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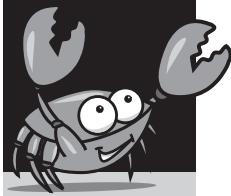


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Welcome to The Crab Cracker! Here's What's Crackin'...

The Crab Cracker is a community magazine created **BY** local residents **FOR** local residents. It is a **FREE** publication printed every two weeks and distributed throughout the communities of Camano Island, Stanwood (and Warm Beach area), Silvana, and Conway. It contains an extensive calendar of events, original stories, feature articles, fun and interesting sections, community news and announcements, tide tables, and more. Please send us any material you want our communities to know about for possible entry into this publication. It is content provided from **YOU** that makes this publication the popular source of information and entertainment that all of our friends and neighbors enjoy.

*Cover image: Saratoga Sam says "Happy Groundhog Day!"
Hoping for an early Spring.*

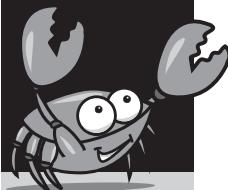


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Submission DEADLINE: JANUARY 29 for Next Edition (February 6-19)

Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, JANUARY 22
FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT



5-6:30pm at Twin City Elementary. Explore, experiment, and enjoy time together. Pizza will be available for purchase.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23
TEEN LATE NIGHT

Come prepared for an evening of fun at 7-10pm the Stanwood YMCA! Enjoy time swimming in the pool, playing games on the courts, hanging around in the Teen Center and more! Pizza will be provided, and membership is not required, so bring your friends! Grades 6-12. Cost: \$10. More info: sleonardo@ymca-snoco.org

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DID YOU KNOW?

Roselle, a guide dog, led her blind owner down 78 flights of stairs during 9/11. The descent took about an hour, and they both safely made it out.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23
ELGER BAY ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEE



1:30pm. All ages. Parents and families welcome to attend.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23
FRIDAY NIGHT KARAOKE
WITH MARCUS. 8pm at Stanwood Hotel Saloon. 26926 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood. 360-629-2888.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23
BRITTANY COLLINS & CO. + FRIENDS FOR THE GHOST + KATE DINSMORE

8 PM - Arcadian Public House, 18444 Spruce Street, Conway. You can expect a great show. Tickets: \$12 ADV / \$15 DOS. 21+ - outside food allowed - online ticket sales end at noon. Genre: Americana.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23
LEVY CONVERSATION

Online conversation on district social channels (<https://www.stanwood.wednet.edu/departments/communications>) about the Safety and Infrastructure Levy with Port Susan Middle School Principal Cherae Almanza and Superintendent Ryan Ovnell about middle school and high school projects funded by the levy.

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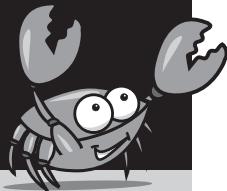
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DID YOU KNOW?

Webster's Dictionary accidentally had a word that didn't exist in it for five years – "Dord."

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23
SNOHOMISH COUNTY BLANKET DRIVE + EVENT



There's no better way to kick off the new year than coming together for something that feels good — and I'm so excited to invite you to the 4th Annual Snohomish County + Camano Blanket Drive Event! This is a FREE community night. Cozy winter mocktails (all ages welcome!). A fun card-writing station to add a note to a donated blanket. A local business raffle with amazing prizes. Great people, great energy, and a whole lot of heart. If you'd like to be entered to win a raffle prize, simply donate a new or gently used blanket anytime between now and January 23rd. Each blanket = one raffle entry. The raffle winner will be announced at the event! **EVENT DETAILS:** 6-8pm at Windermere Real Estate – Stanwood - 7359 267th St NW, Suite D. For someone in our community, a blanket isn't just cozy — it's warmth, dignity, and safety. This drive is about neighbors helping neighbors, and year after year, our community shows up in the best way. You don't have to stay the whole time. You don't even have to attend to participate. Dropping off a blanket still makes a difference — and still gets you entered to win! Bring a blanket. Bring a friend. Or just come for the vibes. More info: lacey@windermere.com.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

THE MARK DUFRESNE BAND

7-11pm at Pub 282, 370 NE Camano Dr #6, Camano. Don't miss an electrifying night of killer vocals, harmonica magic, and high-energy rhythm that'll get you on your feet. One night only.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Rebecca Felton was the first woman to ever serve in the United States Senate – but she only served for one day.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

PARMAGEDDON



Parmageddon Doubles III. B.Y.O.P. Best-Shot Doubles Disc Golf Tournament at Kayak Point Disc Golf Resort. Gold/Blue Combo 18-hole layout. More info at https://www.discgolfscene.com/tournament/Parmageddon_Doubles_III_2026

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

JIMMY WRIGHT BAND

performing live at 7pm at Conway's Pub & Eatery.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

AN UNPLUGGED TRIBUTE TO GRUNGE

with Paper Heart and special guest Dave Saathoff from Human Clay at 8 PM at the Arcadian Public House, 18444 Spruce Street, Conway. Paper Heart and Dave Saathoff from Human Clay are making 2026 start off fabulously! Join us for an unplugged tribute to grunge. There won't be a song that you don't recognize. Tickets: \$5 Doors: 7 PM Show: 8 PM - outside food is permitted - 21+ only - seating is first come, first served - ticket sales are final on the day of the show - on-line ticket sales end at noon on show day.

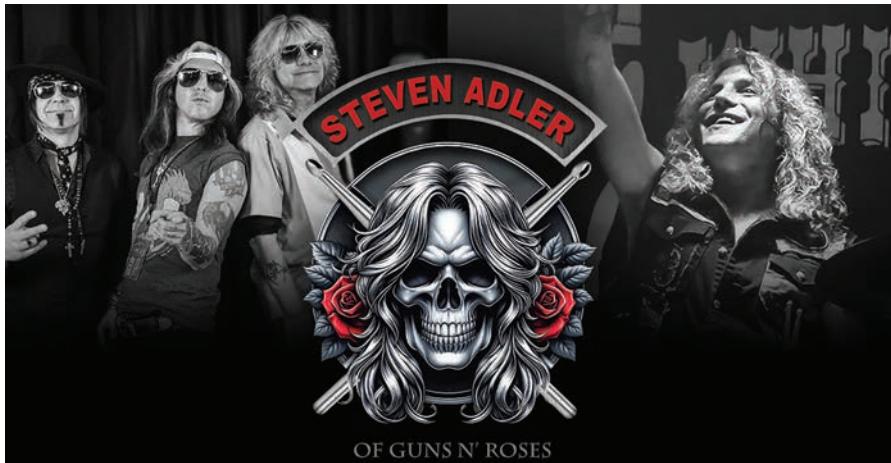
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JANUARY 24

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STEVEN ADLER OF GUNS N' ROSES

Saturday, January 24 | Doors: 7PM | Show: 8PM

Steven Adler, the original drummer of Guns N' Roses and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee, is hitting the stage with his band Adler's Appetite to deliver fan-favorite hits like "Sweet Child O' Mine" and "Welcome to the Jungle."

Head in before the show to earn up to three U-Spins from 4PM - 9PM then hit the hot seats from 10PM - midnight when we'll pick four winners of \$50 cash every 30 minutes!



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

GATEWAY GALLERY 'WINTER' ART SHOW OPENING

4pm-6pm FREE! Artists' Reception and show Opening. Come on down to the little red Camano Gateway building at Freedom Park. View the 'WINTER' themed CAA Member Group Exhibition of artwork & mingle with local artists & neighbors! Art from: Jill COCKRUM, Carl HAMRY, Karen FULLER, Debra LEPAGE, Diane KANE, Debbie KLUGE, Jeanne POLING, Dolors RUSCHA, and Cecilia TWEDD. PLUS check out the NEW boardwalk, thanks to Freedom Park volunteers. 578 E North Camano Dr.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

DIY JOURNALS: FROM CHAOS TO CREATIVITY



Noon-2pm at the Camano Island Library. In a world full of screens, take a moment to unplug and create something real. This drop in will be a creative space dedicated to the ultimate forms of self-expression: Junk Journals and Bullet Journals (BuJo's). For the Artists & Collectors: Learn to make a Junk Journal, a unique collage of your life's bits and pieces. Bring things like ticket stubs, magazine cut-outs, favorite quotes, gum wrappers, pictures and any other scraps to create a physical record of your memories and dreams. We will provide all sorts of items as well! It's stress-relieving art you can hold in your hands! For the Planners & Dreamers: Master the BuJo method to create a planner, tracker, and diary all in one notebook. Design custom layouts for tracking your moods, managing schoolwork, logging books you read, or planning your future—all in a way that truly works for your brain! Journals, craft supplies and junk will be provided along with yummy snacks! No registration required.



