

# Stanwood Area ECHOES

Newsletter of the Stanwood Area Historical Society

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The above aerial photograph was taken in 1956 looking east from the west side of Stanwood. Note the Hamilton Lumber stack in view on the right showing the Hamilton lumber yard. Twin City Foods was expanding rapidly at the time on the waterfront. Looking carefully you can see the channel of the Irvine Slough that wound from the hillside through farm fields south into the Stillaguamish River. That channel has since been straightened and now flows into the Stillaguamish River near the base of the stack.

**Stanwood Area Historical Society  
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Hosts	We welcome new hosts to greet and guide or Floyd Hall renters while making use of our wonderful event hall. Give our Director, Fred Poyner IV, a call <a href="mailto:director@sahs-fncc.org">director@sahs-fncc.org</a>

Next SAHS Board Meetings ~ 2nd Wednesday of the month at the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center 11 a.m.  
Open to the public! New members and volunteers welcome.

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**Open House  
Saturdays**

at the Stanwood Area Historical Society **Tolin House**  
**OPEN 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM EVERY SATURDAY**

**From the Director**

Hello, everyone. As we emerge from the shadow of a global pandemic, SAHS is looking forward to putting on some great programs and sharing new opportunities here in the coming months.

We have the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center now available as a community venue for rental, if you have a wedding, party or other celebration you would like us to host for you here as an event space. On our public programs front, starting in September this fall we will be offering a series of four guest speakers about local history topics with the line up included in the newsletter (online and free to sign up for).

This summer, on Saturday, July 2nd , we'll be holding a beer garden with live music in the Floyd, in partnership with SAAL Brewery and salmon BBQ, as well as a "kid's day" from noon to 3:00 pm that is free for everyone.

Before then though, be sure to buy a ticket to our 50th Anniversary luncheon on Saturday, May 14th at the Floyd. This promises to be a fun event, and is the major fundraiser for SAHS this year besides. Seating is limited, so contact us today to secure your seats. As part of the luncheon, we'll feature as our guest speaker Scandinavian historian and genealogist Jill Morelli, with lunch provided by Cama Beach Café. If you are not able to attend, please consider making a donation to SAHS instead, thanks.

On the preservation front, we're continuing work to repair the cedar shingle roof of the D.O.Pearson House, with the help of O.K. Roofing of Arlington (just need a nice stretch of sunny weather to finish). The Pearson House will stay closed to the public, until that's done -hopefully soon! And this fall, we look forward to a new exhibition featuring a dozen artworks for the Legacy Collection Art Cards project, a great partnership with the Stanwood-Camano Arts Advocacy Commission.

All the best.

Fred

**STANWOOD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

# 50th Anniversary Fundraiser Luncheon

**SATURDAY**  
**MAY 14th, 2022**

**11:30 - 1:30 pm**

**THE FLOYD**

Welcome Bonfire  
with the Boy Scouts

Silent Auction

Lunch provided by Cama Beach  
Catering

Program by Genealogist  
Jill Morelli

**luncheon. sahs-fncc.org**  
place your reservations online today

Join us for the Stanwood Area Historical Society 50th Anniversary Fundraiser Luncheon  
Saturday, May 14th, 2022 at the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center.



Pictured above are Ole Eide, Rudy Mueller and Dave Eldridge burning the Mortgage deed in 1986.

If you are unable to make it to the 50th Anniversary Luncheon, you can still support the Stanwood Area Historical Society by donating now. Thank you for your continued support! If you prefer to make your contribution to SAHS via a check, please send it to our mailing address.



Donate to  
Stanwood Area Historical Society   
We collect and preserve the wondrous treasures of history that  
define our community.



\$10.00 USD	\$20.00 USD	\$50.00 USD	Other Amount
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# Historic Buildings with Many Lives

The charter meeting of the Stanwood Area Historical Society was on March 16th 1972, just two days before Clara Stanwood Pearson's birthday on March 18th.

It wasn't long after that local families started donating their heirlooms, artifacts and photographs to create historical collections. At that time the D. O. Pearson house was known then as Heritage House, a local antique store. It was soon to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Pearson House was among the first in Washington State to receive such an honor.

