



# AUGUST 2024 Newsletter

## Summer Picnics

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### Old Settlers Picnic

The Ladies Aid members were very active participants in the annual settler picnics. The picnic held in 1914 was a grand day for the pioneers and their families on Camano Island who gathered at the schoolhouse

grounds. In 1916, under blue skies a picnic was held at the Mellum's large orchard where pioneers and friends enjoyed a delightful lunch prepared by Ladies Aid. The tradition of annual picnics continued with many being held on the Ladies Aid property. For many years the Ladies Aid had community picnics in August with games and a cake walk.

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

Our next **Membership meeting** will be **Wednesday, August 14th**, at 11:30am for socializing and business meeting at 1:00pm. Our luncheon will continue the tradition as we celebrate 100 years and we will have a potluck picnic.

The **Board meeting** will be on **Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**, from 11:00am to 1:00pm.



### FUNdraising Update

Our big fundraiser was a huge success with the selling of **78** homemade pies and loads of baked goodies. Many participated in the walk and flag ceremony enjoying a free popsicle at the closing. We made **\$4,191**. Our book has sold about **140** copies so far. Copies have been donated to the Stanwood Area Historical Society, Island County Historical Society Museum and Camano Island School House.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### President's Message

#### Summertime at Utsalady Ladies Aid

Nestled near the shores of Utsalady Bay is our precious little building "The Utsalady Ladies Aid". Our **100 year celebration** of the building continues. In the spirit of the pioneer women of the past we press on in 2024. Little did the women 100 years ago know that "you" and "I" would still be making a difference in our members' lives and in the community. Rejoice that you woke up today. Participate in the opportunities that we are given. Come do the history walk of homes, do the Stanwood-Camano Fair. Come to our August meeting... potluck...picnic. Bring a dish to share or just bring yourself. Blessings as we watch the summer sun smile down on Utsalady Bay. Bring a cup of coffee and sit on our porch.



#### Stanwood Camano Community Fair

The fair is happening August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4 pm. Pat Bronson has scheduled volunteers to pass out information about the Ladies Organization at the Pioneer Village. Some will bring an activity like quilting or knitting to engage the public. We are participating in the parade by having **Jeni Bottin, Mary Margaret Haugen and Linda Johnson** ride in vintage car with members holding our Utsalady Ladies Aid banner and walking behind. So ladies put on your tennis shoes and join the parade of proud women.

#### Historic Sites Day

This year the Historic Sites Tour is a one day event on **August 24<sup>th</sup>** from **10am to 4pm**. At the Ladies Aid building there will be a guided walk on Utsalady Road highlighting some of the older homes and their history. Richard Hanks will give a talk about Utsalady's history. Birthday cake and beverages will be served to celebrate 100 years.

#### Sea Lion on the Mary Margaret Haugen Bridge!

On the morning of July 4<sup>th</sup> a sea lion scooted onto the bridge stopping traffic both ways. Citizens tried to discourage it from traveling further across the 532 Highway. Why did the sea lion cross the bridge?



*Enjoy Your Island Time!*