

SAMISH NEWS

OFFICAL NOTICE OF TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Tribal Council Elections are to be held on June 29, 2008.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RUN FOR OFFICE YOU MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Be an enrolled member of the Samish Indian Nation; and
2. Be 21 years of age or older on the annual General Council Meeting; and
3. Have resided in the State of Washington for at least one year immediately preceding the election; and
4. Be the only member of the household who is running for office in this election or any subsequent election

NO WRITE IN CANDIDATES SHALL BE ALLOWED

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR ADDRESS IS CURRENT IN OUR ENROLLMENT SYSTEM OR YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A BALLOT

On a form to be provided by the Election Board, you must file a statement of candidacy and a petition signed by ten (10) enrolled members of the Samish Indian Nation who are eligible to vote with the Election Superintendent no later than May 16, 2008 at 4:00pm, at Samish Indian Nation 2008 Election Office, 1155 North State Street, Suite 614, Bellingham, WA 98225.

Candidacy Forms can be picked up at:

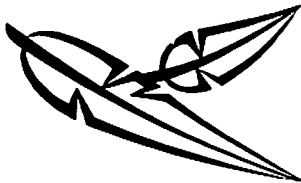
**Samish Tribal Office
2918 Commercial Avenue Anacortes, WA 98221**

Or Candidacy Forms can be mailed or e-mailed to you by the Tribe's independent third party election firm, Cornerstone Strategies, Inc., by contacting:

**Samish Indian Nation 2008 Election Office
1155 North State Street, Suite 614 Bellingham, WA 98225
Call Toll free at (866) 676-4601 or email at Kate@cstonestrategies.com**

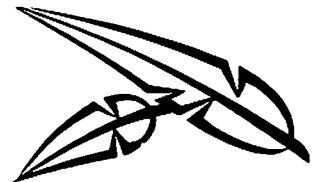
Candidates may also submit a statement not to exceed 300 words (photo optional) at the same time they submit their statement of candidacy. The statement and photograph will appear in the voter pamphlet.

Candidates may run for one position on the Samish Tribal Council. The following offices will be up for election.



POSITIONS UP FOR ELECTION

- Chairman: 4 year term
- Secretary: 4 year term
- Council member #5 4 year term
- Council member #6 4 year term

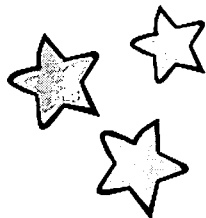


Election Timeline

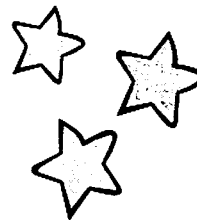
Declaration of Candidacy Forms Available	April 11, 2008
Candidacy returned to Election Superintendent	May 14, 2008
Voter Pamphlet mailed to registered voters	May 23, 2008
Requests for Absentee Ballots	May 23, 2008
Absentee Ballots Returned to Election Superintendent	June 28, 2008
Polls Open (8:00am to 12:00pm)	June 29, 2008
All Ballots Counted	June 29, 2008

Samish Health and Wellness Gathering

A Message of Hope: Self Care Strategies to Promote the Prevention and Management of Diabetes



**April 12, 2008
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Fidalgo Bay Resort
4701 Fidalgo Bay Road
Anacortes, Washington 98221
Gourmet Lunch Provided**



Guest Speakers, Fitness Assessments, Health Care Vendors, Door Prizes, Raffles and More!

**Learn About Diabetes Prevention and About Living a Healthy Lifestyle with Diabetes
Free to All Those Who Attend**

**Diabetes Education – Professional Guest Speakers
Community Health Screenings (Reservations Required)
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

**Free Therapeutic Massages (Reservations Required)
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Health Care Exhibits – Free Prizes and Raffles – Kid's Events

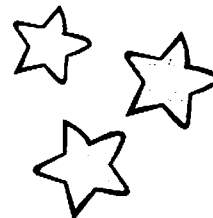
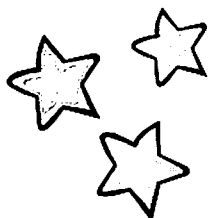
Free Admission, Free Programs, Free Screenings, Free Table and Chair Massages

Reservations Are Required!

Please RSVP to:

**Samish Nation Health Services
Mitch Markovich, R.N. - Diabetes Project Coordinator
(800) 365-9062 extension 224**

Sponsored by the Samish Nation Diabetes Program



Do You Have Diabetes or Know Someone Who Does?

If so, we would like to hear from You! The Samish Nation has a unique Diabetes Program offered through the Indian Health Service to help tribal members with diabetes improve their health status and medical care. For more information, please contact Samish Health Services toll free at (800) 365 9062 extension 224 for a confidential consultation.



TRIBAL ART FAIR

The Samish Vocational Rehabilitation Program is sponsoring a Tribal Art Fair on April 5, 2008 to be held at our new office site at 708 Commercial, Anacortes, WA. The fair is open to any tribal artist wishing to display and sell their art; the center will be open to the public that day and we hope to have many folks from the general public coming through to purchase authentic Native art. Any artist wishing to take part in the Art Fair should contact the Vocational Program at (360) 588-8200, extension 00.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

We are calling for volunteers to work in the development of a Samish Gallery of Native Art that is being planned for the 708 Commercial street front offices of the Samish tribal programs. We are beginning the planning and development, an Advisory Committee has met twice and is inviting anyone else interested in being involved in this project to call Nancy at the Vocational Rehabilitation Program, (360) 588-8200, ext. 00.

