# Stanwood Area **ECHOES**

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**Firewood Season** - Above is a large pile of firewood or stove wood salvaged from tops of large trees in a local logging operation. Two men are posed near the top of the pile. The men are thought to be part of the Jensen Logging Company crew about 1916. Photographer Auggie Jensen, who is listed as the photographer and was born in Cedarhome to Ole Jensen and Jensine Petersen. The family came to Stanwood in 1883 having immigrated from Denmark. They settled near Cedarhome. Mrs. Jensen was a midwife "who helped bring over 300 babies into the world". Auggie also worked for the Cedarhome Lumber Co operating a donkey

engine in 1918. Auggie moved to Oregon about 1928 and married Miss Ethel Mae Drake from Goldbar. His brothers Walter, Nels and Peter Thorwald remained in the area. Thorwald owned the first Kelly truck and trailer with hard rubber tires in the Washington State according to handwriting on the photograph. As often happens, we know little of this family or the Jensen Logging Company than that, let us know if you have more information!



#### Current Exhibits in the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center, the D. O. Pearson House and Eldridge Center

- Bunads of Local Norwegian Heritage Families
- Fallen Heroes of our Armed Forces and Red Cross remembered through their uniforms and soldier stories.
- Once a Milltown Logging and Lumbering
- Consolidation of the "Twin Cities" and their schools
- Dollhouses and Miniature Early Church Models
- "Trees to Peas to Prosperity"

- Dr. Mac First medical man in Stanwood
- Stanwood Klondikers of 1898
- Camano Island Resort History
- Decades of Fashion
- Camano Island Resorts
- Aerial Photographs of Stanwood and the Stilly Valley
- Stanwood High School Class Picture Gallery

New exhibits are being planned - Helpers welcome!

#### **New Acquisitions**

Thank you to the donors of our museum artifacts. Each one of them have stories to be told and will be added to our exhibits or used in publications. Among the many items we have recently received a compiled business history of the Meadowmoor Dairy of East Stanwood plus a scrapbook from the Rygg Family, a 1937 Zenith radio from Susan Yerkes, and a Krumkake baking iron from Margaret Utgard. (see photo opposite).

**Roseann Michael**, granddaughter of Karl Schmidt one the early owners of the local laundry has donated photographs of the Stanwood Laundry belonging to her family.

An Edison Mimeograph Maker donated by **Robin E. Gwinn** plus a collection of clippings and history materials on Silvana history.

A Stanwood Hardware sign was donated by the grandchildren and **great grandchildren of Dick and Gertrude Pusey**, early owners of Stanwood Hardware. (see Echoes #71)





Jerry Whitney donated photographs of the 1951 flood, Stanwood Rifle Range and the Gateway Garage (see above). Jerry Whitney designed the sign for his father Elmer who was the owner/operator. It was located where the current NAPA Auto Parts is located. 2025.112.30

Marilyn Tietjen Clark, daughter of Earl Tietjen, owner of Tietjen's Hardware and Appliance Store in East Stanwood, donated a 1948 Hallicrafter Television. It cost about \$200 at that time.

Research and photocopies about the Savage and Boyd Families of Skagit County were received from **Dan Royal**.

A few of these items will be among several early technology antiques that will be on display in a new exhibit before the end of the year.



## A Scruffy Bunch on in front of school steps in Stanwood

Early Stanwood school children including locals Stanley Wagness, Allan Wagness (better known as baseball players in 1928), Mel Ovenell, Charles Durgan, William Hansen, David Brown, Jim Hall (son of John W. Hall of the H & H Railroad),

Floyd Puffer.

This photographic postcard was among the many photos donated by **Vicki DuCharme** whose family included the Norgaards and Izetta (Norgaard) and John W. Hall family (who operated the H & H Railroad)

## Stanwood Auto Company "The Bungalow Garage"

In 1913 the dusty, muddy roads in Stanwood began to be paved with bricks. The newly built Pacific Highway first ran through town from the railroad tracks westward towards the waterfront and Market Street and then north towards Conway along what is now called the "Old Pacific Highway". When the overpass (viaduct) was put in about 1922 just east of the railroad tracks, the new Pacific Highway was completed bypassing Stanwood's waterfront. The section of the road now known as 270th or "Main Street" was part of this early section of the Pacific Highway and is the last bricked section of the highway of that day.



1992.44B.12 John T. Wagness, Photographer



In 1915 the Thomle Motor Car Co.'s new Buick dealership was mentioned in the *Stanwood Tidings* (Feb 20, 1914) to be located "at the entrance of the city limits of Stanwood on the East Side in a position where autos traveling on the Pacific Highway are bound to notice it". The building is 50 x 100 feet and as a concrete floor and corrugate iron sides. Thomle's business didn't last long and in Nov. 1915 disincorporation papers of Thomle Automobile Company of Stanwood were filed agreeing to dissolve the concern. A 1916 headline states Grewell & Mack [are] Successors to Thomle Auto Company with locations in Everett with a garage and stock in Stanwood.

The 1919 Polk Directory listed next owners of that building, the Stanwood Auto Co with George Bonser and Arthur Hatch operating a Ford Agency listing a Model T One Ton Truck. The *Stanwood News 1923 Special Booster Ed.* said the Bungalow Garage and repairs service was a credit to the district.