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Camano Commons

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DID YOU KNOW?

Whenever Charles Dickens was away from home, he would always realign the bed he was sleeping in to face Northwards, as he felt that this fostered and unlocked his creativity.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

FAMILY BINGO

at the American Legion Hall ON CAMANO ISLAND, 609 W. Camano Drive. "Camano Island American Legion Bingo is pushing it up...Now with \$150 and \$250 blackout jackpots!" Doors open at 4:30 P.M. and Bingo starts at 6pm. Snacks and beverages available.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

CHARITY BELT: A 21+ FUNDRAISER DRAG SHOW

9pm at Beauty Bar Salon + Lounge, Stanwood. A new, raunchy drag show for a good cause from Dirty Jobb Productions! Life is pain and existence is torment, so come out and leave your troubles at the door for a night of camp, camaraderie, chaos, and most importantly charity! After raising over \$800 for the Stanwood-Camano Food Bank last November, we're back with Stanwood Tattoo Company this month to raise funds for The NOAH Center! Audience members are encouraged to pay a \$10 door donation to benefit The NOAH Center. 100% of door sales AND 100% of Pam Jobb's tips will be donated directly to NOAH.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, JANUARY 24-25

AMATEUR RADIO FIELD DAY



Amateur Radio in the field! Field Day is an emergency operations exercise. However, it also raises awareness of Amateur Radio by the public and its value to the community in the event of disaster. The Summer event is one of the largest ham radio events of the year. The Winter exercise is a relatively new event. Come out, join in the fun, support the club and learn new skills. Winter Field Day: 11am Saturday to 11am on Sunday. Location will be off of N. Can Ku Road on Camano Island. The Winter Field Day Association sponsors this emergency communications exercise. <http://www.winterfieldday.com>. If you would like to participate, please email to w7pig@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

BOARD GAME DAY

Noon-6pm at Scattered Deck Games, 8919 271st St Nw, Stanwood. All Board Games! All Day! Stop on in and play. Use some of our 300+ store copies or bring your own. Free event Every Sunday. Outside food welcome. Come play with us.

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

Mona Lisa was stolen from the Louvre in 1911, which drew more visitors to see the empty space than the actual painting.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Girls Basketball. C Team vs Kamiak: 5:30pm. JV vs Marysville Pilchuck: 5:40pm. Varsity vs Marysville Pilchuck: 7:15pm.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

TRIVIA NIGHT

with Darren. 6-8pm at SAAL Brewing Company, 10209 270th St NW, Stanwood. It is free to play with prizes. Always a lot of fun!

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

NAUGHTY BINGO

8pm at Beauty Bar Salon + Lounge. Always free to play. Come have some naughty fun and maybe win some prizes! 360-629-2324.

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

ALL AGES MONDAY NIGHT TRIVIA

6pm at Rockaway, Camano Island. An exciting night of prizes, great food and drinks, and the chance to win big. This is a family friendly trivia, so grab your little ones and join us!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

6pm at Stanwood Community Resource Center. Event by PFLAG Stanwood-Camano. January is Suicide Prevention month. We are hosting this free class presented by Wendy Burchill, Snohomish County Dept of Health, to help you recognize the signs and learn to talk about this difficult subject. We can all help prevent suicide by normalizing talking about it, and knowing how to help. Open to all.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

TEEN CHILL & RECHARGE

3-5pm at the Stanwood Library. Stop by to unwind, recharge, and enjoy some snacks! This week, we're diving into Diamond Art, making our own stationary, and playing games on the Nintendo Wii and the Oculus Rift. We've got everything you need - just bring yourself and your good vibes. Bring a friend, meet new people, or just hang out on your own. No registration required - just drop in anytime. recharge, and enjoy free snacks. It's a win-win!

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DID YOU KNOW?

Since 1990 the United States has added more acres of forest than it has lost, with almost 20 million new acres of forest land added in the last 2 decades.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA!

7-9pm at Pub 282. Test your knowledge on music, history, current events, pop culture & more! All ages and free to play!

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY NIGHT

Hosted by The Stanwood-Camano School District. 5pm at Stanwood High School, inviting families and community members to learn more about how the district supports student well-being. The event is designed to provide transparency, answer questions, and strengthen partnerships between schools and the community. The evening will feature a showing of "Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age," an award-winning documentary that examines how screen time, social media, video games, and digital connection impact young people's mental wellness, attention, and family life, while offering practical strategies for finding balance. Following the film, attendees may choose two breakout sessions focused on key student support topics, including: Student and Staff Safety; Social-Emotional Learning and Mental Health; Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, and Discrimination; Digital Safety and Cell Phone-Free Instruction. The event is free and open to students, families, and community members.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

MINDFUL REFLECTION THROUGH ART

4-6pm at the Camano Island Library. Designed for participant's individualized expression through mindful reflection, combining images with words to navigate and release emotions, stress, anxiety, trauma and/or personal challenges. All Levels. Materials provided for basic 2 dimensional work or bring your chosen favorites for 2D or 3D creations. Registration link at SCAACwa.org/classes

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Boys Basketball vs Marysville Pilchuck. C Team & JV: 5:30pm. Varsity: 7:15pm.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

BINGO AT PUB 282

7-11pm at 370 NE Camano Dr #6, Camano. Our bingo nights are loud, fun, and full of energy! Grab a drink, grab a card, and get ready to shout BINGO! for prizes, laughs, and a guaranteed good time.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

FRIDAY NIGHT KARAOKE

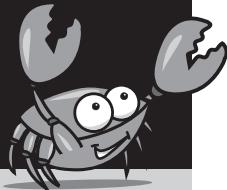
WITH MARCUS. 8pm at Stanwood Hotel Saloon. 26926 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood. 360-629-2888.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

DEAL - AN EVENING OF GRATEFUL DEAD MUSIC

8 PM - Arcadian Public House, 18444 Spruce Street, Conway. Advanced ticket purchase is encouraged as this show has often sold out. Tickets: \$15 ADV / \$18 DOS. 21+ only - outside food allowed, no beverages please - online ticket sales end at noon on day of show - all ticket sales are final on show day - seating is first come, first served.

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

Zebras have only one toe on each foot.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30
MOVIE NIGHT



6pm at Stanwood Sons of Norway, Resan Falun - Roros - 30 members of the Dalarna Femund Forkorforening (The Trail Drivers Club) travel from Falun, Sweden, to Roros, Norway on horse drawn sleds.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

SOUTH CAMANO GRANGE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

8 am - 11 am at South Camano Grange, 2227 S Camano Drive. Menu: Pancakes, sausage links, fruit, with juice and coffee, tea or cocoa.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

THE BILLY APPLETON BAND

7-11pm at Pub 282, 370 NE Camano Dr #6, Camano. Get ready to ride the soundwave. The Billy Appleton Band is turning up the heat with gritty guitars, soul-stirring lyrics, and a rhythm that won't quit. Whether you're craving raw energy or smooth grooves, this is the sound that hits home and haunts you in all the right ways.

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January 30th




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DID YOU KNOW?

Humans have been performing dentistry since 7000BC, which makes dentists one of the oldest professions.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31
UPCYCLED ART VALENTINE MAKING WORKSHOP



11am-1pm at Community Resource Center. Create beautiful collage art using recycled paper you can find around the house. Join volunteers from WSU Snohomish County Extension Sustainable Community Stewards to create upcycled art and learn how to reduce waste. Participants are encouraged to bring old magazines, newspapers, and other paper materials from home to make their art. All other supplies will be provided. Participants are required to be 13 years or older. Space is limited, please register here: <https://bit.ly/StanUpcycle>

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

FAMILY BINGO

at the American Legion Hall ON CAMANO ISLAND, 609 W. Camano Drive. "Camano Island American Legion Bingo is pushing it up...Now with \$150 and \$250 blackout jackpots!" Doors open at 4:30 P.M. and Bingo starts at 6pm. Snacks and beverages available.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

EVERETT GOSPEL MISSION POVERTY 101

Created by Everett Gospel Mission to transform the community, Poverty 101 is an insightful and interactive workshop on relational poverty alleviation. Come join us at the St. Aidan's Episcopal Church on Camano for an eye-opening event that delves into the complexities of poverty. In this in-person gathering, we will explore the root causes of poverty, its impact on individuals and communities, and ways we can all work together to make a difference. Whether you're new to the topic or looking to deepen your understanding, Poverty 101 is the perfect opportunity to learn, engage, and take action. Don't miss out! No charge to participate. Lunch Included.



Eat Brussels Sprouts Day

Jan. 31

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DID YOU KNOW?