Businesses Owned by Tribal Members

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

COAST SALISH NATIVE ARTISTS WANTED

To display tribal oriented artwork on consignment at the Fidalgo Bay Resort store.

Please contact Michael Madsen at:
(360) 293-5353 or (800) 727-5478
for an appointment to show your work.

Samish Discounts at Fidalgo Bay Resort

Sunday through Thursday – 50% off
Friday & Saturday – 25% off

This includes RV Sites
and Convention
Center Rentals.

General Meeting and Canoe
Journey Weekends are **FREE**
to all Samish Members.

Tribal Card Required



Tangles Hair & Co.

Brie Keller and
Nada Thompson

514 Commercial Avenue
Anacortes, WA 98221

360.293.6760

Oregon City Quilter

Long Arm & Hand Quilting, Sales & Restoration

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(503) 631-3365



www.OregonCityQuilter.com

VERIZON WIRELESS DISCOUNTS



Verizon Wireless offers discounts to all employees and members of Samish Tribe, which include 17% off your monthly calling plan \$34.99 or higher, discounted phones and PDA's, 25% off accessories, and discounted broadband cards. These discounts are valid for all new lines of service and upgrades.

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

Phone: (206) 300-7972



Tyrone McLeod
15766 Indian Road
LaConner, WA
98257

Phone 360.770.7317

Email cedar.mountain@hotmail.com



ALLEN-BRADBURY CONSTRUCTION, LLC.
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901 Algona Blvd. North, Suite A
Algona, WA 98001
Phone: 253.218.2288
Fax: 253.218.2292

michaelj@allenbradburyconstruction.com

Enrollment Information Needed

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

James Barrett	Lloyd Barrett	Lyle Barrett	Shane Barrett
Lovena Bekenyi	Mauricia Bill	Chester Blackinton	Lisa Bleeck
George Bob	Marcie Bob	Christopher E. Clark	Randy Daniels
Gary Davies	Hailee Day	Melanie Day	Carolyn Edwards
Allen Engberg	Tiffany Fix	Michelle Foster	Darlene George
Gordon Gidlof	Katherine Graves	Wayne Graves	Kelly Hatch
Heidi Hawkins	Theo Hawkins Jr.	Debra Higgins	Laura Hovland
Kirk Hudson	Hope Hudson	Oliver Hudson	Gordon Jack
Marcy James	Terry Jones	Patricia Kavanaugh	Corey King
Keegan King	Lanita King	Matthew King	Shannon King
Stephanie King	Jonathan Long	Verna Long	Bryce Louis
Martin Louis	Shelbie Lucy	Brody Lundin	Dinah Lundin
Charlotte MacDonald	Jennifer MacDonald	Kurtis MacDonald	Shannon McCary
Winnifred Marchand	Ryan McCary	Heather McIntosh	Paul Michaels
Gordon Misheal	Edwin Mitchell	Bryan Perry	Everett Perry
Gwen Renteria	Shirley Parminter	Allison Perkins	Skyler Ransier
Jason Rock	Kelee Rock	Melissa Sampson	David Sanchez
Juliette Scates	Colleen Scheel	Jeffery Scheremeta	Shawn Sherman
Corey Smith	Jo-Anne Smith	Wesley Smith	Robin Spivey
William Steele	Ronald Thompson Jr.	Norman Underwood Jr.	Scott Wooten
Ralph Underwood Jr.	Sheri Underwood	Angela Williams	Bernie 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.

ANYONE REQUIRING A NEW CARD MUST PAY \$5.00 FOR A REPLACEMENT. CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO "SAMISH INDIAN NATION". IF YOUR PRESENT CARD DOES NOT HAVE A PHOTO ON IT THEN PLEASE SEND A PHOTO ALONG WITH THE REQUEST AND CHECK TO THE ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT.

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

2918 Commercial Avenue

P.O. Box 217

Anacortes, WA

98221



Phone: (360) 293-6404

Toll Free Phone: (800) 365-9062

Jan Flagg, Enrollment Clerk

Extension 106

jflagg@samishtribe.nsn.us

Enrollment Information Needed

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS NEED INFORMATION TO COMPLETE THEIR ENROLLMENT FILES:

The following members need information to complete their files. Requests were sent out to some in May of 2006 and we have not received anything back to date, those people are now listed as "inactive" and will not be eligible for any services until their paperwork has been completed. The others are being sent out and need to be returned within 30 days of the mailing of this newsletter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the office. Some of these members only need to sign an update form so please don't get upset. We ARE NOT removing you from the membership list, only trying to get the much needed information. Thank you---Jan Flagg

Allan Barrett	Brian Barrett	Shirley Parminter	Lloyd Barrett
Lyle Barrett	Winnifred Marchand	James Barrett	Robert Blackinton
Carol Blackinton	George Bob	Carolyn Edwards	Sandra Schroeder
Heidi Hawkins	Theo Hawkins, Jr.	Sandra Powers	Judith Cardwell
Penny Perez	Debra Higgins	Vonnie Stewart	Juliette Scates
Anna Smith	Madeline Thomas	Dorene Thomas	Alice Sam
Ralph Underwood	Wayne VanSchiocck	Norman Underwood	Sharon James
Simone Underwood	Shauna George	Cheryl Underwood	Romaine Underwood
William Steele	Shannon King	Stephanie King	Lillian Ostber
Marlise Livolsi	Juliana Breslin	Matthew Sturdivant	Corey Watson
Carrie Watson	Kailey Penter	Christian Gidlof	Deric Bloomingdale
Destin Bloomindale	Michael Soucy	Jonathon Graves	Suzanna Sam
Anthony Sam	Nicole Sherwood	Kelson Coughlin	Jason Rock
Kelee Rock	Steven Michaels	Lane Markley	Coleen Clark
Melissa Sam-Underwood	Barrett Anderson	Michael Guthrie	Kendra Nelson
Justin Penter-Phillips	Robert Louis	Shaylynn Morgan	Crystal Soucy
Katherine Graves	Joshua Stewart		

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

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.