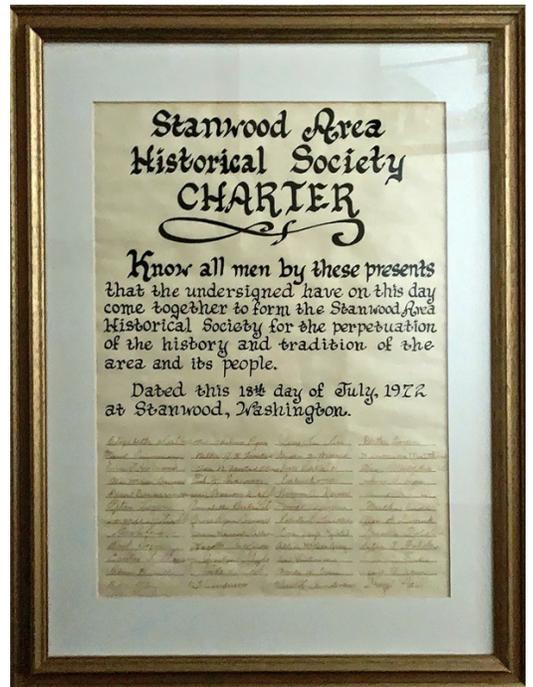
The owner at the time was Charlotte and Frank Noble. They purchased the house from Mrs. William Hart to who bought it in 1962 and began calling it the "Heritage House." The Noble's had it placed on the National Register in 1973. It was in March 1975, three years later that the group decided unanimously to purchase the D. O. Pearson House. The asking price was \$22,500. And so began the first fund-raising effort by the Stanwood Area Historical Society. When the funds were raised, the mortgage burning ceremony took place in May 1986 (see next page).

Soon the heirlooms and community treasures kept coming and it became clear they needed a museum to house the artifacts that embody the community's history. And so they began planning for the "Stanwood Area Centennial Museum" for the approaching Washington State Centennial. The celebration brought out the politicians and Senator Slade Gorton appears at the July 4th celebration. It somehow lost that name along the way. After being known for many years as the Stanwood Camano History Museum, the building is now appropriately known as the Eldridge Center for Dave Eldridge who began his 30 year career as leader and President of the organization (in his spare time as local history teacher).

It was a decade later, in 2000, when the historic I.O.O.F Hall and Tolin House next door became available for sale. The Odd Fellows Hall (IOOF) was historic as well and the Tolin house (now business office) was the home of early



D. O. Pearson House photographed in 1969. Note the brick street, the pears tree, open back porch and front steps.



residents, Edward and Anne (O'Callaghan) Tolin with his six children. After about 4 years the purchase and rehabilitation was complete. The IOOF is now the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center (FNCC or The Floyd), another fundraising effort that has brought the building to life again as a "Public Hall" serving very much its original function.

In 2021 the historical society cleared a lot next to the FNCC which will be the location for yet another new building to safely and securely store, display and organize the growing collection of artifacts. This year, we also hired our first Executive Director, Fred Poyner IV.

2022 is the Historical Society's 50th Anniversary and will be celebrating it with a 50th Anniversary Luncheon.

Tickets will be available at [luncheon.sahs-fncc.org](http://luncheon.sahs-fncc.org). Please join us in helping to celebrate these accomplishments and look forward to the future.

Your invitation is on page 3!

## More Historic Buildings with Many Lives

### Twin City Schools

Much of Stanwood's history involves its identity as two separate towns, first Stanwood and later East Stanwood. Stanwood was established in the 1870s when water transportation brought settlers to the Stillaguamish River Valley to log and farm. Two decades later, the Great Northern Railroad laid tracks one mile to the east of Stanwood's waterfront establishing a depot that attracted businesses and in 1906 East Stanwood was platted with a commercial district. In 1922 it was incorporated into a separate town. Over time the two towns co-existed with separate schools until it became necessary to build a new high school. That was a costly venture for both towns separately but in 1925 East Stanwood built a Lincoln School east of town (now the Stanwood Senior Center). The students were bussed in from surrounding smaller school districts in Cedarhome, Victoria, and Camano Island. Coordinated by the County school board consolidation votes took place and finally the Twin City Joint Consolidated School District #401 was formed.