In 2024, during the 138th prognostication event, the groundhog did not see its shadow, calling for an early Spring. This has only happened 20 times in the celebration's recorded history

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 COUNTRY LIVING AND MODERN HOMESTEADING EXPO



at Stanwood High School. A full-day hands-on learning event focused on rural skills, sustainable living, and homesteading. Jumpstart your homesteading journey with the longest running Homesteading Expo in the PNW. 185 classes taught by industry experts. Info and register at <https://extension.wsu.edu/skagit/country-living-expo/>

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

HALEY SUITER

performing live at 6pm at Conway's Pub & Eatery.

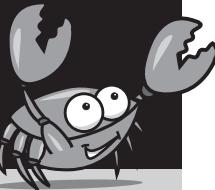
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

GROUNDHOG DAY



Groundhog Day is a popular North American tradition on February 2nd, where a groundhog emerges from its burrow to predict the arrival of spring; if it sees its shadow (sunny day), it signals six more weeks of winter, but if it doesn't (cloudy day), spring comes early. Originating from German folklore and linked to Candlemas, the most famous event features Punxsutawney Phil in Pennsylvania, though its accuracy is low (around 39% historically)

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2

TRIVIA NIGHT

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

READ WITH A THERAPY DOG

4-5pm at the Stanwood Library. Practice your reading, de-stress, and learn about therapy dogs at the library with Linda and her registered therapy dog Preacher.

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Keynote Speakers

Opening Keynote: *Florian Grainer* – marine biologist, international filmmaker, ocean advocate - *"Orca Eco-cultures and What They Tell Us"*

Closing Keynote: *elin kelsey* – international speaker on science-based hope, author, educator, *"How to be Hopeful: Empowering Practices to Overcome Despair and Act for Climate Justice"*

Elective Class Topics - Our Marine Environment

Bluff Geology | Cartography by Kayak | Stream Anatomy |
Invasive Green Crab | Salmon Conservation | Sea Star Comeback |
Pigeon Guillemots | Seabirds as Sentinels | River Otters |
Ocean Acidification | Global Warming & Pinnipeds | Butterflies |
Indigenous Storytelling & Stewardship | Storm Water Mitigation |
Marine Vegetation | Marine Science Degrees | and more... |

Correlating field trips available on Sunday, February 8, 2026

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DID YOU KNOW?

Ancient Roman surgeons were trained to block out the screams of human pain.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

JOIN US FOR CONNECT OVER COFFEE

an informal gathering open to EVERYONE where we regularly meet to share perspectives and explore ideas that spark positive change within ourselves and our communities. 1-3pm at the Camano Island Library Community room. Hosted by Baha'is in Skagit and Island Counties, who believe in the oneness of humanity and strive to build unified, vibrant communities that promote spiritual and material well-being.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

HOMESCHOOL 101

11am-noon at the Camano Island Library. Raquel Herrera will share information about how homeschooling works, its requirements, different curricula, and how to make a homeschool schedule. Event is free and no registration is required.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

BINGO AT PUB 282



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Archibald.

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CRAB DOG DAY

I love a good holiday as much as the next yahoo ... but c'mon, this Groundhog's Day business, let's be honest, the Chamber of Commerce out there in Pullmyleg, Pennsylvania has pulled a fast one on those of us who take meteorologic prediction seriously. Down here on the convergence zoned South End, No Way is a groundhog going to see his shadow on Feb. 2nd. Even if we had groundhogs! This thing just gives Science a bad name. And lately, the last thing it needs in these superstitious, fake news, impeachment trial, end-of-the-world times is a black eye over some mammalian hairball on the East Coast seeing its hairball shadow (or not) and then extrapolating that to El Nino or asteroid strikes on Wall Street or global warming.

Which is precisely why some of the more empirically minded boyz down at the Mabana Body Shop have been searching, in a deductive sort of methodology, an alternative Predictor of winter longevity. Hellfire, if winter's just going to last until May anyway, we figure there's no point in fighting serious incentive-reducing Inevitability. We'll just pull the covers up, collect unemployment and wait for spring. This is how civilizations thrive: they figure out tides and seasons for planting schedules and harvest times and happy hours.

The model the boyz constructed over the past decade or so is a local paradigm that utilizes a 5 gallon polyethylene bucket of fresh caught Dungeness crabs ---- I KNOW you're going to point out they're illegal this time of season, but listen, we're putting em back when the data is collected. Spirit of the Law, if not the Letter and that, in a clamshell is the very essence of the South End Way. ---- So you got a pail of clacking claws and now you bring out a dog, any dog, any breed, random sampling, see? And you let the pooch check out the crustaceans. No shadows, no hibernating drowsy marmots. And if the crab gets a lock on Snoopy's snout, voila, studies have shown that is a true omen of an early spring. The dog schnozz slips the noose, 6 more weeks of sleeping in.

Simple. Like Einstein says, the more elegant the theory, the higher the probability it's correct. And the boyz down at the body shop will tell you, the accuracy here is in the 90 percentile range, statistically astounding. We're not claiming, like those unabashed self-promoters in Pennsylvania, that this will predict spring for the entire country, but for all us Left Coasters, rest assured, Feb 2nd now has science as its bedrock foundation. We'll leave it to the South End Chamber of Commerce how they want to capitalize on it. Crab Dog Day. Nice profitable ring to it, don't you think, kind of like a cash register. If we can keep PETA at bay....

The Volunteer Chore Program & Camano Helping Hands



Need a Little Help at Home?

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Band-Aid Bulletin



A new monthly message from the Stanwood Camano School District Health Services Department



The Band-Aid Bulletin

WHEN TO STAY HOME FROM SCHOOL

Symptoms that indicate staying home from school:

- Cough (new, changed, or worsening); any cough that would be distracting to yourself or others
- Temperature 100 degrees or greater within the past 24 hours
- Vomiting or diarrhea within the past 24 hours
- Runny nose with drainage that is cloudy, yellow, or green
- Mucous or cloudy drainage from the eye or pink eye
- New crusty rash on face or around nose
- New body rash, especially with a fever or itching
- Sore throat, especially with fever or swollen glands in the neck
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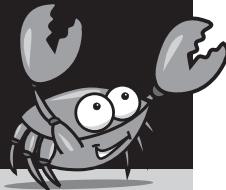
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Longevity Lens



A column about longevity and aging well.

Dr. Maria Cayabyab ("Dr. Maz") is a board-certified OB-GYN, certified in menopause care, a functional medicine practitioner, and medical director at Kirra Health.

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THE PELVIC FLOOR: THE MUSCLE GROUP EVERYONE DEPENDS ON



When we think about strength and longevity, we usually picture arms, legs, or visible core muscles. Yet one critical group works quietly behind the scenes: the pelvic floor. These muscles support bladder and bowel control, posture, breathing, sexual function, and overall stability—and are essential for long-term independence in both women and men.

The pelvic floor is a network of muscles and connective tissues spanning the bottom of the pelvis, forming a "hammock" for the bladder, bowel, and, depending on anatomy, the uterus or prostate. It works with the diaphragm and deep abdominal muscles to manage pressure, maintain posture, and enable efficient movement.

Like other muscles, the pelvic floor weakens with age, hormonal changes, inactivity, and sarcopenia. Midlife women and men may notice urinary leakage, urgency, chronic low back or hip discomfort, reduced movement confidence, or sexual dysfunction. These symptoms are common—but not inevitable or untreatable. Clinical guidelines recommend pelvic muscle training as a first-line intervention.

Pelvic health is not solely a women's issue. Men rely on these muscles for bladder control, sexual function, and core stability. Yet stigma keeps these conversations out of daily life, even though dysfunction affects balance, strength, and independence—key determinants of healthy aging.

Normalizing pelvic health means recognizing these muscles as trainable and essential. Addressing pelvic floor function is as important as building visible muscle, supporting mobility, confidence, and quality of life.

By bringing pelvic health into the broader conversation about longevity, we highlight a quiet cornerstone of aging well—a foundational system everyone can protect, strengthen, and benefit from. For a more detailed discussion on this topic, visit kirrahealth.com/blog

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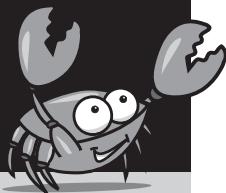


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The Origin of Groundhog Day: The custom is connected to the ancient Christian festival of Candlemas and German folklore that used animals (like badgers) to predict weather. German settlers brought it to America, adapting it to use the plentiful groundhog.