New Enhanced Drivers License and Card

Washington State began an enhanced driver license and ID card (EDL/ID) in January 2008. The EDL/ID will securely denote identity and citizenship, and will become an acceptable alternative to a passport for re-entry into the U.S. at land and sea border crossings. This form of identification will cost \$15.00. There are 11 locations in the state that will be offering this service and those services will be offered 2 days a week or by appointment. The locations are:

Western Washington:
 Bellingham
 Bothell
 Hazel Dell
 Lacey
 West Seattle
 Port Angeles



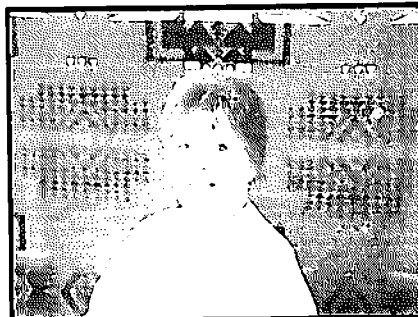
Eastern Washington
 Kennewick
 North Spokane
 Wenatchee
 Smokey Point
 Parkland

You need for proof of citizenship, residence, social security number, drivers license or other photo ID, and a birth certificate. If you have more questions please go to : www.dol.wa.gov/ then pick enhanced drivers license.

Council Highlights

November 2007 to February 2008

- **Dance Hall on Weaverling Spit** has been determined by council as a danger to the community and a possible liability to Samish. People have broken in to it even though the building has been securely boarded up. So at this time the Dance Hall building is being demolished and Samish can move forward making land use decisions.
- **HUD audit:** there are just a couple items being worked on by the Samish Housing staff and the HUD people.
- **Head Start Program** is up and running. This year we have added a Daycare section to the Samish Early Child-care program
- Chairman Tom Wooten has been meeting with the Washington Indian Gaming Association and Tribal Leaders forums on a regular basis. Chairman Wooten has been conversing with the city of Anacortes governing body and the Skagit County officials to build strong, positive relationships with these groups within a Government-to-Government relationship. He also remains in contact with our Lobbyist for Washington State, Mike Moran and our Lobbyists in Washington DC, Ietan, to keep apprised about what is going on in the State and Federal Governments and how Samish fits into the issues.
- **Language Program:** Several people are in the middle of a short 6-8 week series of classes on the Samish language. The Samish members involved in this class will help determine how to offer language classes to any Samish members who are interested.
- **Education:** A couple years ago the State legislature passed a bill to assure that accurate Native American history would be taught in the local schools. To do this, each school district would work directly with a Native American Tribe in their local area. The problem is that the State legislature did not allocate funding to help with this issue. Native American Education leaders are working on this with the State to find funding.
- Council is discussing the possibility of setting up a scholarship for students graduating from Anacortes High.
- **RV Park:** The RV Park managers are getting the sprinkler system for the Conference Center completed. Work is being done on some additional Samish artwork for the Park. Electrical work is being upgraded in the Conference center
- **Cemetery:** Council is working on how to preserve the integrity of all Samish Cemeteries.
- **Transportation:** Samish has met with the State regarding work that will be done at Sharps Corner on Highway 20.
- Discussed the possibility of having a staff position to handle the many Cultural activities and issues that come up throughout the year.



*Council
Secretary*

*Chris De Kay,
Co-labt-su-sab,
the Elder*

- The Samish Council and our Lobbyists from Washington D.C. met with local tribal leaders to provide information about Federal Legislation that Samish is working on to have an area designated as "On Reservation". There may be a hearing on the issues and some members of Tribal Council will need to participate in the hearing. On Reservation Designation does Not mean that Samish has a reservation – what it Does mean, is that land in the "On Reservation Designated" area could be easier to put into trust.
- Chairman, Tom Wooten met with Stan Speaks and Judy Joseph of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to discuss the "On Reservation Designation" legislation and other issues.
- Council is looking into working with the Nisqually Tribe do develop the shell fish in the Bay in front of the RV Park. The Nisqually dive team worked with Samish Department of Natural Resources and the General Manager to look at the Causeway on Weaverling Spit to see what, if anything, needs to be done to make sure it is clean and pristine.
- Council member Dana Matthews met at Upper Skagit with folks from the University of Washington who are planning to build a longhouse, possibly at the Burke Museum.
- Members of the Historical Resources Committee attended a council meeting to discuss some issues regarding the Blanchard Cemetery, also called the Ben Sampson Cemetery
- The Condos next to the RV Park have submitted a plan to the City of Anacortes to add an additional 18 units. Samish has some concerns and will comment.
- The Social Services director is working with the State Indian Child Welfare to assure that when a Samish child enters the State Indian Child Welfare program, the Samish Social Services Department is notified immediately as prescribed by law. This is not always happening with the Washington tribes and the Social Services Director is a leading force working with the State to get this injustice remedied.