In 1928 Dave Johnson and John Anderson began Stanwood Motors business and totally rebuilt the building. Johnson sold out and Merle Holman succeed him as an owner. The business re-opened in 1931 just as the Depression was beginning.

By 1935 Ross Dimick was listed as operating a auto repairs business there which was in turn purchased by Larry Johnson who



sold Dodge cars and trucks in 1941.
Not much is known until 1964 when it was purchased by Stanwood
Development Co (Jim Hendershot,
Edward Jones, and Cliff Danielson).
The building had been used as rental space for dry storage of boats, trailers or auto equipment (previously used by Stanwood Lumber Co.) Kimball's

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Jewelry and Watchmaking was briefly located in that building also. Mark Kimball was married to Genevieve Pearson, granddaughter of D.O. Pearson and daughter of Guy Pearson.

In 1979 the garage was remodeled and became Camwood Plaza with a clothing store and medical office. The building still has some of the features of the auto repair and garage with a garage door.

In the foreground is the brick street to hopefully be preserved (with safety upgrades) by the City of Stanwood as one of the few remaining brick streets in the County.

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#### **Donations In Memory Of**

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**Jerry Heichel** - Stanwood Class of '64 **Marilyn Templeton** - Barb & Ken Christoferson

Nancy Olson - Margaret Utgard

## Welcome to new & Renewed Members - Midyear list

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**Honorary Lifetime Trustees:** 

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New Board Meeting Hours: SAHS Board Meetings ~

3rd Thursday of the month, 11 a.m.

New members and volunteers welcome. *Officers serve for two year terms.* 

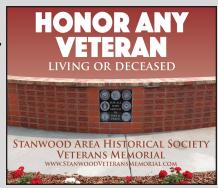
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President and Secretary rotate on the even year.

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#### **Thank You Brick Donors**

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#### **Keeping our Museum Open!**

Volunteers are welcome to help keep our museum open to the public. Please let us know if you have an interest in actively participating!

Exhibits are open Wednesdays and Saturdays 1—4 pm or by appointment! 360-629-6110

#### Volunteers welcome - join us !

We have added new software that will make it easier to communicate to with our members.

Please make sure we have your personal email.

Please send us your current email address to fnccmanager@sahs-fncc.org

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- Thursday, September 18th, SAHS Regular Board Meeting 11 a.m. at the Floyd unless otherwise directed.
- October 11th, League of Snohomish County Heritage
   Organizations board visit & Board meeting visit 10 a.m. Noon. SAHS members welcome to meet & greet.
- October 16, 11 a.m. SAHS Regular Board meeting
- Thursday, October 23, 2025 Member Information Night and Annual Meeting

All Members Welcome (Potential & Current) for sharing stories and hear a report from Joan Andrews, President, about ongoing and future projects, programs and exhibits.

- Veterans Day Celebration will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at 11:00 am. There will be patriotic music, participation by Marysville NJROTC, speakers, service songs, Hero quilts, and more. The program will last about an hour.
- Nov 20th Board Meeting 11 a.m.
- December 1st at 10 a.m.- Decorations committee and filling Santa bags.
- Saturday December 6th Santa Day At the Floyd

10 am - 2 p.m -

Gifts, treats and photographs with Santa!

#### Are You Estate Planning?

Please consider remember the Stanwood Area Historical Society (SAHS) in your plans. SAHS is a 501 c3 non profit. We are dedicated to preserving local history and sharing it through events, exhibits and tours. Donations like yours help us keep the doors open so we can share our history with future generations!

#### **Donations**

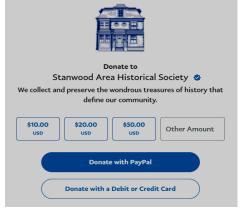
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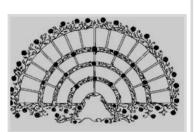
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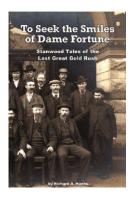
Many thanks to our volunteers the last few months.
Chris Rezendes, Bill Blandin, Pat Bronson, Diane
Anderson, Robin & Richard Hanks, Penny Meenderinck,
Jerry King, Marvin Flones, Rick Anderson, Bill Keller, Jack
Freberg, Janet Mayer, Don Simonson.

#### **Camwood Genealogy Workshop**

CGW meets on the first Mondays of the month in the Eldridge Center at 1 p.m. Contact Bill Blandin

https://www.sahsfncc.org/?page\_id=56





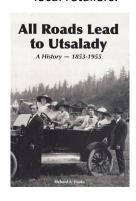


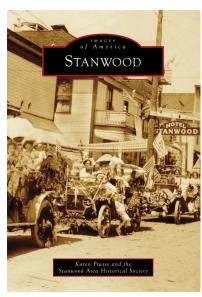


#### **New Books -**

Check out our collection of new titles:

New book on "Stanwood" and "All Roads Lead to Utsalady" by Richard Hanks. Available at SAHS or local retailers.





| Join the Stanwood Area Historical Society                                                                                                                                                                                    |                              |                                                                                             |  |
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