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EDIBLE FAKE SNOW



This recipe is perfect for toddlers who may still stick their fingers in their mouths while they play. It's made with flour and water, so it's taste-safe, but not tasty. You don't want your child to eat it, of course, but if they do happen to put a pinch in their mouths, they'll be fine. Note: All flour packages state raw flour is not ready to eat and must be cooked thoroughly before eating.

How to make the edible fake snow:

-10 cups of flour (we used $\frac{1}{2}$ of a 5lb bag)
-6oz of oil (vegetable, baby oil or coconut oil all work well)

Combine the flour and the oil until a crumbly mixture is formed. If you want a thicker consistency, add more oil, for a fluffier (and messier) texture add more flour. How to play with the Winter sensory bin: Place the edible fake snow mixture in a sensory bin. Add fun winter themed items your kids will have fun playing with. We have made a Christmas Sensory Bin with Ornaments and Fake Snow and a Winter Farm Fake Snow Sensory Bin as well, you could do either of these themes with the edible fake snow as well! Engaging in sensory play is wonderful for children and helps them make connections with materials. This is a really fun opportunity for children of all ages to engage in the material in a hands-on way while playing and creating.
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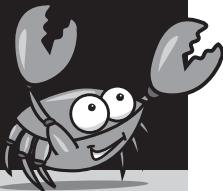
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Stanwood-Camano



You are invited Art at the Schoolhouse Show

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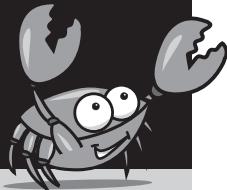
Native to the PNW. My passion with art is creating paintings with the "color of emotional movement". As mother of two amazing daughters, a wife, a labor and delivery nurse, a builder and interior designer, a real estate agent, a remodeler, I spend my time learning as much as I could about so many things. Now is the right time to take this journey into the world of creating art! I am obsessed with painting animals, and life captured in small moments in time. I have found in my journey of improving my art that I challenge my process daily with a variety of ideas and technique. I enjoyed art in school and occasionally would practice throughout the years, yet life often took me into different directions other than art. I now have the opportunity to paint whenever I feel the desire, and for that I am grateful! Who could ask for a better journey than this!

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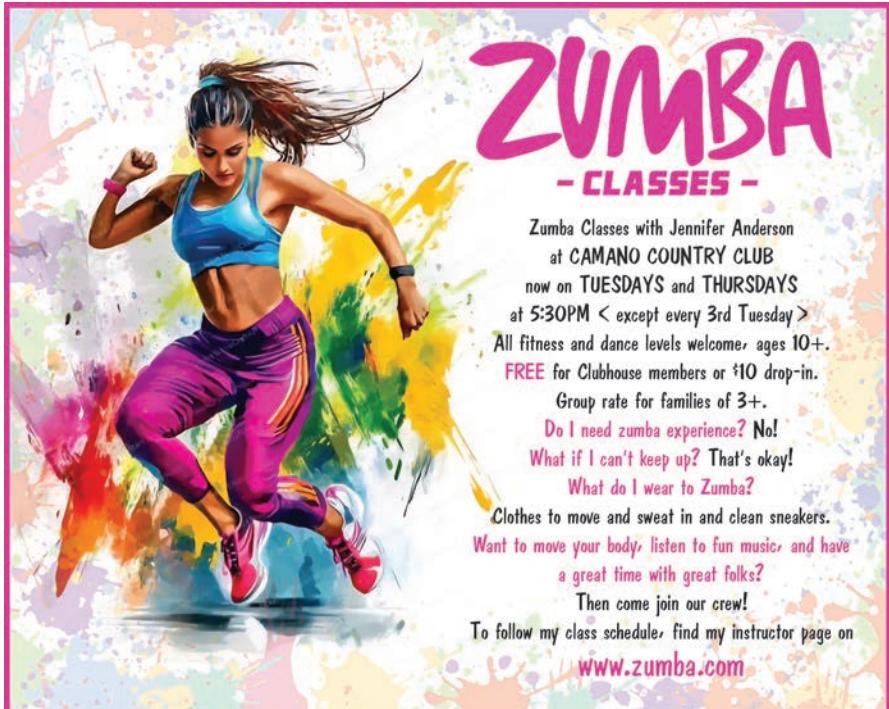


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Community Information



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THE 2026 WINTER OLYMPICS



officially the XXV Olympic Winter Games and also known as Milano Cortina 2026, is scheduled to take place from February 6-22 in the Italian cities of Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo. Local ties: Cooper McLeod, from Burlington, will compete in speed skating at the 2026 Winter Olympics.

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Futsal is a soccer-based game played on a hardcourt, using the basketball court, Mondays at Camano Chapel. 6pm-8pm, ages 18+. Free!

AMATEUR RADIO EXAMINATIONS

The Stanwood/Camano area VE testing sessions are held at 7PM on the 3rd Monday of alternating months beginning each year in January. Location: Cedarhome Baptist Church, 29000 68th Ave NW, Stanwood. Our sessions are held in the ground floor classroom of a detached building on the North side of the campus. An FCC Registration Number, picture ID and \$15.00 (cash) are needed to take exams. Contact: w7pig@arrl.net



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Winter is the best time for spotting squirrel homes, known as dreys. They may look similar to a bird's nest, but they are rounder and include many more leaves than sticks. Once you start to notice them, you'll see them everywhere. Go for a walk around your neighbourhood and see how many you can find.

DIAPER DRIVE



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Community Information



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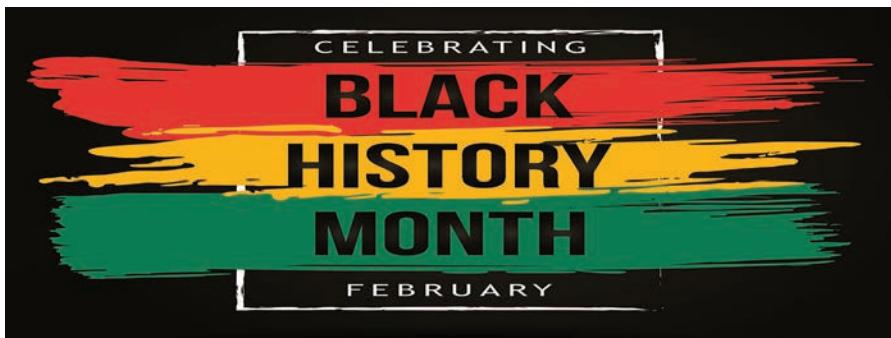
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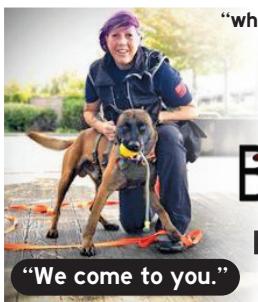
Every second, the human eye moves about 50 times.

LOCAL SCIENCE FAIR

We're hosting a local Science Fair at Tailored Homeschool in Stanwood, March 2-6, inviting students to present hands-on science projects they've been working on over the past weeks. (All students not just homeschoolers). Students participate with a \$20 entry, which allows us to offer cash prizes to the top projects. Rather than formal judges, we're inviting the community to attend, view the projects, and vote, making it an interactive and encouraging experience for the students. The goal is to give children a chance to practice presenting their work, build confidence, and experience learning in a public, supportive environment. It's informal, family-friendly, and focused on curiosity and community involvement rather than competition. We'd love for families and community members to come learn alongside the students and be part of celebrating their hard work. More info: hello@tailoredhomeschool.com

NO DISCOVER PASS REQUIRED ON THESE 2026 DAYS

Washington public land agencies have designated the days of 2026 when no Discover Pass is required to park at Washington state parks, or on land managed by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. The 2026 free days are: March 9 – Billy Frank Jr.'s Birthday; March 19 – State Parks 113th Birthday; April 22 – Earth Day; June 6-7 – Free Fishing Weekend; June 19 – Juneteenth; Aug. 9 – Smokey Bear's Birthday; Sept. 26 – National Public Lands Day; Oct. 10 – World Mental Health Day; Nov. 11 – Veterans Day. Each date commemorates a special day of the year. Try before you buy a full year of adventure. Discover Pass free days make it easier to check out state parks and state-managed lands. You might have so much fun during your visit, you're ready to say yes to a full year of adventure. The annual Discover Pass is \$45 and provides unlimited day-use parking for everyone in the passholder's vehicle. The pass is valid for an entire year from the month it is purchased and can be transferred between two vehicles. And Discover Pass funds go a long way for your public lands. They provide critical funding for State Parks, DNR and WDFW. The Discover Pass supports recreation and conservation opportunities, keeps bathrooms cleaned and trails maintained, cares for the health of forests and helps protect our seashores for generations to come. Learn more about the Discover Pass and purchase yours here: <https://discoverpass.wa.gov>.



