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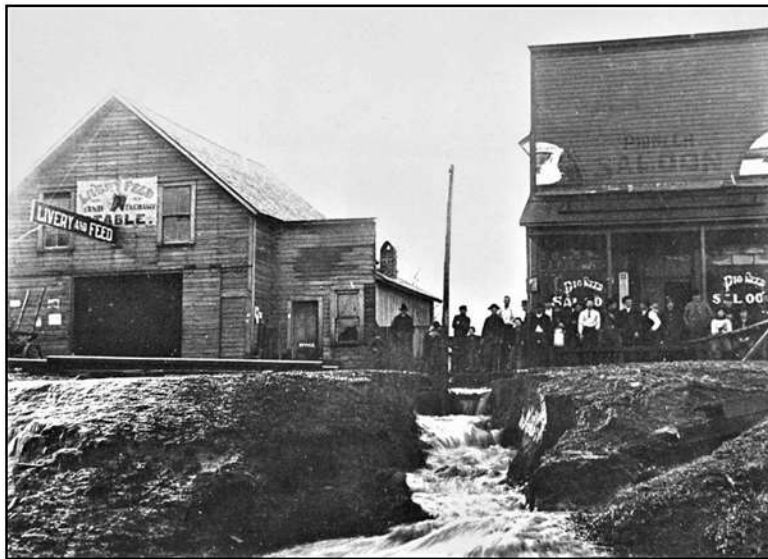
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## From April Showers... And Jan, Feb, March...



When living in the Snoqualmie River Valley, one cannot avoid learning of the cyclical nature of the rivers and their ever changing water levels and paths. For thousands of years, people have lived in this valley, adapting and thriving, including a year-round location of the Snoqualmie people here in what is now Fall City. And throughout these years, past to present, the rivers flood and recede, changing the landscape, nourishing the farmlands, and replenishing aquifers. Whether it's channel migration, or the cyclic floods, there is ongoing work across the area to minimize damage to people, places and habitats.



At the center of Fall City, with the confluence of the Raging River and the Snoqualmie River, each Spring the water levels rise with rains and mountain snowmelt. In 1906, the Raging River overflowed its banks and came through the center of town. In the 1930s and 1940s, the channel was straightened and dikes were built with hopes of preventing future town flooding. A little more than 100 years later, roads, daily life, and pasturelands were disrupted with the Snoqualmie River flooding of 2009, cresting at 60,000 cfs. This flood was the most powerful since the 1990 flood that measured 78,800 cfs.

Above: 1906 Raging River flooding down Orchard St (338th Pl SE), flowing between McLean's Livery and Pioneer Saloon, to the Snoqualmie River

Below and Right: 2009 Snoqualmie River flooding down Route 202 between Snoqualmie and Fall City





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# MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY



**Monday, May 29, 2023 10am**



Memorial Day Ceremony 2022

The American Legion Renton-Pickering Post 79 of Snoqualmie will be conducting some activities around the Valley this upcoming Memorial Day, including a Memorial Day ceremony at the Fall City Cemetery.

All are welcome to join in remembering and honoring our fallen veterans, with local Boy Scouts Color Guard, military representation, and a speaker.



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Once called Decoration Day, Memorial Day observances originated at the end of the Civil War with many communities decorating the graves of the fallen. After World War I, as the day came to be observed in honor of those who had died in all U.S. wars, its name changed from Decoration Day to Memorial Day. Since 1971 Memorial Day has been observed on the last Monday in May.



Memorial Day Honor Guard at Fall City Cemetery, late 1940s. Bass drum played by Irene Pike.

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