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RESOLUTIONS

- Council directed the Culture Committee to work on some pending repatriation issues
- Council approved enrolling over 50 people into Samish membership
- Approved the job description for an Economic Developer. This job description will be posted to hire someone at a later date.
- Adopted the amended Organizational Chart for the Samish Indian Nation
- Approved the days between Christmas and New Year's as days off with pay for Samish Administration staff
- Approved the updated, annual employment contract for the Samish State Lobbyist
- Approved an Emergency Fund Policy
- Approved the Collections Management Policy for the Cultural Resources department
- Approved job description for Cultural employee
- Approved the amended Non-Federal Higher Education Policy and the Non-Federal Supplemental Education Policy
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Nisqually Aquatic Technologies, Inc to establish a shell fish aquaculture operation in Fidalgo Bay
- Authorized the Fidalgo Bay RV Park managers to contract to install a fire suppression sprinkler system in the community building

FINANCE

- Approved funding from Tyee funds for a 6 to 8 week Samish Language Class
- Accepted a bid from Bryan Trucking to renovate the McCord House and authorized Tyee funds
- 2007 financial statements were reviewed, Treasurer explained any possible carry forward 2007/2008
- Reviewed and accepted the 2008 financial statements and budget and Treasurers report
- Increased the Repair and Maintenance line item to cover repairs to the Mc Cord House. The Repair and Maintenance line item is for upkeep and repair of all Tribal buildings
- The Archives Department has spent some hours on research for the Treaty Rights case and council voted to reimburse that department for work done for our Legal Counsel on Treaty Rights
- Allocated funds to support Anacortes in upgrade Storvik Park.



- Supported the request from the Salvation Army with an allocation of funds.
- Allocated funds for Asbestos Abatement work that needed to be completed before work on demolition of the Dance Hall could be started.
- Allocated funding to support a Samish Head Start family during Christmas time
- Approved the allocation of funding to help Samish families served by the Samish Social Services Department to celebrate Christmas
- Approved funding to have the Dance Hall on Weaverling Spit demolished
- Allocated a one time emergency funds grant for three Tribal members
- Approved a one time emergency grant to a Tribal employee
- Authorized several line item adjustments in the year end 2007 Tyee budget
- Accepted the recommendations made by the State Lobbyists and allocated funding for political contributions
- Allocated funding for work done in 2003 on Weaverling Spit by Equinox Research and Consulting International. This work was done in 2003 and somehow, they did not receive payment and did not let Samish know they had not been paid.
- Allocated funds for some archaeological studies to be done on Weaverling Spit by Gary Wessen of Wessen and Associates.
- Allocated Tyee funds to support the 2008 Anacortes Waterfront Festival
- Allocated funding to support Patty Murray
- Allocated funds to have the RV Park appraised as part of the refinancing package
- Council is discussing the possibility of paying off some of the loans on buildings early.
- Allocated funds for the Culture Committee to arrange to have spiritual work done at 2 sites, the Longhouse preschool building and Council.
- Approved funds to support the first Samish Treaty Days Celebrations

APPOINTMENTS

- Carol Truex appointed to the Enrollment Committee
- Rebecca Peck (Social Services) appointed as delegate to the Regional Tribal Coordinating Council and Robert Ludgate (Social Services) appointed as alternate
- Chris De Kay appointed as delegate to the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians annual winter conference

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GRANTS APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION

- 2008 Indian Health Service Annual Funding Agreement
- The submittal of the Tribal Emergency Response Planning contract
- The submittal of the BIA Annual Funding Agreement for the Year 2008
- The submittal of the renewal of the Environmental Protection Agency's General Assistance Grant
- The submittal to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and Washington State Conservation Commission Pioneers in Conservation fund Grant for the restoration of Thomas Creek
- The Head Start Refunding Application
- The submittal to HUD of the Revised Indian Housing Plan Fiscal Year 2004 and Fiscal Year 2005
- The submittal of the EPA Region 10 West Coast Estuaries Initiative or Puget Sound Proposal to the Environmental Protection Agency
- The submittal Indian Housing Plan Fiscal Year 2008
- The submittal of the Title VI Elder's Nutrition and Caregiver Program
- The submittal of the EPA Watershed Grant Fiscal Year 2008-2009 to the EPA
- Authorized donation to Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group
- Submittal of the EPA 106 Clean Water Funds Grant



ORAL ARGUMENTS

We are still waiting to hear from Judge Martinez on the Oral Arguments on October 10.

Council Meeting Dates:

The current council meeting schedule is as follows:

Saturday April 12, 2008

Saturday May 10, 2008

Saturday June 7, 2008

STAFF

The Cultural Resources department reported to council on activities and projects of the past year and projections for the upcoming year. The Cultural Resources committee has been involved in many issues recently, including the following: the department has helped education staff, council members on Samish History using documents in the Archives; have helped with research on repatriations issues, had consultations with Federal, State and local Agencies. Currently the department is working with the State Parks department on an Interpretive center at Deception Pass State Park, is working on some Cemetery issues and working with the State and other tribes, legislature and community on Human Remains/Indian Graves legislation. Staff will speak at the Senior College History class in Anacortes, will have displays at the Interpretive Center at Deception Pass, will work on Treaty Rights issues, will be documenting archeological sites, documenting Tribal history.