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FREE TAX RETURN PREPARATION



Appointments now available. AARP TaxAide is providing FREE tax return preparation on Mondays and Wednesdays at Camano Center and Tuesdays at Lincoln Hill Retirement Community in Stanwood thru April 15th by appointment only. Appointments must be made in person while picking up a Taxpayer packet at the location closest to you. While our goal is to assist Seniors and low income individuals, we will do returns for any taxpayers that fall within our scope.

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Are you an 18+ woman? Looking for friendship? Looking to improve your physical and mental strength? Looking to unleash all your potential? Interested in playing football? The best workout/conditioning and lots of fun for a great cause! Proceeds go to scholarships for youth sports in our area! No prior experience necessary! We learn together! Consider joining us! Come check out practices meet some returning team members and talk to us! We are looking forward to seeing you! Sundays 1-3:30pm at SHS stadium, Wednesdays 5-7pm at LHHS/Saratoga

Driving in snow and ice

Safety on snowy, icy roads

■ Decrease your speed and leave yourself plenty of room to stop.

■ You should allow at least three times more space than usual between you and the car in front of you.

■ Brake gently to avoid skidding. If your wheels start to lock up, ease off the brake.

■ Turn on your lights to increase your visibility to other motorists.

■ Use low gears to keep traction, especially on hills.

■ Don't use cruise control or overdrive on icy roads.



If your rear wheels skid...

■ Take your foot off the accelerator.

■ Steer in the direction you want the front wheels to go. If your rear wheels are sliding left, steer right.

■ If you're sliding right, steer left.

■ If your rear wheels start sliding the other way as you recover, ease the steering wheel toward that side. You might have to steer left and right a few times to get your vehicle completely under control.

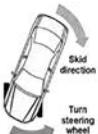
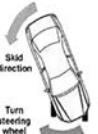
■ If you have standard brakes, pump them gently.

■ If you have anti-lock brakes (ABS), do not pump the brakes. Apply steady pressure to the brakes. You will feel the brakes pulse — this is normal.

If your front wheels skid...

■ Take your foot off the gas and shift to neutral, but don't try to steer immediately.

■ As the wheels skid sideways, they will slow the vehicle and traction will return. As it does, steer in the direction you want to go. Then put the transmission in "drive" and release the clutch, and accelerate gently.



Necessary equipment

An emergency situation on the road can arise at any time and you must be prepared. In addition to making sure you have a tune-up, a full tank of gas, and fresh anti-freeze, you should carry the following items in your trunk and replenish after use:



Properly inflated spare tire, wheel wrench and tripod-type jack



Jumper cables

Bag of salt or cat litter

Rock Salt

144 oz. Cat Litter

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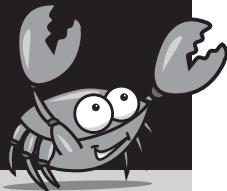
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DID YOU KNOW?

Instead of an agent, Bill Murray uses a 1-800 number where you can leave a message for him if you want to cast him for a movie or event.

DECK THE STOREFRONT WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT



Congratulations to Coastal Vie for being crowned the Deck the Storefront Winner! Your festive creativity truly captured the holiday spirit and made downtown Stanwood shine. A huge thank you to all the participating businesses who took the time and care to decorate their storefronts—you helped create a warm, magical holiday experience for our community. And thank you to everyone who came out, voted, and supported local throughout the competition. Your involvement made this event so special! We're already looking forward to making Deck the Storefront an annual tradition and can't wait to see what next year brings.

THE STANWOOD-CAMANO COMMUNITY GRANT CHEST APPLICATION IS OPEN!

Stanwood-Camano nonprofits: this is your chance to apply for funding to support the work you're doing for our community. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2026. For more information and to apply, visit www.s-caf.org/chest.

PICK-UP VOLLEYBALL AT THE Y!

From 1:00-3:00pm we will have nets set up for Volleyball. Grab your friends and register today! This will be a weekly event from January 11 - February 22. We hope to see you there! Register at <https://buff.ly/B7uuE7Q>

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DID YOU KNOW?

The black-footed cat is the smallest wild cat, at just 20 inches long.

PART OF THE PARK IS CLOSED



For your safety, the lower part of Cama Beach Historical State Park is currently closed. The closure area begins at the Cama Beach Café and includes all road and trail access down to the beach as well as the full length of the historic beach—please do not attempt to access the closure area. The Cama Beach Café is still accessible, and service will not be affected by this closure. A portion of the aging sea wall has separated and fallen due to ongoing impacts from king tides, severe weather and winds. Staff are continuing to monitor the situation and are actively working to stabilize the remaining wall. Photo: Washington State Parks.

POINT IN TIME COUNT / JANUARY 27-29

The Community Resource Center is hosting the annual Point in Time Count at the Little Green House, our new Resource Hub. This effort helps gather a realistic, accurate count of unhoused individuals in our community so resources and funding can better meet local needs. Participants can stop by for a hot meal, coffee, water, and resources in a supportive, welcoming space. Little Green House (across from the CRC) - 9527 271st St NW, Stanwood. Being counted helps our community show up with the right support.



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The Crab Cracker Community Magazine regrettably published an old, archived ad for Tracy Stevens in a recent edition. This new ad should be considered our apology and correction.

Do you know someone who gives back to our community?

Nominations for the Stanwood-Camano Philanthropist of the Year Awards are NOW OPEN

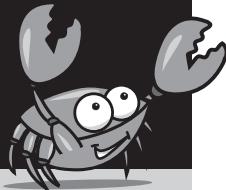
Nomination deadline: January 31, 2026

Scan the QR code below to submit a nomination or visit www.s-caf.org/nominate.

Individuals
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DID YOU KNOW?

Originally, bumper cars were not supposed to hit each other. Drivers were actually supposed to avoid crashing in spite of chaotic driving. The first company to patent a bumper car was in 1920 named Dodgem.

WE'RE DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO JACK ARCHIBALD



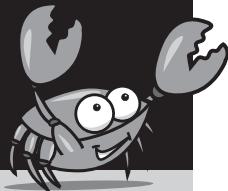
for creating Stanwood Sunrise, a stunning stained glass piece made especially for the Little Green House, our new resource hub across from the Community Resource Center. Mirroring Stanwood Lights at the main CRC building, which was created in 2014 by Jack, these works beautifully connect our spaces and reflect the heart of our community. The Little Green House is now open for resource appointments—watch for details about our grand opening soon!

SET YOUR WATER HEATER AT A SAFE TEMPERATURE



State law advises that residential water heaters should be set no higher than 120 degrees. This temperature setting reduces the risk of accidental scalding, especially to children and the elderly. It also saves energy and helps reduce your utility bill. To set the temperature, turn the water heater off at the circuit breaker panel or fuse box, remove the face plates on the tank that cover each element, and use a screwdriver to turn the temperature control dial to "120." If you feel you can't handle this task safely, contact an electrician. Sometimes 120 degrees isn't hot enough to activate detergents or dissolve greasy food in automatic dishwashers. Manufacturers recommend using a liquid dishwashing detergent. Many newer models also have a water heating option that boosts the temperature in the appliance. Source: Snohomish County PUD

Community Information



HAT AND MITTEN DRIVE



Please join Stanwood High School basketball teams in partnership with Stanwood Camano Food Bank & Thrift to help warm our community! Bring your new with tags and gently used warm winter items (hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, etc.) and drop off at the high school basketball game on January 28.

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SOUND WATERS UNIVERSITY 2026

An exciting, educational event is coming February 7th! It's Sound Waters University presented by Sound Water Stewards of Island County. This University is a one-day conference for all who are curious about the Salish Sea ecosystem. This year's theme, "Tracing Life through the Salish Sea," explores the intricate web of relationships that connect species, habitats and communities throughout this unique marine ecosystem. The day opens with a keynote presentation on orca eco-cultures from Florian Graner, internationally acclaimed marine-life filmmaker, and closes with a keynote presentation on data-based hope for the future of the environment from elin kelsey, international speaker and author. In between are 20 elective class options and a chance to connect with 30 environmental non-profit exhibitors who electrify this event with their committed stewardship and inspired sense of community. Registration deadline is Jan. 31 for the Feb. 7 event held at Coupeville High School from 8 AM to 4PM. Following up on topics covered, six optional field trips are available on Sunday, Feb. 8. Tickets for the University are \$70. with the optional field trip add-on for \$30. For more Sound Waters University information and the link to register please go to the website: soundwatersuniversity.org. Your ticket purchase supports Sound Water Stewards education, community science and stewardship programs throughout Island County.

