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*Events, Information, and Entertainment in the Port Susan Area*

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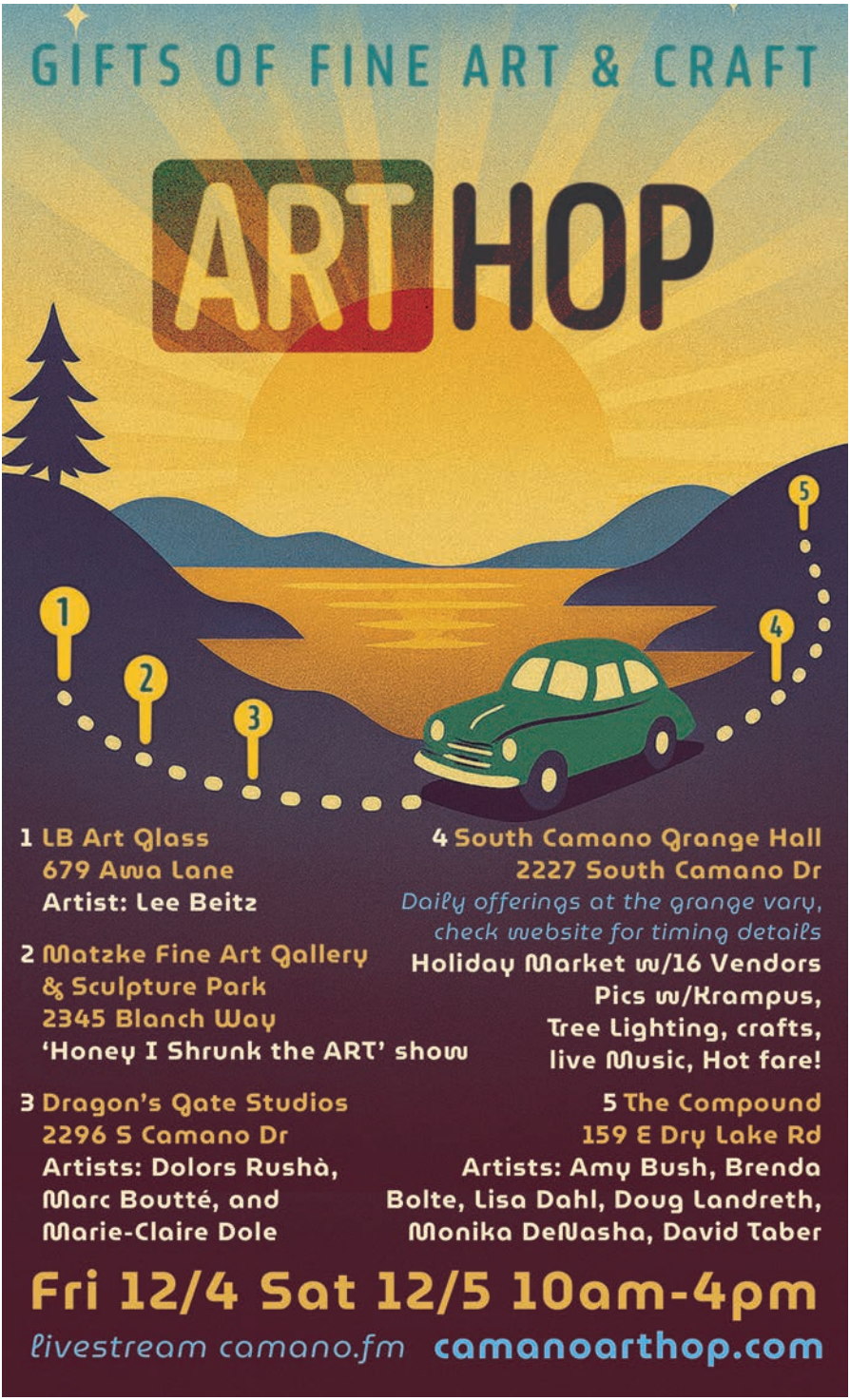
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1 LB Art Glass
679 Awa Lane
Artist: Lee Beitz
2 Matzke Fine Art Gallery
& Sculpture Park
2345 Blanch Way
'Honey I Shrunk the ART' show
3 Dragon's Gate Studios
2296 S Camano Dr
Artists: Dolors Rushà,
Marc Boutté, and
Marie-Claire Dole
4 South Camano Grange Hall
2227 South Camano Dr
Daily offerings at the grange vary,
check website for timing details
Holiday Market w/16 Vendors
Pics w/Krampus,
Tree Lighting, crafts,
live Music, Hot fare!
5 The Compound
159 E Dry Lake Rd
Artists: Amy Bush, Brenda
Bolte, Lisa Dahl, Doug Landreth,
Monika DeNasha, David Taber
Fri 12/4 Sat 12/5 10am-4pm
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camanoarthop.com