The Health Department reported on activities that include: Indian Health Service revenues to Samish, Pharmacy Costs, Dental Program, Orthodontic program, Public Health and Education, Contract Health Staffing and duties

Vocational rehabilitation is becoming active, the department has some funding to cover some cultural activities and the education department is under the vocational rehabilitation director. Work is being done to upgrade staff position titles and perhaps the title of the department. accepted the amended policy.

Social Services reported that the department currently has nine active grants. Some of the accomplishments by the department include: budgets, files are organized and in better shape; Indian Child Welfare staff has been hired; a Chemical Dependence Professional has been hired and will be working with Anacortes while exploring the possibility of opening a Samish Chemical Dependency program; is working on State certification for the Samish in Chemical Dependency; and is working with the Nooksack tribe on counseling issues. The department is working on mental health services with Indian Health Service; working on a Family Code Revision; updating client data tracking system and is holding Washington State DSHS accountable

DONATIONS NEEDED

Please consider giving donations of towels, hand cloths, bowls, etc. Any homemade or craft item that can be used as a giveaway item for future potlatches the tribe may be having. Flyers will be sent out in the event of a Potlatch.

If you have donations or questions please contact Jan Flagg at (360) 293-4404 or toll free at (800) 365-9062 extension 106 or email her at jflagg@samishtribe.nsn.us.

Missing Books

The following books are missing from the library! If anyone knows where they are please let us know:

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| At Home on Fidalgo | Evelyn Adams |
| Classic Beadweaving | Anne Bensen |
| The Sacred Tree | Judy Bopp |
| Awakening Spirits | Tom Brown |
| Daughters of Copper Woman | Anne Cameron |
| The Indians of Puget Sound | George Castile |
| North American Indian Motifs | Dover Publications |
| Native American Courtship & Marriage Traditions | Leslie Gourse |
| Indians in the Making | Alexandria Harmon |
| Coyote & Rock (Cassette) | Vi Hilbert |
| Words of Power - Voices of Indians | Norbert Hill Jr. |
| Northwest Coast Indian Art | Bill Holm |
| Nooksack Tales & Trails | P R Jeffcott |
| Native American Wives of San Juan Settlers | Karen Jones-Lamb |
| Myths & Legends of the Pacific Northwest | Katharine Judson |
| Internet for Dummies | John Levine |
| Encyclopedia of Native American Healing | William Lyon |
| Ninstints- Haida World Heritage Site | George MacDonald |
| The Spindle Whorl | Nan McNutt |
| Lushootseed Culture & the Shamanic Odyssey | Jay Miller |
| Spirit Medicine | Wolf Moondance |
| Medicinal Plants of the Pacific Northwest | Michael Moore |
| Native American Stories (Video) | Johnny Moses |
| Fall Medicine Songs (audio) | Johnny Moses |
| Winter Medicine Songs (audio) | Johnny Moses |
| Spring Medicine Songs (audio) | Johnny Moses |
| Summer Medicine Songs (audio) | Johnny Moses |
| Medicine Path (audio) | Johnny Moses |
| Red Cedar Circle - Fire Circle Songs (audio) | Johnny Moses |
| American Indian Voices: Johnny Moses (audio) | Johnny Moses |
| Healing Breath of Our Ancestor (audio) | Johnny Moses |
| Native American Bedtime Stories (audio) | Johnny Moses |
| The Great Canoes | David Neel |
| The Wisdom of the Native Americans | Kent Nerburn |
| The Eagle's Song (kids) | Rodana's |
| The Chilkat Dancing Blanket | Cheryl Samuel |
| The Gathering Stones for the Medicine Wheel | Gregory Scofield |
| Northwest Native Arts: Creative Colors | Robert Stanley |
| Northwest Native Arts: Creative Colors 2 | Robert Stanley |
| Looking at Indian Art of the Northwest | Hillary Stewart |
| Coast Salish Essays - 2COPIES | Wayne Suttles |
| Herbs That Heal | Michael Weiner |

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If you have any of these books or if you would like to donate books to our library please contact Jan Vilagg at (360) 293-6404 or toll free at (800) 365-9062 at extension 106 or e-mail her at jflagg@samishtribe.nsn.us



Members Who Have Passed Away

The Samish Indian Nation would like to send our condolences to the family and friends of:

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Wilma Rose Jenkins | February 16, 2007 |
| Delia Mielke | October 13, 2007 |
| Lee Camden Jackson | November 13, 2007 |
| Lena Daniels | December 4, 2007 |
| Edward Dale King | December 18, 2007 |
| Farrell Jean Pearce | January 15, 2008 |

If you would like to inform the Samish Tribal members about a death of a Samish member, please contact Nicole Herman at (360) 293-6404 or toll free at (800) 365-9062 at extension 110 or e-mail her at nherman@samishtribe.nsn.us.

SAMISH VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM

The Samish Vocational Rehabilitation Program has moved to a new office and meeting room space at 708 Commercial. We have office space for the director and two counselors; a computer lab; a Gathering Room with kitchen facilities; a large store front space for the Tribal Art Gallery which is in development; and a large back room space where totems are being carved. The first Beading Class scheduled on the premises started on Jan. 9th and runs into March. An Advisory Committee is working on details regarding the Tribal Art Gallery and we hope to get that up and running by April.

