



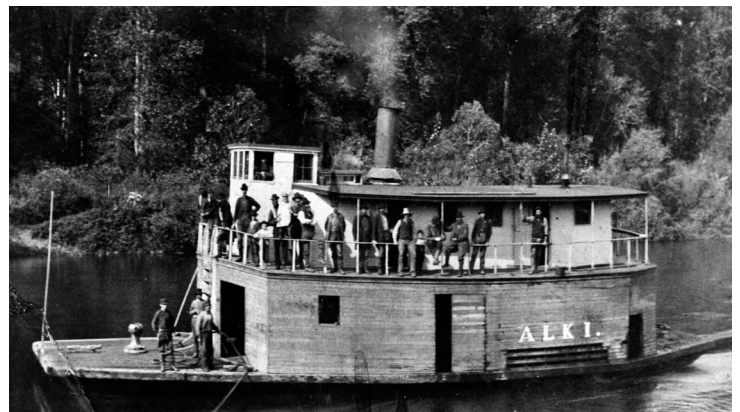
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FALL CITY DAY: A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT

Our theme for 2024 Fall City Day centered on the importance of travel on the Snoqualmie River, beginning with the dug out canoes carved and utilized across the Puget Sound area by the Snoqualmie people and other Salish tribes. These types of canoes were also used by the first traders and American and European settlers to the area for their capacity to transport people and cargo. When the first settler school opened in Fall City in 1873, James Taylor used a canoe to ferry children back and forth to school as there was no bridge.



In 1884, John and Philo Rutherford built this ferry (left) that could transport several passengers, as well as a wagon and team of horses. It ran on cables that stretched across the river. Over the years, many ships were used to transport passengers and goods on the Snoqualmie River and beyond, like the Alki (right).

The first bridge was built in 1889 (below), fell in 1900, and rebuilt again a year later. Since then, there have been two more bridges, each needed for the increased traffic. The Luton Arch bridge, built in 1917, was guarded by Civil Defense during WWII as the Sunset Highway was the main throughfare connecting Eastern and Western Washington. The current bridge was built in 1980, allowing for debris to flow during floods.

To learn more of the history of boats and ships on the river, local authors Steven J. Barker and Jack M. Russell, Jr. have shared their extensive research in their book, *Steamboats On The Snoqualmie*.



SAVE THE DATE!

Cemetery Wine Walk

Thurs., August 15th 6pm – 8pm

Enjoy an evening of history and local wine from William Grassie Wine Estates

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