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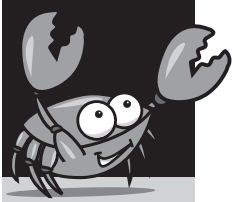

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## Welcome to The Crab Cracker! Here's What's Crackin'...

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.

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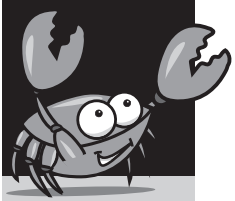


**DID YOU KNOW?**

Your Phone May Be "Phantom Vibrating" Many people feel their phone buzz even when it didn't. Your brain gets so addicted to notifications that it can literally invent them.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27-29

## OPEN STUDIOS

Step into the creativity of the Camano Island and Stanwood art community! Our studios open their doors for five days, November 27-29 and December 5-6, from 10am to 4pm. Enjoy handcrafted ceramics, fiber art, mixed media, and more! See our full-page ad or www.windyridgeclay.com for details.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

## LIVE MUSIC WITH KEITH HOWARD

5-7pm at Wine by the Bay, 10502 269th Pl NW, Stanwood. More info: 360-387-1976.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

## CONNECT AND CRAFT

11am-12:30pm at the Camano Island Library. Enjoy creativity and connection as we explore Creativebug, the library's online resource for arts, crafts, and DIY learning. Please register in advance. All materials will be supplied.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

## HOLIDAY FESTIVAL & ORNAMENT TREE LIGHTING



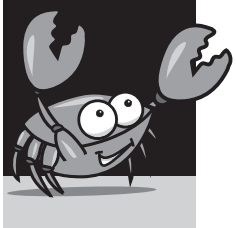
3:00–6:00 PM in West Stanwood on the Brick Road. Join us for an afternoon of holiday fun featuring local vendors, food, live entertainment, family activities, a Kid Zone, Beer Garden, and more — all leading up to the Community Ornament Tree Lighting at 5:30 PM!







# Calendar of Events



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

## WINTER COOKIE DECORATING AND COCOA BAR



3:30pm–5:00pm at the Camano Island Library. Join us to decorate some cookies and then enjoy a hot drink (that you design) from the cocoa bar and a family board game. Event is free and all materials are provided; no registration required. (photo as illustration).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

## HALEY SUITER

Live Music. 6:00–8:00 PM at Conway's Pub & Eatery.



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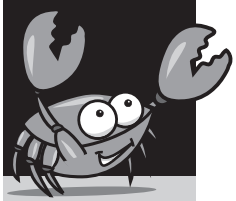

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

## HOLIDAY MARKET IN THE BARN



10am-4pm. Celebrate the start of the holiday season at Kristoferson Farm on Camano Island (across from Plaza)! Step into the warmth and festive spirit of the season as you explore local arts and crafts and farm-made products. Gather around the fire bowl with friends and family. Take a Unimog tour of the farm and forest. Visit with Santa and soak up the holiday cheer.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

## ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING & PICTURES WITH SANTA




Spark the Season of joy at Camano Commons. FREE FOR ALL. We are accepting food bank donations. Get pictures with Santa in our loft between 1-3pm, take photos with personal cameras or phones. Starting at 4pm we will have a " Stuffed animal adoption" that supports the Camano Forest School. Free hot chocolate and cookies at 4pm. SHS Jazz Band will start at 4:40pm and the tree countdown begins at 5pm.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Memory isn't stored like a file. It's reconstructed each time it's accessed. During recall, the memory becomes temporarily unstable and is then re-saved in a slightly altered form influenced by your current state of mind. This process is called reconsolidation.

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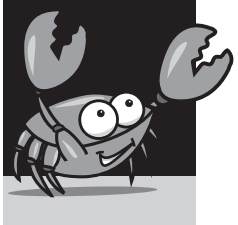

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

## PICTURES WITH SANTA



Event by 1866 Trading Post, 9901 270th St NW, Stanwood. Santa Claus is landing on the roof of 1866 Trading Post. Come take FREE pictures with Santa 2-5pm. Everyone is welcome— Y'all just have to show up!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

## FAMILY BINGO

at the American Legion Hall ON CAMANO ISLAND, 609 W. Camano Drive. Doors open at 4:30 P.M. and Bingo starts at 6pm. Snacks and beverages available.