The Samish Vocational Rehabilitation Program provides services to any member of a federally recognized tribe living in Whatcom, Skagit, Island, San Juan and Snohomish counties. We also provide services to any Samish member living in King County. To qualify for Vocational Rehabilitation services, the staff works with an applicant to document a disability, this might be a learning disability, a physical limitation, diabetes, depression, a problem with drugs or alcohol, or any other condition which presents itself as an employment barrier. Once the disability is established, the counselor works with the participant to identify a job goal; training needed; support services needed; etc. and works with that person to get the training and/or job placement and other services needed to get them into a good job or self employment.

We invite anyone interested in more information about our program to call us at (360) 588-8200 or email to nbolland@samishtribe.nsn.us.

New Administration Staff

GINGER SAMPSON, CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY COUNSELOR

I have been given the privilege of starting a substance abuse program for the Samish Nation. I began in late October and have spent the past few months planning, researching, and preparing the new program for state certification. I've worked in the field of addiction for the past 16 years and hope to put my experience to good use within the Samish Community. I consider recovery from addiction a spiritually-centered, holistic healing process. I think that addiction is often a symptom of a deeper spiritual wounding caused by cultural or environmental oppression or negative stereotyping. I truly believe that the native culture is treatment and prevention in itself. The solution is in the culture. My goal for therapy is to combine contemporary approaches with traditional/spiritual practices such as incorporating the medicine wheel model, smudging, talking circles, use of story telling and other cultural practices that might be appropriate as part of the healing process.



DIANA BARG, CULTURAL RESOURCES PROGRAM MANAGER

I earned my B.A. in Archaeology from Western Washington University in the winter of 2006 and have spent the past year and a half working for Cultural Resource Management firms around Western Washington. I have experience in archaeological field work, archival research, lab analysis, and lab and collections management. My analysis of a Samish archaeological site in 2004 and again in 2007 is helping me understand current projects in my new position as the Program Manager in the Cultural Resources Department. Through this position I review and comment on projects and permit applications for work located within Samish traditional territory, correspond on subjects ranging from

new legislation to repatriation requests, and care for archaeological collections. Each day I look forward to the opportunity to help protect cultural resources and work towards an expanded Cultural Resources Department.

JASON TICKNOR, ARCHIVES PROGRAM MANAGER

I have recently been hired as the archives program manager of the Samish Tribe. The primary duty of the archivist is to help preserve the documentary history of the tribe. I look forward to learning about the history of the Samish, and to being part of the effort to preserve that history.



TODD WOODARD, NATURAL RESOURCES TECHNICIAN

I started in the Natural Resources Department just this past January as a Natural Resources Technician. I have worked in the environmental field in Tribal Country for the past 5 years and am very happy to be a part of Samish's Natural Resource protection efforts. There are a lot of really interesting projects going on in Fidalgo Bay and at Lake Campbell that I am looking forward to being a part of. I look forward to meeting as many community members as possible and would be happy to describe the work we are involved in to anyone that is interested.

KATHY LUND, BOOKKEEPER III

Hi my name is Kathy Lund. I started here as the receptionist and am now up in the Accounting Department as part of the Accounting team with Dorothy Thatcher and Brian Thurston. We are here to assist the Tribal Programs needs.



TED GAGE, PLANNING DIRECTOR

It's great to be part of the Samish Indian Nation team as your new planning director. The people here are terrific, and the programs and projects I've been involved with so far have been impressive. The future looks bright!



The Department of Natural Resources

The Department of Natural Resources is pleased to announce that the first effort at dealing with the invasive plant species on the eastern tip of Weaverling Spit took place in January of 2008.

English Ivy is an aggressive invasive plant and its incursion on Weaverling Spit is severe. It covers an area of approximately two acres and affects the ground, understory, and upper canopy layers of the forest. In some areas the forest floor was covered in a dense mat of twisted vines, two feet thick in places, creating a virtual 'ivy desert'. Many of the spit's beautiful tree species such as the madrona, Douglas fir, big leaf maple, and Western red cedar were within the area of major infestation; ninety trees were identified as threatened and roughly half of those trees were considered severely threatened by ivy.

With a grant from the Mountaineer's Foundation we were able to hire a small Whatcom County Alternative Corrections crew to hand pull the ivy and contract with Burlington Waste Management to haul the ivy to Skagit Soils, where it will be composted and never able to re-sprout



We successfully managed to get the work done before the 'official' nesting season for bald eagles began. The spit's pair of nesting eagles was present throughout the project and did not seem overly disturbed. They even showed up on the nest above us, in the very final moments after the crew was packed up and we were enjoying a final conversation with the crew leader, as if to acknowledge our work (perhaps they were saying "yeah, it's about time").

Sadly, our work is not done! January's effort will be lost if we do not continue with maintenance to deny the ivy's persistent desire to re-grow. We will continue to apply for funds to help us maintain control of the ivy and look forward to organizing a community event day to pull up remaining roots (in pleasant weather of course). It is possible, with dedication, to eradicate ivy from an infested site.

