

# SAMISH INDIAN NATION

## SAMISH NEWS

### A BIT OF HISTORY

#### The New Guemes Village 1875 to ca. 1910 from a report compiled by Aaron Scrol

It is instructive to note that as Samish access to the areas fisheries became increasingly restricted around the turn of the century, the Samish people began to reorganize themselves in a new community on Guemes Island. The New Guemes village was built on the west side of Guemes Island about 1875. The longhouse built there was described (Suttles 1951: 279-285) as an attempt to maintain a traditional household in the face of white settlement of the area and the developing restrictions on Samish fishing owing to commercial development. After the Samish were forced to leave the Samish Island village, two men who had acquired adjacent homesteads on Guemes Island, together with seven others (all family heads), built a longhouse across the boundary between the two parcels of land. The two homesteaders were "Citizen Sam" Watchoat, a Klallam whose mother was the Samish widow of Wulholten's brother and according to the homestead application, Bob Kitholanoch (Edwards) (Samish Indian Nation 1986). The latter's Indian name resembles that given by Suttles (1951) for Billy Edwards, Bob Edwards brother.

As Suttles (1951:279-285) describes it each man had a section of the house. Not all of the men were related, nor were they all from the same group, nor did they all share a common language. Six of the owners were identified as Samish. Billy and Bob Edwards were half-brothers of Charlie and Dick Edwards. The son of one of the Edwards brothers was head of a fifth family at the village. The relation of the sixth Samish man to the Edwards family is not clear. A Klallam man, son of a Klallam father and a Samish women later married to one of the Edwards brothers, was the head of another family at New Guemes. The last owner has been identified as Nuwhaha because he had grown up in his father's village; he was the son of a Skagit women and a half Nuwhaha man. His wife was a cousin to Charlie and Dick Edwards (Suttles 1951: 54). This information has been well researched and documented both by Suttles and in the Samish Indian Nation 1986 and 1979 Petitions for Federal Recognition.

The existence of the New Guemes village is significant for several reasons. First, the village operated outside of the reservation system and so was not under the control of the Indian Agent. Because of this it served as a sort of spiritual center for Indians seeking to escape the repressive religious policies of the Lummi, Swinomish and Tulalip reservations. The village's smokehouse was very active during its existence, and it hosted many dances and ceremonies for Indians from all over the region who were seeking a safe haven for their traditional religious practices which has been officially banned by the Agent by 1884. Second, the New Guemes was a community still largely defined and organized under traditional Samish cultural norms. The longhouse clearly resembled that of the Samish ancestors both in form and content. Nuclear families joined together to form a kin network capable of redistributing surplus resources. This is significant given the time frame of the of the villages development. The New Guemes Village was established at the same time that the areas fisheries were being expropriated by white companies. Given that the Samish were being restricted to a more and more limited access to resources, the kin network of the New Guemes village would have been an even more important economic necessity than pre-contact times.

In sum, the development of the New Guemes Village was most likely a response to the increasing domination of the political and economic landscape of the area by whites. Unable to participate in that landscape in any meaningful way, and unwilling to submit to the control of the Indian agent, the Samish attempted to establish a village organized around traditional cultural and social forms. The initial success of this venture can be seen in the high regard in which the community was held by its reservation neighbors. For a period of approximately 25 years, the New Guemes Village represented the heart and soul of Samish culture and was held aloft as an exemplar of Salish culture by those Indians whose lives were being increasingly dominated by the repressive policies of the Indian Agent.

# Businesses Owned by Tribal Members

If you would like to advertise your business in the Businesses Owned by Tribal Members, please call Nicole Tesch at (360)293-6404 or toll free at (800)365-9062 extension 110 or email her at [nherman@samishtribe.nsn.us](mailto:nherman@samishtribe.nsn.us)

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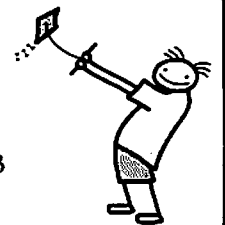
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# Enrollment Information Needed

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

James Barrett	Lloyd Barrett	Lyle Barrett	Shane Barrett
Mauricia Bill	Carol Blackinton	Chester Blackinton	Jessica Blackinton
Lisa Bleeck	George Bob	Lacey Brunner	Holly Clifton
Kelson Coughlin	Randy Daniels	Elizabeth Davies	Kristin Dunlap
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Frederick Wills	Kenneth Wills		