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**"The Earth is one country, and mankind its citizens."**

~ Bahá'u'lláh, 1817-1892 ~

(from the Baha'i sacred writings)

Baha'is of Camano Island believe in the oneness of humanity and strive to build unified, vibrant communities that promote spiritual and material well-being. For further information or questions, go to:

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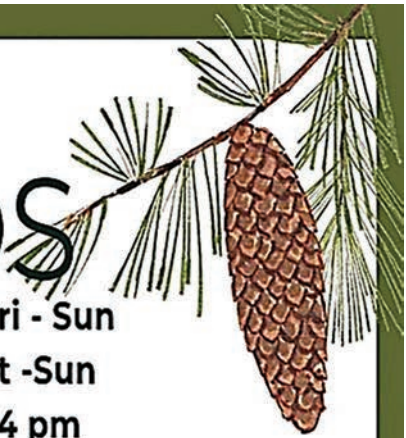
STEP INTO

# Our STUDIOS



**Nov 27-29 Fri - Sun**

**Dec 5-6 Sat -Sun**

**10 am to 4 pm**

## *Fine Art & Craft Gifts Created in Our Studios*

* Ceramics * Fiber Arts * Mixed Media * Cards *

***Windy Ridge Clay*** *- Bob & Patt Causey, Ceramics, Mixed Media*
***SophieStuff Pottery*** *- Sophie Bertrand, Ceramics*
**1113 Lawson Rd, Camano Island**

***O's Fabric Art Studio***
***Opal Cocke,*** *Fiber Art* and ***Roger Cocke,*** *Ceramics*
**364 Moana Dr, Camano Island**

***Thompson Art Studio*** *- Susan Cohen Thompson, Ceramics*
*& Painting and Clay Thompson, Ceramics*
**2188 Lowell Point Rd, Camano Island**

***Erika Posey Ceramics*** *- Erika Posey, Ceramics*
***Buddha Cat Pottery*** *- Meriaten Long, Ceramics*
**Gateway Gallery, 578 E North Camano Dr, Camano Island**

***Stanwood House Gallery & Studios*** *- Yonnah Ben Levy & Chaim Bezalel, Painting, Ceramics, Mixed Media & Students*
**9915 270th St NW, Stanwood**

**For directions to all our venues and additional information about our artists, go to www.windyridgeclay.com**

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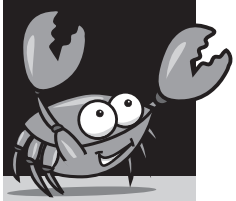

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Time stops at the speed of light.

If you could travel at the speed of light, time would completely stop for you. A photon leaving a distant galaxy and arriving at your eye experiences no passage of time. From its perspective, departure and arrival are the same instant.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

## "THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS"



Camano City Schoolhouse & Dap-r-Dan present Holiday Lighting at 6pm as we illuminate the historic 1906 Camano City Schoolhouse and the HUGE official schoolhouse Christmas tree with THOUSANDS OF LIGHTS! Bundle up the family and enjoy hot chocolate, hot cider and holiday treats! Get your photo taken next to our 1935 Christmas fire truck. Experience the Moose Creek Logging Company's 1930 award winning model railroad. ARRIVE EARLY and follow signs to park nearby at Camano Chapel (867 S W Camano Dr.), where you will board our FREE SHUTTLE to the Schoolhouse! The Schoolhouse will be illuminated every evening through the New Year. The Camano City Schoolhouse is located at 993 Orchid Road, Camano Island. Photo by Ian Gleadle.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28

## HOLIDAY FAIR WITH SANTA



9am-3pm at Stillaguamish Grange #1058 News, 6561 Pioneer Highway, P.O. Box 2701, Stanwood. Santa and Mrs Claus. Vendors. Kids craft with Home Depot. Games. Food Drive. Raffle. First 50 get a gift bag of goodies!