We are grateful to the Mountaineer's Foundation for supporting this project; the funding they provided was essential in helping our department initiate the removal of invasive plant species from this beautiful piece of lowland



ANYWHERE again! Widely regarded as the most effective means of removal, the hand pulling method is labor intensive and the magnitude of the ivy infestation was somewhat overwhelming. The crew worked hard and diligently for eight days in diverse weather conditions and made a remarkable impact on the infestation. Going into this project we had little idea as to the impact a small crew could have and we were absolutely delighted with the results. The official results of the crew's work are as follows: three 30 yard dumpsters were hauled away and weighed in respectively at 5.43, 7.57, and 8.45 tons (the crew got progressively more determined in their 'stomping it down' packing method!) This amounted to a total of 21.45 tons (42,900 lbs) of ivy removed.

forest. We would also like to acknowledge the Whatcom County crew for their work; we had only positive experiences with this crew during the project and found them to be very respectful, hard working, and tireless in their efforts.

Finally, our department would like to acknowledge Tribal Council for their support of this effort. Weaverling Spit is important to the Samish people and with continued effort to restore its native plant population this small piece of lowland forest will be strengthened in its capacity to provide healthier habitat for our local wildlife and educational, spiritual, and restorative properties for the community and our visitors.

Learning from the Past and Planning for the Future

Recent Archaeological and Demolition Work at Weaverling Spit

Article and photo by Diana Barg

Responsible stewardship of cultural resources is a fundamental objective of the Samish Nation, the Tribal Council and the administration. Recently the Cultural Resources Department has had an opportunity to protect and learn more about archaeological resources located on the tribe's Weaverling Spit property in connection with a more extensive project to help return the area to a more natural state. Demolishing the old structure on the eastern portion of the spit, locally known as the Dance Hall, has been a goal of the Tribal Council for several years and has now been accomplished as part of this natural reclamation effort.

To be responsible stewards, and to be in compliance with state law, efforts were taken by the Tribal Council along with the Cultural Resources Department to protect archaeological resources on Weaverling Spit. An archaeological survey was undertaken by Gary Wessen of Wessen & Associates Inc. in January to gather basic information about the archaeology sites and delineate their boundaries. This work resulted in the identification of a previously unrecorded archaeological shell midden site (the Dance Hall Site) and updating information about another (the Eastern Weaverling Spit Site), both of which are now on record with the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. Shell middens are commonly found along coastal areas where marine resources were exploited as a supplemental food resource by people, and Weaverling Spit is not an exception.

The Dance Hall Site covered an area 725 feet long, 160 feet wide and in some places extended to a depth of 25 inches. The site contained various species of marine and terrestrial resources, charcoal, stone tools and byproducts, and Fire Modified Rock (FMR), all indicators of an extensively used site. The Eastern Weaverling Spit Site is much smaller in size due to disturbance from historic activities in the area including construction and the addition of fill material. The contents of this site are similar to that of the Dance Hall Site, however, a partial whale vertebra bone was discovered here. According to Wessen, it is unusual to find whale bones in northern Puget Sound Basin shell middens, although it is not unheard of.

Weaverling Spit has been used extensively in both pre-contact and historic times although little is known about the historic occupation of the area. The Weaverling family homesteaded the area starting in 1869 followed by the Stockwell's in 1953.



Demolition work at Weaverling Spit

At different times in the early 20th century the spit was reported to have been used for the Skagit County Pioneers Association picnic (Anacortes American 1919, 1920), have a bathhouse and dancing pavilion (Anacortes American 1922), amenities for picnicking (Anacortes American 1928) and guest cabins with main clubhouse. The old structure demolished on the spit is thought by local residents to be the bathhouse and dancing pavilion, lending to the "Dance Hall" name, although its origin is unclear.

The demolition of the Dance Hall was completed by Bryan Trucking Inc. over a two week period in February. As part of this demolition effort they removed hazardous materials, recovered reusable material and chipped the unrecoverable wood to spread over the demolition area. Diana Barg of the Cultural Resources Department, with help from Christine Woodward of the Natural Resources Department, monitored this project to ensure that no archaeological material was adversely impacted during ground disturbing activities. The Natural Resources Department ensured the project was completed by the 14th of February so nesting eagles on the spit were not disturbed and undertook the task of replanting Pacific Madrone saplings that had been recovered from the roof of the structure.

Native vegetation and natural wildlife will now have a chance to reclaim this area bringing Weaverling Spit closer to its natural state and providing additional habitat for local species. The demolition of the structure and long term plan for the spit will help negate the impacts of frequent trespassing and destructive behavior that has occurred there both past and present. The natural reclamation of Weaverling Spit will continue in coming years through the ongoing efforts by the Samish Nation.

Health Notes

CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES

Contract Health Services can help pay for medical and dental services for enrolled members residing in the 10 county region, who have registered with the CHS program. Here is a brief review of the benefits that CHS can offer. Please call Erin or Joanne with any questions about limitations, how the program works.

Medical visits: we can assist with payments for medical visits, co-payments for insured patients, full payment for uninsured patients.

Physical Therapy: visits are covered, with a calendar year maximum of 10 visits.

Counseling: (mental health—non-physician) visits are covered, with a calendar year maximum of 12 visits. We will verify the licensure of the counselor.

Vision Services: Exam and glasses or contacts are covered once every two years, to a maximum of \$175. We can assist you in locating inexpensive providers that can keep these costs close to our allowance.

Prescriptions: Most prescription medications can be provided through our mail-order pharmacy, (for long term meds) and through local retail pharmacies (short term meds). Contact us for the instructions, mailing envelopes and co-pay reimbursement forms. Over the counter meds are not covered. Generic meds are preferred and some meds have restrictions or may not be covered. Call for details and assistance.