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

## 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.**

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Jan Flagg, Enrollment Clerk

Extension 106

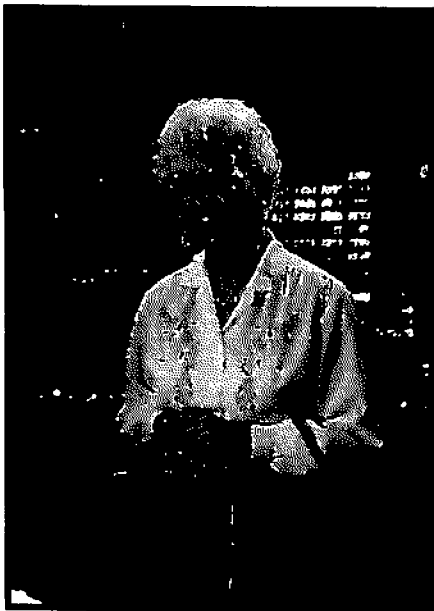
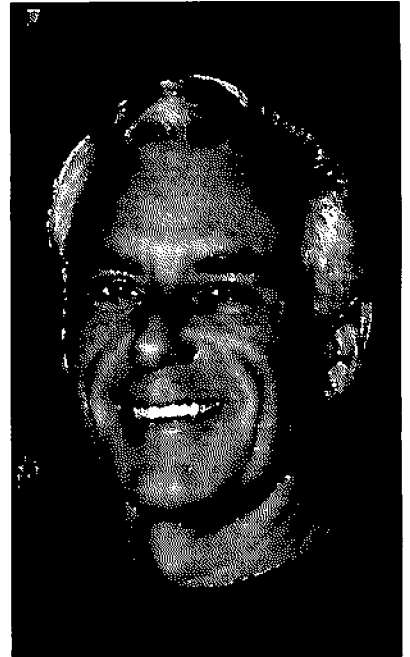
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## Obituary

### LARRY LEE GASKILL

June 28, 1943 – January 4, 2009

Larry graduated from Bellingham High School in 1961, attended the UW and then transferred to UCLA. He lived most of his adult life in California but in 1995 moved to Orcas Island and lived there until 2001 when he returned to Palm Springs. After he retired from EDS, where he was a systems analyst for 35 years, he moved back to Orcas Island in August 2008. A member of the Samish Indian Nation, he was known for his high intelligence and keen wit, he enjoyed his three beloved Pomeranians, opera, crossword puzzles, gardening, gourmet dinner parties and fine wines. He was preceded in death by his parents Jack and Lulie Gaskill of Bellingham and Anacortes. He was the great-grandson of Mary Blackinton (sze-sze-se-such), grandson of Chester and Lulie Blackinton, nephew of Mildred Dunn of Mount Vernon and cousin to many residing throughout the state. He is survived by his life partner Mark A. Witt of Palm Springs and his sister Judith Owens-Lancaster of Bellingham. We will miss his gentle spirit and know the ancestors and angels look after him now. At his request there was no formal services. His ashes were scattered in Eastsound Bay of Orcas Island on March 1, 2009 with family and close friends in attendance.



### GARNET SMINK

1916 - 2009

Garnet Smink passed away peacefully Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the age of 92 following a long Alzheimer related illness. Garnet was born in Olympia the third of seven children of George and Eunice Haddon. She grew up in Anacortes, WA; but spent her adult life in Tacoma where she loved the outdoors, gardening, dancing and her crafts. She was most proud of her family and her heritage as a member of the Samish Indian Nation. She is survived by her sister Jacqueline Bohn; her children Audree (Rex) Raymond, Alvin (Inge) Knudson, Linda (Larry) Jobst and Darlene Smith. She had 8 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and numerous friends and family.

# Education

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[www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound](http://www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound)

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## WASHINGTON HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

The WCBS program is a commitment of college scholarship funds to selected Washington middle school students.

Visit [www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound](http://www.hecb.wa.gov/collegebound)

## FREE HARVARD EDUCATION FOR STUDENTS FROM LOW-INCOME FAMILIES!

If you are, or know of, a family earning less than \$60,000 a year with an honor student graduating from high school soon, Harvard University wants to pay the tuition to attend their school. The prestigious university recently announced that undergraduate students from low-income families can go to Harvard for free....no tuition and virtually no student loans.