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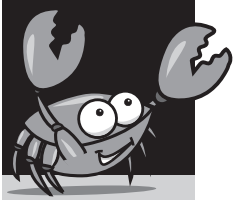

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The Moon moves about 1.5 inches away from Earth every year. Long ago, days were shorter. In the distant future, solar eclipses will stop happening entirely

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28-29

## SANTA AT THE BARN ON SUNDAY LAKE



Join us for a fun, festive Santa experience. DIY Santa sessions are $40 per family (up to 6 people)! Bring your own phone or camera to capture your visit with Santa, then enjoy all the Christmas magic we have to offer! Multiple Christmas backdrops, Hot cocoa, coffee & sweet treats, Christmas crafts for the kids, holiday market. Stay, explore, shop, and enjoy the festivities for as long as you'd like! 10am-4pm at 26231 W Sunday Lake Rd, Stanwood. Reserve your family's spot here: https://thebarnonsundaylake.pixieset.com/booking/santa2026

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 & 29

## KIDS AUTUMN PAINTING TIME!

Two Girls Gift Shop and Coffee-ish are teaming up for some cozy weekend fun! $10 per kiddo includes: One painting project (paints, markers, or crayons depending on age), a cup of hot cocoa, and snacks. 2-4pm at Coffeeish, 4915 Lakewood Rd, Stanwood (near Lake Goodwin). All ages welcome!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

## FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Join us for an evening of fun for everyone! We'll have card games, board games, Magic: The Gathering, and Pokemon. Bring your favorites! 6:30pm in the gym at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 795 Ell Rd., Camano Island. More info: 425-244-5604.






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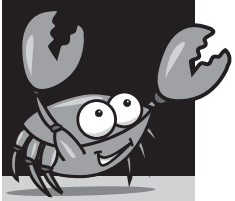

**DID YOU KNOW?**

For the first time ever, Stanwood High School football, volleyball, and soccer all won league championships in the same season this year.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

## DINOVEMBER DROP-IN DAY

3:30-5pm at the Camano Island Library. Join us for dinosaur-related activities, crafts, games, stories, and more! All materials provided.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

## LITTLE ART EXPLORERS

10:30am–11:30am at the Stanwood Library. Drop in for weekly art activities for little kids and their grownups.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

## 3D-PRINTED COOKIE CUTTER CREATION



3-4:30pm at the Stanwood Library. Join us to create a custom cookie cutter! Participants will be instructed in the basics of creating cookie cutters of their own designs. While this program is directed at teens & tweens, adults are also welcome to attend. No experience necessary. We will 3D print each design here to be picked up next week.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

## LITTLE SCIENCE LAB WITH IMAGINE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

9:30am–10:15am at the Stanwood Library or 11-11:30am at the Camano Library. Hands-on, interactive program for preschoolers and their caring adults encourages children's curiosity about the natural world and develops early science and math skills. For ages 3-5.

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GET INVOLVED AND GIVE LOCAL ON DECEMBER 1

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This Giving Tuesday, make a difference in your community by donating to 27 nonprofits, on one website.

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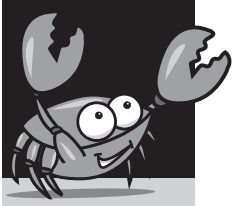

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
**STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS**
Girls Basketball vs Meadowdale. C Team & JV: 5:30pm. Varsity: 7:15pm.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2
**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.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
**STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS**
Boys Basketball vs Kamiak. C Team & JV: 5:30pm. Varsity: 7:15pm.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
**LIT LAB**
Local writers gather to share their work, community and inspiration. 6pm at Camano Lutheran Church. We chose the topic "Blessed". Plan to read a piece about five minutes long, 800-1000 words. All five minute pieces will be read first, followed by longer pieces based on entire length, including ad-lib introductions.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4
**STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS**
Boys Basketball vs Cascade. C Team & JV: 5:30pm. Varsity: 7:15pm.


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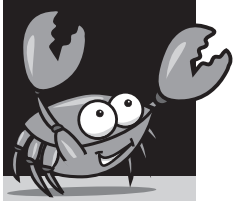

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

## JOHN PINETREE & THE YELLIN' DEGENERATES

8 PM - Arcadian Public House, 18444 Spruce Street, Conway. $15 ADV / $18 DOS -21 and over only. Old school blues and jazz into modern Neo-soul and funk.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