Until 1929 Stanwood High School was on 276th St. Then its name changed in 1931 to the Stanwood Union High School and in 1937 incorporated Florence & Norman districts. It changing again in 1945 to Twin City High School until 1962. This high school building became a middle school when the new high school was built in 1972. And in 2021 yet another new high school was built in near the old one.

### "Twin City" businesses :

Twin City Bakery – East Stanwood  
Twin City News (1930-1959)  
Twin City Arts & Crafts Assn  
Twin City Auto Company  
Twin City Auto Parts.  
Twin City Foods  
Twin City Grain named 1941 when  
new owners took over; became  
Stanwood Feed & Farm Supply in  
1957.  
Twin City Towing  
Twin City Auto Parts  
Twin City Auto Rebuild (1948)  
Twin City Lanes (July 1959)

### Twin City Dairy

The tidy concrete building on 27025 102nd Ave across from the Food Bank is a 1938 concrete block building that is now a barber shop. Operated by Sarah Brooks you can check in there for a haircut after or before checking out the thrift store, getting your windshield repaired at Glass Tech or visiting the D. O. Pearson House Museum.

The building was built in 1938 as a creamery named the Twin City Dairy. Prior to the concrete building old photographs and Sanborn maps indicate it was a "notions" or "crockery" shop on that lot. One photograph show a sign that says it was the "Wonder Variety shop" and also bicycle shop.

Lawrence Stovner (1903-1992) established the dairy business after retiring from a 20 year career as a tug boat captain. He apparently remodeled the building

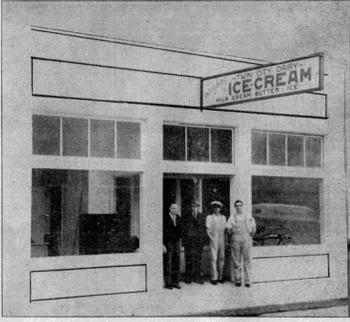
*You Are Invited to Attend the*

# GRAND OPENING

of the modernized fireproof front half  
of the

## Twin City Dairy BUILDING

remodeled and equipped with the most approved machinery  
scientifically constructed to guarantee the utmost in  
purity and sanitation



**SATURDAY, MARCH 30th**

**Free Ice Cream, Cake and Refreshments Served All Day**  
**FLOWERS FOR THE LADIES**



**Dapper Barber Shop in the former Twin City Dairy.**

This is a Personal Invitation from **LAWRENCE STOVNER**, Proprietor and Manager

**\$5.00 In Cash and Other Small Prizes Given Away!** Any Purchase will make you eligible.

**Signatures of Good Will By Local Business Houses:**

**J. E. Hamilton & Sons, Inc.**  
through whom the building material for the new Twin City Dairy Building was purchased joins with the people of Stanwood in extending  
**MR. LAWRENCE STOVNER**  
best wishes for an ever-increasing business as a worthy reward for his progressive business principles.

**Our Compliments To MR. LAWRENCE STOVNER**  
on the fireproof replacement he has made to the Twin City Dairy building. We acknowledge with thanks the order for the plate glass doors and windows.  
**E. A. Bryant Hardware**

**Maple Grove Resort**  
FAT JOHNSTON, Proprietor  
**Central Cafe**  
MEL BURRILL, Proprietor  
**Camano Service Station**  
HERMAN MOA, Union Products  
**Twin City News**  
DENCE & HORN  
**Clyde's Tavern**  
CLYDE PHILLIPS, Proprietor  
**Stanwood Hotel and Tavern**  
MOE & LANDRE, Proprietors  
**R. M. Brown**  
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**Ideal Theatre**  
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**Puget Sound Power & Light Co.**  
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**Stanwood Steam Laundry**  
ALL THE NAME IMPLIES  
**Lien Brothers Packing Company**  
FINE VEGETABLES  
**Central Tavern**  
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**Stanwood Service Station**  
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**Palace Barber Shop**  
STANLEY WAGNESS, Proprietor  
**CONGRATULATIONS LAWRENCE**  
We Carry a full line of Twin City Dairy Products  
**Cozy Sandwich Shop**

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
and best wishes  
to  
**Mr. Stovner**  
**A. D. Hall Insurance Agency**