COMMUNITY SHOWS HUGE SUPPORT

for Stanwood-Camano Food Bank during Camano Fire's annual Food & Gift Card Drive. Our residents showed us the true meaning of community during our annual holiday food & gift card drive. Their overwhelming generosity made a huge impact on the Stanwood-Camano Food bank and Thrift Store and the local families it serves. Camano residents donated a grand total of 2,945 pounds of food, \$1,155 in gift cards, \$2,360 in cash and checks – and more than 20 toys. What's most impressive is that the vast majority of these donations came in during the four-day Santa Run: In spite of the rain and wind, our community delivered 2,095 pounds of food, \$1,090 in cash and checks, and \$555 in gift cards to Santa and his elves. Donations in 2025 even surpassed the record totals our community set in 2024. We delivered 664 more pounds of food, \$235 more in gift cards, and \$1,451 more in cash and checks. Each year, we're incredibly thankful to be part of a community that steps up to take care of one another. Thank you, Camano, for making a difference.



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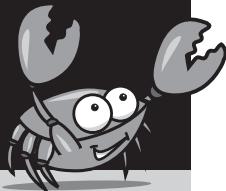
February 7, 2026

1:00 p.m.

at the Camano City Schoolhouse
993 Orchid Rd., Camano Island
Suggested Donation of \$10



Community Information



TATTOO FOR CHARITY

For the ENTIRE month of January, Stanwood Tattoo Company will be holding a tattoo flash walk-in special benefiting The NOAH Center. All shop proceeds from the flash event will be donated directly to The NOAH Center, so make sure you mention the fundraiser when visiting our friends at Stanwood Tattoo Center.

COMMUNITY MEAL – CAMANO

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday except for Holidays. Camano Center located at 606 Arrowhead Rd. Camano Island. All donations welcome! You determine your ability to contribute to your own or someone else's meal. Out full cost of a meal is \$12.20. Coffee or tea is \$1.00. 11:45am-12:30pm.

CO-ED ULTIMATE FRISBEE

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Camano Center

606 Arrowhead Road, Camano Island, WA 98282

January:

- 1/07/2026 – Wednesday at 10:00am.
- 1/28/2026 – Wednesday at 2:00pm.

February:

- 02/05/2026 – Thursday at 3:15pm.
- 02/26/2026 – Thursday at 3:15pm.

March:

- 03/05/2026 – Thursday at 3:15pm.
- 03/26/2026 – Thursday at 3:15pm.

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7. Camano Lutheran Cemetery
8. Kristoferson Farm
9. Barnum Point Preserve
10. Camano Island State Park
11. Cama Beach Historical State Park
12. Camano City Schoolhouse
13. Camano Island American Legion
14. Utsalady Ladies Aid
15. Camano Pioneer Cemetery

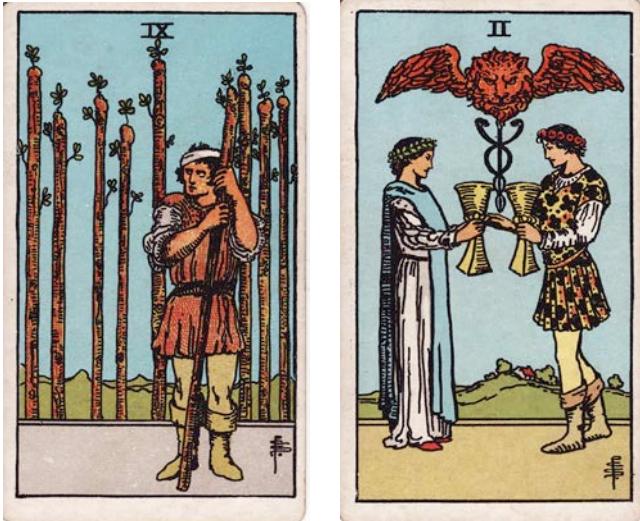
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INTUITIVE TAROT WITH TIFFANY



January 23rd – January 29th : Nine of Wands. Feeling an island onto yourself, itching with an insistence to defend and guard what and who are yours percolating just beneath the skin, uncertain whom is to be trusted. When neighbors, colleagues, even blood or friends, unexpectedly reveal themselves as villainous, callous, or apathetic, sudden strangers, it's understandable to feel raw isolation as you question everything you thought you knew. Although you may feel so, you are not alone. Endeavor to love yourself through the head-spinning grief and confusion; yes, even though others are hurting, too. Reach not for fear or resentment, but gratitude in your strength to chart a different path and hope for better tomorrows. Leaning into the sensation of love can illuminate how those who have cleared room at the front in their absence, have made way for more aligned tribe to meet you in who you're becoming.

January 30th – February 5th : Two of Cups. New friends. New alliances. New adventures unlocked. Ideas bubbling to the surface of engaging and uplifting the village it takes while building community. Harmonious encounters helping you feel a renewed sense of belonging, feeling seen and encouraged in the new identity you're witnessing yourself form. The Leo Full Moon on February 1st is blessing Aquarian actions with courage and charisma, aiding to ascend perceived limitations and pave a pathway forward for the long haul, so long as you're not luging along manuals of the past. This is not restoration. This is not reclamation. This is drawing up new blueprints and implementing evolved erections, alongside a meeting of the minds of others with aligned ideals. And suddenly you're no longer alone against the world, but one voice among the many, with a shared vision. It begins with daring to connect.



CASA'S PET OF THE WEEK:

ALEXANDRA - All kittens come spayed or neutered, age-appropriate vaccines, treated for worms and fleas, microchipped and well socialized. Kittens do well in pairs or having a close to same age friend to play with and continue socializing. They are great with people of all ages and have met a few dogs and have not minded them around. Kittens are \$150 for one \$225 for 2. Come by the shelter and fill out an application today!

Camano Animal Shelter Association (CASA):
360-387-1902. www.camanoanimalshelter.org



NOAH'S PET OF THE WEEK:

SOPHIE - Hello! I'm a 2 year old kitty looking for my new FURever home!
Could that be you? Come in and meet me today!

The N.O.A.H. Animal Adoption Center:
(360) 629-7055. www.thenoahcenter.org



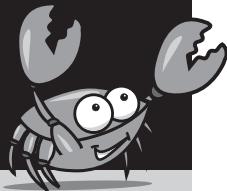
SAVE-A-MUTT'S PET OF THE WEEK:

Meet **ROXXIE**. What a beautiful little girl. Corgis are known for being smart, energetic, bold, and loyal companions with big personalities, often acting like a "big dog in a small package" due to their herding background, making them great but sometimes a bit stubborn. FIRST STEPS: Visit www.save-a-mutt.org/adoption-application/ to fill out an application. We are a foster home based rescue.

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CROQUE MONSIEUR CASSEROLE

A classic French bistro sandwich made into a divine casserole featuring ham and Gruyere cheese baked in a rich and creamy custard. Serve with a side with of raspberry jam and a dusting of confectioners' sugar or drizzle with maple syrup, Enjoy!



INGREDIENTS: Butter for greasing the baking dish; 14 oz. Gruyere or Swiss cheese divided; 13 (4 1/2-inch) day old mini croissants split; 8 oz. deli-sliced ham I use maple ham; 6 lg. eggs; 2 c. half & half; 1 T. Dijon mustard; 1 1/2 tsp. kosher salt; 1 T. fresh chopped thyme; 1 T. thinly sliced chives for garnish; Freshly ground black pepper for garnish; Raspberry jam for serving, optional; Pure maple syrup for serving, optional; Confectioners' sugar for dusting, optional

DIRECTIONS: Butter an 8x12-inch baking dish and set aside. Shred 10 ounces of the cheese and cube the remaining 4 ounces into 1/2-inch pieces. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use. Using a serrated knife, slice the croissants in half lengthwise leaving a small hinge. Tear the ham in half and roll or drape each half on the bottom halves of the croissants. Top with about 2 tablespoons shredded cheese. Reserve the remaining shredded cheese (about 2/3 cup) for the top of the casserole. Fold the top half of the croissants over the cheese pressing down to make the croissant sandwiches. Slice each sandwich in half crosswise and place into the prepared casserole dish, alternating cut-sides up and pointed-ends up. In a medium bowl, whisk together the eggs. Add half and half, Dijon mustard, salt, and thyme, whisking until well combined. Slowly pour the custard mixture over the croissant sandwiches. Cover with aluminum foil and let sit a room temperature for 1 hour. (Alternatively, cover and refrigerate for at least 8 hours or overnight. Let sit at room temperature for 30 minutes before proceeding.) When ready to bake, preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Place the cubed cheese randomly between soaked croissants and sprinkle evenly with the remaining shredded cheese. Bake the casserole, covered, for 40 minutes: uncover and bake until golden brown, about 10-15 minutes more. Remove from the oven and let rest for 10 minutes. Top with chives and fresh cracked black pepper if desired. Serve with a side with of raspberry jam and a dusting of confectioners' sugar or drizzle with maple syrup and enjoy!