## "CHRISTMAS GALA" COUNTRY BBQ BUFFET



Event by Lincoln Hill Retirement Community & Senior Center, 7430 276th St NW, Stanwood. Call and purchase tickets: 360-629-7403 Ext #114 Michelle. $35 per person. Live music, BBQ Chicken & Ribs, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Garlic Bread, and cherry Crumb w/Vanilla Ice Cream. This is a buffet single pass event.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Music can reduce physical pain. Listening to music has been shown to reduce the perception of physical pain. It doesn't eliminate pain, but it changes how your brain processes it.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

## DROP-IN EBOOK & EMEDIA HELP

Noon-1pm at the Camano Island Library. Learn how to access library resources. Bring your device for help getting started or assistance with basic troubleshooting. Library staff are available to assist you - no reservation necessary!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

## 2ND ANNUAL CAMANO ART HOP!

10am-4pm  Along a 2.5 mile route find clusters of fine artists and craftspeople, art gallery + sculpture park, holiday market w/live music, pics w/Krampus, and food!  Details at www.camanoarthop.com

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

## ROCK RADIO

7-11pm at Pub 282, 370 NE Camano Dr #6, Camano. A hard-hitting night of rock 'n' roll. If you love your rock loud, raw, and full of energy, this is the show for you!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

## GUYS NIGHT

6-9pm at Stanwood YMCA. Join us for an evening just for the guys. Dodgeball, rootbeer floats, snacks. board games, Mario Kart, and more. Come ready for a night of friends and fun. $10 early registration fee. $15 same-day. More info: sleonardo@ymca-snoco.org.

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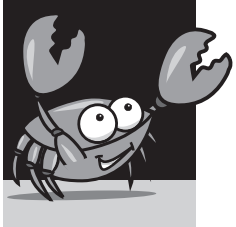

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

## ARTIST RECEPTION FOR YVONNE BOWMAN



5-7pm at Beach 1 Gallery. There will be special drawing at 6:30. "I'm happiest when I'm outdoors with my camera, exploring the beauty of the Pacific Northwest. I'm always looking for those quiet moments that often go unnoticed. Through my photography, I invite you to see the natural beauty through my eyes—one snap at a time. My hope is that each image inspires you to slow down, look closely, and appreciate the wonder that surrounds us every day." Her art will be displayed and for sale the entire month of December. The Gallery is open 7 days a week. We will be serving pop, wine, bottled water and bags of chips for the reception. 1243 Beach Drive, Camano Island.






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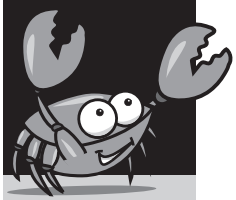

**DID YOU KNOW?**

People tend to dream in story-like narratives, not random chaos. Many dreams contain characters, locations, emotional tension, and narrative structure.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

## MAKERS MARKET AT ELGER BAY ELEMENTARY



5:30–7:00 p.m. in the school gym. Students will showcase and sell their art, crafts, home-baked goods, and other handmade items. Please come shop, snack, and support our school community! Please Note: This is a cash only event.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4-5

## 2 DAY HOLIDAY EVENT



10am-4pm at the South Camano Grange. Friday: Open House. Saturday: Vendor Marketplace, Lunch, Drinks, Music, & Tree Lighting (Event is part of Art Hop).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

## CRAFTS FOR CATS & PET PAINTING PARTY

2-4:30pm at the Stanwood Library. Join your fellow feline fanatics for cat-themed fun! In the first hour of this event, we'll make fun cat toys. These cat toys can either be brought home for your kitty to enjoy or you can choose to donate your toy to a local shelter. In the second half, PawswithCause will offer the chance to paint purr-fect portraits to help shelter cats find their forever homes. To further support local shelters, kittens will be in attendance - please keep this in mind if you have allergies. We'll provide all the materials you need and all skill levels are welcome.

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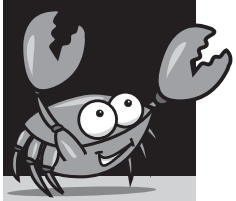

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 46 HOLIDAY BAZAAR




10am-4pm at Camano Lutheran Church - 850 Heichel Rd. We will have over 30 vendors selling a wide variety of handmade, one of a kind, direct sales, and local items. Bonus: Santa will be stopping by from 11 to 2 so bring your kiddos to say hello to the big guy in red! The scouts will also be selling hot cocoa, cider, and more. Come support these great kids and vendors and help fundraise for the boys.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

## CREEKSIDE SPEEDWAY TOY DRIVE!



Once again, Creekside Speedway is partnering with A Christmas Wish to help make Christmas a little brighter for families in our community! We're asking everyone to bring a BRAND-NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY to our December 5th race. As a thank-you for your donation, you'll receive $5 OFF YOUR RACING! Every toy donated will go toward helping children have a brighter Christmas! Let's come together as a racing family and make a difference this holiday season! GIVE A LITTLE. RACE A LITTLE. MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!