In making the announcement, Harvard's president Lawrence H. Summers said, "When only ten percent of the students in elite higher education come from families in the lower half of the income distribution, we are not doing enough."

As a Samish Indian Nation Tribal Family, you should also know that universities, such as Harvard, are actively seeking Native American students. To find out more about Harvard offering free tuition for honor students in families making less than \$60,000 a year, visit Harvard's financial aid website at: <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/>

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HARVARD COLLEGE

# EVENTS Save the Date

## Samish Camp

Samish Camp at Camp Kirby on Samish Island – we will be doing various things over the week Traditional Native American Activities with your Samish Community

**DATE:** June 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Check out Camp Kirby [www.campkirby.org](http://www.campkirby.org)

For more information, please contact Jan Flagg toll free at (800) 365-9062 extension 106 or email her at [jflagg@samishtribe.nsn.us](mailto:jflagg@samishtribe.nsn.us)

## Cultural Day

**DATE:** June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**LOCATION:** Fidalgo Bay Resort and RV Park Clubhouse in Anacortes, WA

## General Meeting

**DATE:** June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**LOCATION:** Fidalgo Resort and RV Park Clubhouse in Anacortes, WA

# 2009 Samish Diabetes Conference

## 2009 Samish Diabetes Healthy Heart Conference & Wellness Gathering

The annual Samish Diabetes Healthy Heart Conference & Wellness Gathering was held on Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Fidalgo Bay Resort Conference Center. With Native American communities suffering from some of the highest rates of diabetes and with heart disease being the #1 complication, we chose "The Path to Managing and Reducing Your Risk of Diabetes and Heart Disease" as our theme for 2009. This year's gathering provided education and information promoting an increased awareness and eagerness for our tribal members, their friends and families to engage in active healthy lifestyles. The event was free to all who attended and featured outstanding professional motivational speakers, health care exhibits, free health screenings, free chair and table massages, drawings, door prizes, give-a-way bags and a delicious gourmet lunch.



This year there were more people attending the conference than ever before. They were inspired by four remarkable speakers: Patricia Downing, MN, RN explained in easy to understand terms how diabetes works and how it can be prevented. David Lynch, MD showed how you can "do it all working with your health care team to control blood pressure, cholesterol and blood glucose". Exercise Physiologist, Misty Parris, engaged the crowd in aerobic and resistance training techniques leading them in exercise activities using 1 lb free weights which were provided to all the attendees. Desiree Webster, RD, CDE addressed Diabetes and Cardiovascular Nutrition Myths and explained what kinds of foods we need to eat to stay healthy!

One of the highlights of the day was an exciting presentation by the Samish Canoe Family portraying Samish culture and traditions in song and dance. There were tribal cultural activities throughout the day which included crafts, games for the kids, and a table of Samish Art Work depicting Samish history, culture and customs.

The wellness gathering also featured free Community Health Screenings which were administered by volunteer nurses from the Northwest Washington Indian Health Board, Island Hospital and the Samish Community. The health screenings included diabetes and healthy heart risk assessment examinations, post-screening counseling as well as health education and referrals, as needed. Our volunteer nurses generously donated their time in providing health promotion and prevention support and guidance and were available to answer any questions or health-related concerns.

This event would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors and contributors and without the help of the volunteer health care professionals who donated their valuable time and expertise in providing health screenings and therapeutic massages. A special thanks goes out to all of them and to the Samish Staff Members for their hard work and efforts in helping us out this year.

On behalf of Samish Health Services and the Diabetes Program, we would like to thank all those who participated in this year's Diabetes & Healthy Heart Gathering – especially those who contributed their time, encouragement and support and helped to make it a success. Blessings of Good Health and Wellness to You and Your families!

*Mitch Markovich, RN – Diabetes Project Coordinator*

# Health Notes

## INSURANCE

If your insurance has changed or ended, or family members have been added or dropped, please notify us. That is the only way we can make certain that your medical and dental bills are processed and paid correctly. If you receive a statement or bill from a doctor or dentist visit, and you think Samish CHS should be paying, ASSUME THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM.