Dental: Dental services are covered, to a maximum of \$250 per calendar year. Free dental services are available at tribal and Indian Health Service Clinic and we can give you their locations and contact information. For those clients who utilize the tribal facilities, and are referred out for some services, we can raise the annual limit to \$500.

Hearing Aids: can be covered, lifetime limit of \$2000

In general, all visits must receive prior approval; for emergency visits, you must call us within 72 hours. We will then obtain the Emergency Room notes, and have them reviewed by our medical director to verify the emergent nature of the ER visit.

In the event of a planned surgery, we ask that you give us approximately 1 to 2 weeks notice, as we must obtain the doctors notes justifying the surgery, and have it reviewed and approved by our Medical Director before we can issue an approval number.

*Ten counties we are allowed to cover include: Whatcom, San Juan, Island, Skagit, Snohomish, King, Pierce, Kitsap, Jefferson, and Clallam Counties. You may be required to prove your residency.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

Samish Contract Health offers "payer-of-last-resort" coverage to tribal members who are registered in the program. This means that we are able to pay co-pays, co-insurance and deductibles for our insured members and are sometimes able to get a discounted rate for our uninsured members.



In addition, Contract Health staff will assist with obtaining low-cost insurance coverage when possible, and can answer questions about Indian Health Services, private health insurance, Medicare and "Part D" prescription plans.

**If you move or
change health
insurance,
don't forget to call
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Social Services Notes

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY WELLNESS PROGRAM

By Ginger Sampson

We now offering a number of services in hopes that we can provide guidance and healing for those who want recovery from an addiction. We consider recovery a spiritually-centered, holistic healing process. Addiction is often a symptom of a deeper spiritual wounding caused by cultural or environmental oppression.

The term "Wellbriety" has become popular in treating substance abuse issues within the Native American community. The term "Wellbriety" means to strive to be both sober and well - to go beyond survival to thriving in your own life and in the life of the community. It as a challenge to live the principles, laws and values of traditional culture while healing from substance abuse/dependency issues as well as other maladaptive behaviors such as co-dependency, historical trauma, domestic or family violence, or gambling.

We truly believe that the native culture is treatment and prevention in itself. The solution is in the culture. The goal for therapy is to combine contemporary approaches with traditional/spiritual practices such as the medicine wheel model, smudging, talking circles, use of story telling and other cultural practices that might be a part of the healing process.

An assessment is the first step in identifying what services you might need. Currently we offer assessments and treatment for Samish members (who are not court ordered to treatment) at the Anacortes office or Mount Vernon branch. Soon we will be a State Certified program and will then be offering DUI assessments -with Deferred Prosecution alternative, ADIS classes, Individual counseling, and Outpatient and Intensive Outpatient groups (which are called "Healing Circles") for both youth and adults. We also offer substance abuse and tobacco prevention activities, literature, and consultation. Problem gambling counseling will be available soon. We welcome your ideas, questions, or comments. Please don't hesitate to call at anytime.

VICTIM OF CRIME SURVEY



The Social Services Program offers Victim of Crime services, and is funded through the Office for Victims of Crime. We are able to assist Tribal families who have been victims of crimes ranging from (but not limited to) domestic violence to identity theft. We can also assist fami-

lies in pursuing State crime victim services.

We are undertaking a project to assess crime victimization rates. We are trying to identify the rates of specific crimes, crime reporting rates, barriers to reporting crime, crime factors, effects of crime, and if crime victimization appears to be going up or down.

With this information, we hope to better identify the needs of the community so that we can better serve it. If certain crimes are more common, we hope to target resources for victims of those crimes. If certain areas have a higher rate of victimization, we hope to identify local resources for victims in that area.

By this time, you should have received a Victim of Crime Survey. By taking time out of your day to complete and return this survey this information will help shape the program to best meet the needs of Samish. If you have not yet returned this survey please try to do so. If you have lost the survey and would like another one please let us know.

Washington State Department of Health

Tobacco Quit Line

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toll-free

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Social Services Notes

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE AND PREVENTION

One of our program's top priorities is children involved in the child welfare system. When a child abuse or neglect referral is made to Child Protective Services (Samish does not operate a CPS program as there is currently no land in trust for the Tribe), the agency is supposed to contact our program. While we do not have jurisdiction to conduct the investigation, we try to provide support and resources to the family in effort to prevent breakup of the family. If a child is removed by a State court, our program is able to be a party to the legal case per the Indian Child Welfare Act. In addition to working with these families, we also identify families with risk factors that could lead to involvement in the child welfare system and work with these families to prevent this. Many families that are not involved in the child welfare system but are struggling with financial, counseling, employment, and housing issues voluntarily work with our program on a regular basis. Historically, even Native families without child abuse and neglect in the home have been targeted by the child welfare system, and we feel strongly about offering services to all families that will prevent such involvement.



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National Indian Child Welfare Association

Alcohol/Drug
24 Hour Help Line
Always There When You Need Us!

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**Call about state-funding
for addiction treatment**

EDUCATION PROGRAM

There has been a significant change in the Non-Federal Higher Education Program offered by the Samish Indian Nation. Any Samish member wishing to further their education by taking classes full or half time at any accredited Vocational College, University, Community College, or accredited technical college will be eligible for the Samish Scholarship program, **even if they do not qualify for other financial aid programs.** In the past we have had to turn down applicants if their income ruled them out of federal or state financial aid.



Anyone interested in getting more information on the scholarship program for Samish members should call Nancy Holland at (360) 588-8200.

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