### DID YOU KNOW?

Technically, you've never truly touched anything.

When your hand presses against a surface, the electrons in each object repel one another before the atoms fully meet. What we experience as touch is actually electromagnetic force.

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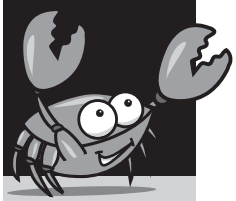

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Your Mind Can Create Entirely False Memories.

Researchers have convinced people they experienced events that never happened, and many later described the fake memories in detail.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

## AUTHOR SIGNING SATURDAY!

Come meet local authors on the first Saturday of every month at Wit's End Books, 10123 270th St NW, Stanwood, from 12 -4 pm!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

## OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS AT THE FLOYD



Celebrate the magic of the season at the 25th Annual Old-Fashioned Christmas at the Floyd, a free community event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your children and grandchildren for a festive morning filled with holiday cheer. Enjoy free photos with Santa, children's gift bags, and hands-on holiday crafts. Treat yourself to cookies, coffee, and cocoa, and enjoy live seasonal music performed by Linda Younce of Island Affogato. The Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center museum will be open for tours throughout the event. This celebration brings together tradition, family, and community spirit.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

## ZACH MICHARD

Live Music. 6:30 PM at Conway's Pub & Eatery.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

## TEEN/TWEEN WORKSHOP: LIGHT UP HOLIDAY CARDS

3-5pm at the Camano Island Library. Your hand crafted cards may illuminate a cozy space, light up a candle, or become glowing owl eyes! All supplies will be provided.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

## PACIFIC TWANG

8 PM - Arcadian Public House - 18444 Spruce Street, Conway. Danceable swamp rock, country and Americana favorites! 21 and over only.

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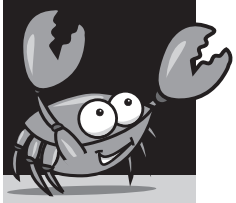

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

## MEET KONA!




From 11:00AM to 2:00PM, KONA from the book ON KONA'S POND, will be in person at Camano Commons at Terry's Corner. Michelle Le-Fevre, author of the book will also be there selling and signing books and will also have the handmade finger puppets that go along with the book. Come say hi and take a picture with Kona.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

## STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Varsity Girls Wrestling vs Anacortes. 9-11am.



## 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**

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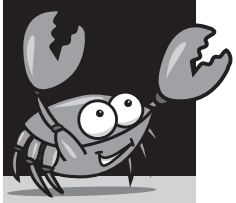

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

## FAMILY BINGO

at the American Legion Hall ON CAMANO ISLAND, 609 W. Camano Drive. Doors open at 4:30 P.M. and Bingo starts at 6pm. Snacks and beverages available.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

## FOCIP WINTER WALK - ELGER BAY PRESERVE



Meet at 9:45 AM at the Elger Bay Elementary School parking lot. The walk includes the North Forest and Nature Trails and a side trip to the beaver marsh platform as a highlight of the walk. The walk is 2.5 miles round trip. No dogs please for the safety of the walkers.


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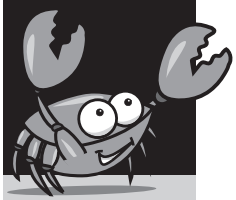

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

## LIGHT UP YOUR HOLIDAYS



Experience the Magic of the Season. The City of Stanwood invites the community to its annual tree lighting celebration from 4–7pm along 271st Street NW that brings our community together for an enchanting evening filled with twinkling lights, holiday cheer, and festive fun for all ages. Live student performances, falling snow, real reindeer, selfies with Santa, holiday giveaways, and a festive holiday market. Enjoy delicious bites from local restaurants and food trucks, shop for unique gifts, and experience the warmth and charm of Downtown Stanwood dressed in its holiday best. The highlight of the evening will be the community tree lighting at 5:30pm. In the spirit of giving, the Stanwood-Camano Food Bank will host a toy and food drive during the celebration to help local families in need. Community members are encouraged to bring donations and help spread a little extra holiday cheer to neighbors this season.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

## AKTION CLUB'S E-CYCLE

10am-2pm, across from Stanwood Middle School on 94th Ave., follow signs. Accepting all TVs, monitors, computer towers & laptops only (for recycling). This is put on by Stanwood-Camano Aktion & Kiwanis Clubs & donations benefit their many local service projects.