We're glad to have had the privilege of furnishing the hardware used in these improvements to the Twin City Dairy building, and compliment  
**MR. LAWRENCE STOVNER**  
on his enterprise and public spirit.  
**STANWOOD HARDWARE AND FURNITURE COMPANY**

**The Stanwood Commercial Club**  
compliments the splendid spirit of faith in Stanwood and community shown by  
**ex-President Lawrence Stovner**  
It is the Wish of the Club that Continued Success May More than Justify Your Investment  
DECLAN BARRON, Secretary ALLAN ANDERSON, President

**ATTENTION !!**  
**BOYS and GIRLS**  
**WIN A BICYCLE**  
JOIN CONTEST NOW!

The Bicycle in our window will be given to a boy or girl having the most votes by December 24th, 4 p.m. Also smaller prizes will be given each Saturday at 4 p. m. for most votes for each week.

—Votes Are As Follows—

	Votes
1 Milk Cap . . . . .	1
1 Cream Cap . . . . .	2
1 Orange Ade Cap . . . . .	2
1 Butter Milk Cap . . . . .	1
1 Dairysweet Butter Wrapper . . . . .	3
1 Dairysweet Ice Cream Carton . . . . .	3
1 Ice Cream Bar Wrapper . . . . .	1
Also any Brooks' Bakery Bread Wrappers . . . . .	3
And All Packages having their label . . . . .	3

**Twin City Dairy**  
Also extra prize given each Saturday

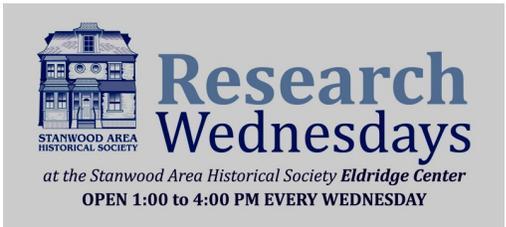
Newspaper Advertising March 28, 1940  
*Twin City News*

Newspaper advertisement October 1937 *Twin City News*.

around the old building according to one account. The front office rooms were used as Stovner's office as City Clerk and his side business as real estate agent, accountant and tax preparer. "He sat on the Town Council since 1934 with the exception of four years and was with the fire department 35 years." While Twin City Foods used the City Hall as its offices, Stovner basically ran city business from the Dairy. His wife Dagny worked by his side with the bookkeeping etc.

The back rooms held the machinery for loading ice and milk with a new pasteurizer installed in 1936. . When the industry moved away from bottles, the new machinery required made it too expensive to adapt to the changes so he "retired" from the Dairy in 1950. Stovner lived until the age of 89 working until the age of 83 still doing people's taxes and accounting. The building was later occupied by a shoe repair shop and possibly others before it became the present day barber shop. As often happens we are still researching some of the other occupants of the building so any memories or articles with info are welcome!

Resources:  
Sanborn Maps Collections at the Library of Congress. <https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/about-this-collection/>  
[https://www.sahs-fncc.org/?page\\_id=2445](https://www.sahs-fncc.org/?page_id=2445)  
"Meet Stanwood's business people...39th in a series" Lawrence Stovner & Donald L. Glancy. Nov. 12, 1969 *Stanwood News*



**History Everywhere You Look**

If these dreary last days of winter call you outside, we have the perfect solution for you. Due to volunteers in the last several years, there are many of our historic places that now have interpretive information integrated in their sites. Our parks and waterfronts have new or soon to be installed historic interpretation signs that you can find at the English Boom County Park, the Utsalady Boat Launch, the view from the Utsalady County Park, Barnum Point County Park, the Pioneer Cemetery and the Camano Lutheran Cemetery.

For additional information, try the audio and video tours at **historicsitestour.com** . The local collaborating tour group committee members are working on new attractions for the open house day now set for August 26 and 27, 2022.

On the right is the new 2021 display produced by the Utsalady Ladies Aid.



THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR  
SUPPORTING AND SUSTAINING SAHS FOR  
THE LAST 50 YEARS.  
(Please see article on p. 4)

After going through old clippings for our luncheon celebration I was reminded of all the many contributions that were made by members and non-members over the years in support of this growing institution. I am sorry I cannot list everyone but one of the little contributions I came across was the donation of concrete for a new cement sidewalk in 1983 along the D. O. Pearson House by Stanwood Redi-Mix who helped again this year indicating just how long some of our community have participated in the building the Historical Society.