First, call the doctors office (or lab or x-ray etc.) and make sure they know that Samish is your coverage. Make sure they have the correct tribe, and they have our address and/or phone number. Then send us a copy of the bill you have received . This allows us to follow up for you. If you ignore the bills, you may wind up in a collection agency, and there isn't anything we can do to help you at that point.

## APPROVALS

Please remember to call us prior to all appointments. If possible call a few days, or weeks , or even a month or so ahead. Waiting till you are at the appointment may not be such a good idea...we may not be able to answer your call at that moment.

## ORTHODONTICS

The Children's Orthodontic Program, active since 2002, is currently full. We are asking that your child have the first, complimentary appointment with an orthodontist, and obtain an estimate of the cost and length of time in braces. We will need that information to determine how many children we can add to the 2010 Program. The Adult Orthodontic Program is not yet full for 2009. Please call Joanne for Orthodontic questions.

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

## INCREASED BENEFITS FOR CONTRACT HEALTH CLIENTS FOR 2009

Drug /alcohol treatment and other medical benefits are unchanged. Please call with any questions.

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

<b>Vision Services</b>	\$ 350 per person per calendar year. For patients with diabetes, additional eye care services are available, as required.
<b>Physical Therapy</b>	24 visits per calendar year
<b>Hearing Aids</b>	\$ 6000 lifetime benefit
<b>Dental Care</b>	\$ 1000 per calendar year if you use your own dentist \$ 1500 per calendar year if referred by tribal dental clinic
<b>Mental Health</b>	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. Please call extension 127 or 128 for approval of mental health services .

## Social Services News

**Article Written by: Benjamin Jojola, Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist and Experiential Educator**

Many programs that help people in recovery look for ways to help build connections that will, in turn, help to heal the physical, emotional and spiritual wounds that addiction causes. Since October of 2008, the Samish Indian Nation (SIN) of Anacortes, Washington has been providing a program that seems to be doing just this. *Benjamin Jojola*, a tribal member from *Isleta Pueblo, New Mexico* and Samish Indian Nation's Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist, has been leading a bimonthly "Talking Circle" at Pioneer Center North (PCN) in Sedro-Woolley. In Benjamin's words the focus of this meeting is to **"help people unload their burden baskets,"** so they can let go of some of the pain that often leads them to relapsing.

Especially for Native Americans, which typically make up 85% of the talking circle, this pain can include historical trauma as well as racial stereotypes and prejudice. While it is important for people to know their history and culture, the talking circle tries to focus on the strength of the spirituality of Native Americans to help the group connect with their own background, and to see the similarities that run through many different tribes. For example, the use of traditional tobacco ties and other herbs, like sweet grass or sage, as a way of cleansing the space and opening up the hearts of people gathered together.

The talking circles last about two hours and some participants have asked for them to be extended longer. They are open to all of the residents at PCN but seem to be mostly attended by male Natives. The group size varies from 8 to 26, including a support staff from PCN. The format of the meeting is simple and does not adhere to any particular spirituality or religion. Benjamin begins with an introduction of himself and the intent of the gathering; he describes himself as a **"simple brother no better, no worse – coming to share information that I've learned along my path that I find is helpful in my sobriety."** Each meeting continues with a smudging of the space, after permission is given by all those in attendance. Then each member is asked to introduce him/herself, give any information they have about their heritage and share what they are seeking from the talking circle. Then the group reads from a handout Benjamin created that outlines different traditional healing concepts such as: ***Wellness is a process, it is awareness, there is no "end point" in this process; it is a decision and a choice to move forward; where disease does exist, traditional healing aims to correct both the internal imbalance as well as the external dis-harmonies, so that the natural healing power can once again act freely and restore health.*** The handout is then used as a spring board for discussion or as Benjamin asks the group, **"What does this mean to you?"**

A talking feather is passed around the circle to give each the opportunity to share their experiences and emotions with no cross talk or interference by other members of the group. As participants listen to each other's stories they find that they are not alone in their challenges. This often builds support between participants and helps them to be more forgiving of themselves.

Feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive with many requests for longer and more frequent meetings. For example, ***1.) When I first went to talking circle, it let me let out some of my pain I've been holding inside me for a long time, I felt good after I let some of the pain out. 2.) Please consider more and longer traditional healing. 3.) That I enjoy sharing with my fellow brothers and sisters and looking forward to doing it again. 4.) I find myself listening and paying attention to others and a willingness to continue to grow and with little constraints, easy to participate. I'm glad that Brother can contribute his time to share with us, a real sense of community. 5.) I would like for this to carry on thank you. 6.) I like to thank you for your input it has opened the door so I can see through another pair of eyes, and another way of looking at myself and where I want to go in life as long as I keep on the path to find out who & what I am. Thank you very much.***

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# Social Services Notes

(Continued) Letting go of shame and looking for guidance and protection from a higher power is an important part of recovery for most addicts. The talking circle also highlights the supports that exist within the Native communities, such as elders and traditional leaders. Some Native participants are not yet connected with their families or their traditional ways but express their desire to seek this out after their stay at PCN is complete. Hopefully, when participants are in their own communities these supports, along with the other skills shared with them while at PCN, will help them to keep on the red road, a term used to describe a person's journey on the path free of alcohol and drug abuse.

Samish Indian Nation is hopeful about the long-term recovery of the participants of the talking circle because of its affirming nature and the connections it builds. SIN hopes with PCN's involvement to develop a longitudinal study to see if the relapse rate is lower for people who have participated in this important program.

Thank you and to all our relations here on Mother Earth.

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## OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

This April, Samish Nation Council Member Shawn MacAvoy and Family Services Specialist Robert Ludgate attended the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Victim Assistance Skills Conference held at the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians' Pearl River Reservation in Mississippi. This annual conference is for Tribal victim of crime programs funded through the Office for Victims of Crime/Department of Justice's Tribal Victim Assistance program. Samish Nation's Social Services program is currently funded under this grant, and this month received written commendation from TVA Program Manager Bob Brown for its dedicated efforts and victim-related services, as well as reporting project activities and performance data.

Shawn and Robert were able to tour the Pearl River Reservation and visit the impressive new justice center, which contains several court rooms (including a peacekeeping court), adult and juvenile detention areas, prosecution, and public defender offices. The Mississippi Band of Choctaw were gracious hosts, and provided dinner and cultural demonstrations including stickball, singing, and dancing.

The Samish Nation Social Services program continues to provide victim of crime services to Samish tribal members through direct services, referrals, and assistance accessing additional services (such as through State programs). A crime can be as significant as murder or domestic violence, or as "minor" as identity theft or vandalism. If you have been a crime victim or would like to learn more about our program or resources/services you may qualify for, please feel free to contact Robert Ludgate.

# Samish Head Start and Community Childcare

## PUBLIC HEARING

The Samish Longhouse will hold a public hearing to gather input on the draft Child Care Development Fund Plan. This will be held on June 4 2009 at The Samish Longhouse at 1618 D Avenue in Anacortes, Washington. The hearing will begin at 3:00 pm and comments are welcome anytime between 3:00 – 5:00 pm.

Those who cannot attend in person and wish to comment may contact Debbie Aldridge at [daldridge@samishtribe.nsn.us](mailto:daldridge@samishtribe.nsn.us) or call (360) 588-8806 through June 4, 2009.

### Head Start

- o Free comprehensive preschool program for low income families or children with special needs
- o health and developmental screenings
  - o education home visits
  - o parent involvement activities
  - o nutrition program

### Community Child Care

Monday thru Friday 7:30am to 5:30pm  
\$30.00 full day  
\$15.00 half day  
DSHS accepted  
Licensed Center  
Preschool Activities Included  
Nutritious Meals Provided

### Assistance Program

Provides subsidies on a sliding scale for licensed child care for low to moderate income Native parents who are working or in school.

**Everyone Welcome**



### Samish Longhouse Preschool

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**2009  
Samish  
Elders  
Luncheon**



**Where:** Fidalgo Bay Resort  
4701 Fidalgo Bay Road  
Anacortes, Washington

**When:** June 26<sup>th</sup> 2009

**Time:** 11:00 am to 2:00 pm

**Please RSVP to Debbie Aldridge the  
Elders Program Director**

**Phone :** (360) 588-8806

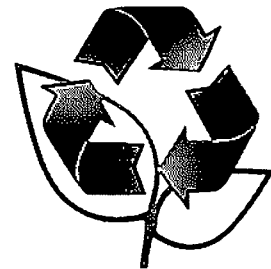
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**All Volunteers are welcome to serve,  
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