds from the Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Grant Program. The program awarded a total of \$1,028,035.00 in grant money to the 22 grant recipients.

The grant project has allowed us to hire Paragon Research Associates of Seattle, Washington to assist in collections rehabilitation, cataloging, and training. To learn more about Paragon Research Associates, please visit <http://paragonresearch.net>. The initial stage of this project will consist of reprocessing collections to meet museum standards. We will also be administering a survey asking what you would like to see in a display. As the initial phase of the project is completed, relevant object information and photographs will be entered into a museum database. The last phase of the project is the production of an exhibit and informational pamphlet. The goals of a new exhibit are to showcase objects owned by the Tribe, train staff in museum exhibition and care, and expand opportunities for the public and tribal community to learn about the Samish.

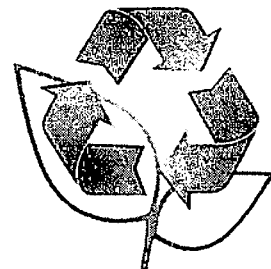


This project will result in several tangible outcomes including: 30 cubic feet of material from the Object Collection reorganized, properly stored and cataloged, a new exhibit, an exhibit pamphlet, and a procedures manual. Staff will receive training on the proper methods for care, processing and display of the collections, allowing us to sustain the procedures into the future. This project is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services

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