Classes and Workshops



DID YOU KNOW?

The first Game Boy could run for a staggering 30 hours on only two AA batteries!

Zumba Classes with Jennifer Anderson at CAMANO COUNTRY CLUB - now on TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS @ 5:30PM (except every 3rd Tuesday). All fitness and dance levels welcome, ages 10+. FREE for Clubhouse members or \$10 drop-in. Group rate for families of 3+. Do I need zumba experience? No! What if I can't keep up? That's okay! What do I wear to Zumba? Clothes to move and sweat in and clean sneakers. Want to move your body, listen to fun music, and have a great time with great folks? Then come join our crew! To follow my class schedule, find my instructor page on www.zumba.com/

Free Macbook and iPad / iPhone Tutoring 3 / 30-minute sessions in the Camano Center Library (1pm, 1:30pm, 2pm) the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Email Joyce to sign up at fact@ms-deadlines.com

Private Music Lessons (in-home or in-studio): piano, guitar, sax, clarinet, flute, voice; ages 5 and up; all skill levels. Our experienced teachers provide personalized instruction to help you reach your musical goals. Call 425-780-2289 with questions. Try it first! Book a free 30-minute lesson: HartMusicSchool.com/free-trial. (Music teachers apply here: HartMusicSchool.com/apply-to-teach).

FamilySearch Center – FREE Open Genealogy Workshop at 795 Ell Rd., Camano Island. Tuesdays 10 am-2 pm; Wednesdays 6pm-8pm. Get help to find your ancestors with free access to subscription websites and records. Contact us at camano@familyhistorymail.org.

Guitar Lessons with Ford Geisbrecht. All ages, levels & styles. Learn at your own pace. Ukelele & Bass also available. Serving Camano/ Stanwood since 2002. 360-631-0661.

Movement Arts Yoga Classes In-studio & Online. ONLINE VIDEO LIBRARY – practice anytime, anywhere – just practice! Go to www.movementarts.com and follow the links to view our video library of online hour length classes.

Yoga for Beginners January 6-Feb 3, 2026 Tuesdays 6-7:15pm. Give the gift of Yoga in the New Year! Whether you are brand new to yoga or returning after a long absence, this five-week course will prepare you with the first steps toward a regular practice. This session is offered in-studio only. \$95 Register in advance at movementarts.com/events or call 360-629-9100

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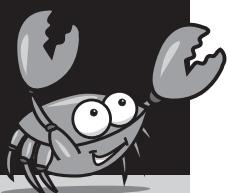


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Making Sense of Medicare: What You Need to Know Before You Choose. Join us for a FREE Medicare Workshop at the Camano Island Library Meeting Room. This session is designed to help you understand Medicare whether you're turning 65, preparing for retirement, or reviewing your current coverage during the Open Enrollment Period (January 1 - March 31). We'll walk through how Medicare works, the enrollment timelines, and common mistakes that can create unnecessary costs. You'll also learn about the different types of plans available in Washington, including Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplements, and indemnity plans. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, February 11th, 10-11am. If you can't attend on this date, call John to discuss other options. Reserve your seat today by calling John at 360-967-9601. John is a licensed insurance broker serving Camano Island and Stanwood, here to provide clear guidance and local support.



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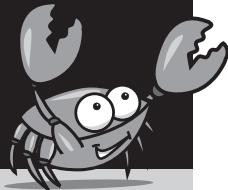
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Photos and Art



DID YOU KNOW?

In 18th Century England, having a pineapple was a symbol of wealth because of high import fees. They would be used as displays instead of being eaten.



Rainbow photo by Simone V.



"Winter Frost" by James M. Shipley

Classified Listings



DID YOU KNOW?

By mixing non-oplatelets from carrots and other root vegetables, concrete mixtures can be significantly strengthened, meaning less cement is needed to achieve the same effect.

FOR SALE:

Fore Sale: CarryLite Flambeau 39 Plastic Vintage Male and Female Mallards Hunting Decoy Ducks with Hunter's Backpack Included. \$1,200. Call or text Felix at (360) 420-9139.

Gardeners! Moving, must sell Potted Plants. Over 60 Indoors and outdoors mature potted plants. January 31, 10am to 3pm at 1505 Thompson Drive, Camano Island (Country Club Area)

MISCELLANEOUS:

HUGE Woodworking Tools and Hardwood Lumber Sale! Date: January 24 Time: 10:00AM-4:00PM at 418 W North Camano Drive. Way below wholesale prices!

I buy vinyl record albums: Rock, Pop, Jazz & more. I'll buy a few or a collection. Call Mike @ 425-530-8021.

For rent: Downtown historic Stanwood. 1200sq/ft spacious, first level, apt in Four-plex. Large windows. W/D. N/S. Text for pix. 564.516.9765. One adult. Avail now. \$1300/mo + Util.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

I'm looking for remote work in copywriting and business newsletters. My background also includes strategic communications, customer success, project management, and strategy consultations. Tiffany FitzPatrick, 812.251.4604, tiffanyfitzpatrickco@gmail.com.

Camano Decks & Sheds LLC Local, Affordable & Efficient. Free estimates 10% discount for seniors & ADL ramps. Jim 360-913-2941 E-mail: jmitchell8974@gmail.com. Serving Outlying Areas.

WANTED:

Considering a career in real estate? Windermere is looking for sales associates in our Stanwood and Camano Island offices. Contact Jill at jillvail@windermere.com for more information. windermerestanwoodcamano.com.

Clubs and Meetings



DID YOU KNOW?

The largest Groundhog Day celebration is held in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, where crowds as large as 40,000 gather each year,[47] nearly eight times the year-round population of the town which is 5,769 as of 2020.

Friendship Tea - Join us for tea, treats, and a nice visit with friends, both old and new on the first Tuesday of each month at the Camano Center. No charge (donations welcome) to Camano Center members. Non-Members \$5 fee paid at the front desk. Call Connie at (360) 652-7211 for more information.

Mabana Flames: Join us for our first 2026 lunch meeting is on Thursday, February 5th at 10:00am at Vista/Madrona Fire Station, 273 NW Camano Dr, Camano Island. Flames meet 10am the first Thursday of the month, September - June, except January. Come and support Camano Fire. More info: Lenore at 206-930-0846.

Think Snow!!! Ski/Snowboard Stevens Pass. The Merry Mountain Ski Club, a non-profit club, provides a luxury coach on Tuesdays with stops in Bellingham, Burlington, Stanwood and Everett. We have a Seattle, Kirkland and Monroe bus too! Additional weeks if interest and good conditions. 206-550-4908. tuesdayskibus@gmail.com.

Are you or your loved ones suffering from depression or anxiety? There is hope! The Nedley Depression & Anxiety Recovery Program is an evidence-based community education course designed to provide the tools, support, and practical interventions needed to overcome depression and anxiety and achieve optimal mental health. Thousands have successfully improved overall mental performance, memory, concentration, sleep, and stress management through this program. Our 8-week programs have an evening or a daytime option, beginning on Monday, January 26 OR Tuesday, Jan. 27th, 2026. Monday evening sessions are at 6:30 PM and the Tuesday afternoon sessions are at 1:00 PM. Questions? Call/Text 425-870-1006.

Neurodivergent Preschooler Support Group for Parents. (Starting February 2). Mondays at 9:30am at Stanwood Cooperative Preschool, 27027 102nd DR NW, Stanwood. You're Not Alone. Parenting a neurodivergent preschooler or early elementary child can feel overwhelming, isolating, and exhausting — especially when you're navigating systems that weren't built with your child in mind. We're creating an adult-only support group for parents and caregivers of neurodivergent young children who want connection, understanding, and practical tools from others walking a similar path. Join a community that supports you while you support your child.

Rainy Day Room Playgroup Free weekly play group at Community Resource Center for ages 0-5 and their grown-ups! Friendship and community....getting out of the house. More info: www.crc-sc.org/ events.

Teen Programs Monday through Friday at the Community Resource Center, please visit www.crc-sc.org/teenprograms for more details and schedule of activities.

Kaleidoscope Play & Learn a FREE play group for 0-5 years and their grown ups. A variety of developmental activities that promote early learning. Inclusive of all young children, languages, and cultures. RSVP at www.crc-sc.org/events.