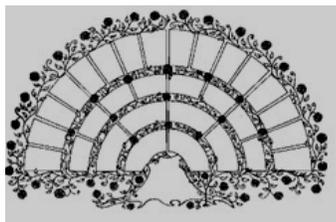
Thank you to all as we hopefully begin to come out of the Covid restrictions and plan our new programs, events and eventually a new building.

Check our website and social media on occasion for a list, and send in your new or renew your membership for 2022.

We hope that you will celebrate with us at the 50th Anniversary Fundraiser - a new twist on our past fund-raising traditions.

## Camwood Genealogy Workshop

normally meets on the first Mondays of the month in the  
Currently it is dependent on COVID 19 guidelines.  
Contact info@sahs-fncc.org for updates.



## Contact Us!

You can learn more about activities and events planned for the future in our social media links:

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<https://thefloydnorgaard.weebly.com/>

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<https://www.stanwoodveteransmemorial.com/>



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October 16, 2021—March 15, 2022

- **Tessa Campbell**
- **Leland & Dorothy Olson Foundation (for SCAAC Art Cards Project)**
- **Ken & Barbara Christoferson**

## In Memory Of

October 16, 2021—March 15, 2022

**Oran Fjarlie** ~ Laurie Ware, Richard & M'Lisse Williams, Bobbie Mueller, Sandra Robinson, Kathy Uroff

**Dr. P. Dan Logen** ~ Barbara Logen

**Margaret Logen** ~ Barbara Logen

**Eleanor Clayton (Matterand)** ~ Kathie Johnson

**Mary (Wagness) Sundberg** ~ Margaret Utgard, Dennis & Shirley Anderson, Bruce & Theresa Garrison Borthwick-Garrison, Clayton Olson, Steven Youngren

**Leif Larson** ~ Kathy Uroff

**Maxine Shroyer** ~ Kathy Uroff

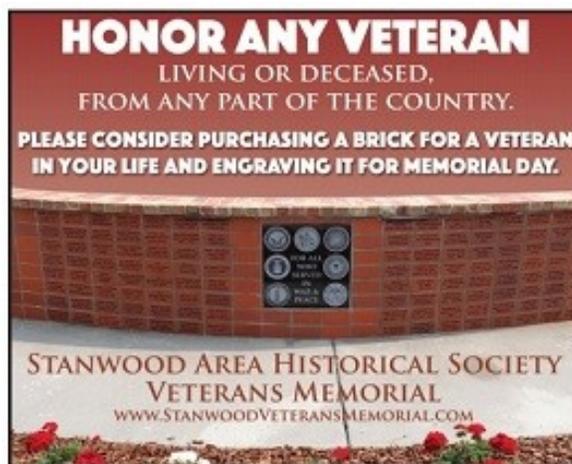
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**William Prasse** ~ Carolyn Spector~

**Gary McKean** ~ Ron & Linda Fosse

**John Anderson** ~ Kathy Uroff

**Cliff Henning Jr.** ~ Kathy Uroff, Steve Youngren



Thank you to Veterans Memorial Brick donors!

**Arecka Mather** for her father **Don Mather**  
**Allan D. Anderson** for **Johnny Anderson**

*Bricks continue to be available  
for Veterans Memorial only*

## Get Involved, Stay In Touch, Join the Stanwood Area Historical Society

The Stanwood Area Historical Society is a special place. It collects and conserves the wondrous treasures of history that define our community. Your participation would not only assist in this crucial protection of our past, but would make you part of our important work. You can make a difference. Join SAHS and volunteer today!

Memberships are due annually. Renewal reminders will be sent out on the anniversary of your last membership payment. This is a significant means of support for the Society and includes a subscription to the quarterly newsletter. Members help govern our society by providing assistance with programming, publications and planning for the future.

*SAHS is a tax-exempt non-profit organization and depends for its financial support on gifts, bequests from individuals and groups, fund raising activities and membership dues. Your contributions are tax deductible to you and will be used in support of history education, exhibits and programs.*

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