Clubs and Meetings



Are you troubled by someone else's drinking? When you don't know where to turn...Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups can help! Here is a list of our meeting in the Stanwood/Camano Island area: SUNDAY, "Courage to Change" Camano Lutheran Church, 850 Heichel Rd, Camano Is, 6:00pm; "One Day at a Time," Stanwood Senior Center, 7430 276th ST NW, Stanwood, 7:00pm (For Zoom hybrid meeting call 360-618-0464 if you would like the meeting ID for Zoom), THURSDAY, "Stanwood AFG", United Methodist Church, 27128 102nd Dr, Stanwood, 7:00pm, SATURDAY, "Paths to Recovery," Camano Lutheran Church, 850 Heichel Rd, Camano Is, 10:30am. For more info and additional Al-Anon meetings in Northern Snohomish County call 360-618-0464 or go to <https://district28alanon.com>.

Community Open Sew 2nd Monday of the month with Camano Island Quilters. 10am-2pm at Stanwood United Methodist Church, 27128 102nd Dr NW. Open to public. Want to sew with others, need help on a project? We are here to help you. Bring your sewing machine, a project, and basic tools for an afternoon of fun!

Stanwood Chapter of Top's (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) would like to invite you to join us on Thursday mornings at the Cedarhome Baptist Church (29000 68th Ave. NW in Stanwood.) We meet at 10:00 a.m., and would love to have you visit our group of wonderful supportive friends! Please feel free to call Gay at (360) 393-7117 for more information.



SAVE CAMA BEACH CABINS

Do you miss having the cabins open and seeing visitors excited about the park, Camano Island, and Stanwood? Does your business miss the income from tourists? Does your family miss the fun educational events at the park? There is a new group forming to reopen the cabins.

Save Cama Beach Cabins group is asking the Washington State Legislature for funding to repair the septic and water systems so the cabins can be used again. A website with more information will be available soon. They need your help to contact the Governor and your State Legislators to urge their support for this effort so the Cama Beach cabins can be reopened for all of us.

Governor's office: 360-902-4111

Representative Clyde Shavers: 360-786-7884

Representative Dave Paul: 360-786-7914

Senator Ron Muzzall: 360-786-7618

Thank you for your help! Watch the Crab Cracker and/or go to our website for more info.

SaveCamaBeachCabins.org / info@savecamabeachcabins.org

View from the Bleachers



Read more of Tim Jones' humor every week at www.ViewFromTheBleachers.net or check out his new YouTube channel by the same name.

MY SLIDING DOORS MOMENT

A Sliding Doors moment refers to a situation in which seemingly inconsequential moments nonetheless alter the trajectory of future events and a person's destiny. The term entered our lexicon thanks to the 1998 movie, *Sliding Doors*, in which the film alternates between two storylines, showing two very different paths the central character's life will take depending on whether she catches a train or just barely misses it (as the doors slide closed in front of her, hence the title).

My greatest Sliding Doors moment happened in December 1982. I was living in Columbus, having just recently completed my graduate MBA program at Ohio State. I had no job prospects lined up. I flew to Albany, NY, my hometown, for the holidays to visit my mom and sister. While there, I stopped by my father's law office to see some friends (my dad had passed away several years prior, but one of his partners continued the practice).

Just as I was leaving, heading for the elevator, a well-dressed older man was about to enter the office next doors. One of the people in my father's law office named Hazel introduced me to this man. She casually shared that I was a recent MBA graduate and was looking for work. I exchanged banal pleasantries with this stranger, shook hands, and moments later, I got on the elevator, never giving our fleeting visit a second thought.

I flew home to Columbus to resume my flailing job search. The next day, I received a call from Hazel. "Tim, you're never going to believe it, but remember that man I introduced you to in the hallway as you were waiting for the elevator? He wants to interview you for a job!"

What? Seriously? We had barely spent sixty seconds together in the hallway. That random stranger turned out to be the president of Knight Ridder Broadcasting, one of the largest chains of radio and TV stations in the country. But why would he want to interview me for a job? I was unemployed and had no relevant work experience.

It turns out that he was looking to hire a full-time advertising sales rep for the local Albany Knight Ridder television station. He had no idea that I was not living in Albany. But I was not about to tell him that and blow this opportunity. So, I flew back to Albany two days later for the interview.

During our interview, he had to take a phone call from one of his managers. The man on the other end of the line turned out to be someone named Al Gillen. After the call was over, the man explained that this was the same Al Gillen who had been a client of my father's many years ago when Al Gillen had been the president of a TV station in Flint, Michigan. (My father as an attorney represented several TV and radio stations.)

By now, in December 1982. Mr. Gillen was the president of Viewtron, a Knight Ridder subsidiary which was on the cusp of becoming the bleeding-edge forerunner to America Online (AOL) and a pioneer in online information technology that would eventually pave the way

View from the Bleachers



for the Internet.

I turned down the Executive's job offer to sell advertising for his Albany-based TV station. But I sent a letter to Al Gillen, asking for an interview for a position – heck, ANY position at Viewtron.

Mr. Gillen passed my resume on to one of his frontline managers. I flew down to Miami Beach, where Viewtron was headquartered. I had the interview and two weeks later, I received a job offer as an account executive. Two months later I drove to Miami, with my pet rabbit Booze and my parakeet Bob in the back seat. An exhausting (not to mention smelly) 18-hour, 1,200 mile journey.

A week or so into my new job, I was sitting in the lunchroom. Across the table was an attractive redhead woman with a vaguely foreign accent. I could not place it. She turned out to be from Canada. Little did I know at that moment that three years later I would ask this person to be my wife.

On that December afternoon in 1982 in Albany, had I left that office just 30 seconds sooner or just 30 seconds later, I never would have crossed paths with that executive in the hallway. I would never have been sitting in his office at the precise moment he received that call from the president of Viewtron. And I never would have found myself sitting across the table in that Miami Beach lunchroom from my future wife.

If you need help, call 911.

Please don't drive yourself to the closest fire station.



In the past month, we have had an increase in walk-in patients at our stations. Due to our rising call volumes, there is a chance crews will not be at the station to help.

It is best to stay where you are and dial 911.

TIDE TABLES / SARATOGA PASSAGE / JANUARY 23 - FEBRUARY 5, 2026

Date	High /Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Moon Visible
F 23	Low	1:15 AM	1.2	
23	High	8:04 AM	12.4	
23	Low	2:28 PM	4.1	
23	High	7:53 PM	8.9	☽
Sa 24	Low	1:56 AM	2.7	
24	High	8:33 AM	12.3	
24	Low	3:17 PM	3.0	
24	High	9:08 PM	8.6	☽
Su 25	Low	2:43 AM	4.5	
25	High	9:04 AM	12.1	
25	Low	4:09 PM	1.9	
25	High	10:36 PM	8.6	☽
M 26	Low	3:38 AM	6.1	
26	High	9:39 AM	11.9	
26	Low	5:04 PM	0.8	
Tu 27	High	12:30 AM	9.1	
27	Low	4:44 AM	7.6	
27	High	10:22 AM	11.7	
27	Low	6:04 PM	-0.2	☽
W 28	High	2:16 AM	10.2	
28	Low	6:02 AM	8.6	
28	High	11:15 AM	11.5	
28	Low	7:06 PM	-1.2	☽
Th 29	High	3:19 AM	11.2	
29	Low	7:29 AM	9.0	
29	High	12:20 PM	11.3	
29	Low	8:06 PM	-2.0	☽

Date	High /Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Moon Visible
F 30	High	4:08 AM	12.1	
30	Low	8:44 AM	8.7	
30	High	1:29 PM	11.3	
30	Low	9:00 PM	-2.5	☽
Sa 31	High	4:50 AM	12.6	
31	Low	9:46 AM	8.0	
31	High	2:32 PM	11.3	
31	Low	9:50 PM	-2.7	☽
Su 1	High	5:27 AM	12.9	
1	Low	10:39 AM	7.1	
1	High	3:32 PM	11.2	
1	Low	10:37 PM	-2.5	☽
M 2	High	6:00 AM	13.1	
2	Low	11:27 AM	6.2	
2	High	4:31 PM	11.0	
2	Low	11:20 PM	-1.8	☽
Tu 3	High	6:31 AM	13.0	
3	Low	12:11 PM	5.2	
3	High	5:27 PM	10.6	
W 4	Low	12:01 AM	-0.7	
4	High	6:59 AM	12.8	
4	Low	12:54 PM	4.3	
4	High	6:21 PM	10.1	
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5	High	7:16 PM	9.5	



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Number of Homes Sold	349
Average Sale Price	\$847,143
Average Days on Market	54
Number of Homes for Sale	77

STANWOOD

AS OF DECEMBER 2025

Number of Homes Sold	325
Average Sale Price	\$766,138
Average Days on Market	36
Number of Homes for Sale	54



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