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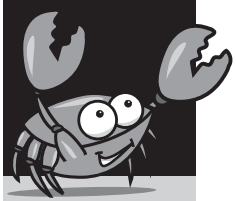

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

## CASA HOLIDAY MARKET



9am - 4pm at Camano Multipurpose Building 141 NE Camano Drive. Support Animals in need and shop the CASA Holiday Market. Shop hand crafted items, CASA gear, pet items and more! All proceeds directly benefit the programs and animals at CASA.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

## SANTA COMES TO SCHOOL



10am-2pm at Imagine That Community School - Lake Ketchum. Join us for festive activities, Santa Photos and make holiday memories with your loved ones. $15 minimum donation for photo, all other events are free. Book a time slot from https://imaginethatelc.com. More info: imaginethatelc@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

## LIVE MUSIC WITH DUSTY RECOR

5-7pm at Wine by the Bay, 10502 269th Pl NW, Stanwood. More info: 360-387-1976.

### DID YOU KNOW?

When humans take a breath, they replace only 15% of the air in their lungs with fresh air.

When dolphins take a breath, they replace about 90% of the air in their lungs with fresh air.

# Calendar of Events



**DID YOU KNOW?**

Research suggests the human nose may be capable of distinguishing more than a trillion different scents.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

## ART SHOW OPENING

Small Works Show "Honey, I Shrunk The Art" 38th Annual Art Show. 40 Artists, each with multiple artworks. 4:30-7:30pm at Matzke Fine Art Gallery and Sculpture Park Center, 2345 Blanche way, Camano Is. Open every Friday, Sat. And Sunday 11 to 5. Show is up Dec and Jan. www.matzkefineart.com

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

## WINTER FESTIVAL AND MAKER'S MARKET



11am-4pm at Arrowhead Ranch, 615 Arrowhead Rd, Camano Island. A magical from 11am-4pm—and guess what? Admission is FREE! Enjoy an all-day Maker's Market, and the fun really kicks into gear with Afternoon With Santa from noon-3pm. Anna and Elsa will be there from 11am-1pm. The kiddos will love crafting, face painting, and balloon animals, plus they'll get to step inside a life-size snow globe! Indulge in cookies and hot cocoa, meet Ruby the live reindeer, and of course, get your wish list ready for SANTA himself!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

## SANTA AT THE BARN ON SUNDAY LAKE

Join us for a fun, festive Santa experience. DIY Santa sessions are $40 per family (up to 6 people)! Bring your own phone or camera to capture your visit with Santa, then enjoy all the Christmas magic we have to offer! Enjoy the festivities for as long as you'd like! 10am-4pm at 26231 W Sunday Lake Rd, Stanwood. Reserve your family's spot here: https://thebarnonsundaylake.pixieset.com/booking/santa2026




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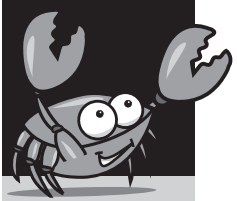

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5-6

## OPEN STUDIOS

Step into the creativity of the Camano Island and Stanwood art community! Our studios open their doors from 10am to 4pm. Enjoy handcrafted ceramics, fiber art, mixed media, and more! See our full-page ad or www.windyridgeclay.com for details.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

## A SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT




2:00pm at Camano Lutheran Church, 850 Heichel Road, Camano Island. The Everett Norwegian Male Chorus will present a concert of holiday music, featuring Scandinavian favorites. Admission is free.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

## HOLIDAY TEA AT THE LADY



1:30-3:30pm at The Lady Florence, 24124 Marine Dr, Stanwood. We invite you to come slow down this holiday season and enjoy afternoon tea at the Lady dressed in all her holiday splendor! We have decked the halls with all your "Little Women" Christmas dreams. Cozy tables and sitting arrangements fill our parlor, library and solarium awaiting your presence. We even have little vintage Christmas and gift shopping sprinkled throughout. Step back in time for a few hours.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Monarch butterfly wings are covered in thousands of tiny scales, and their black and orange pattern warns predators that they are toxic.

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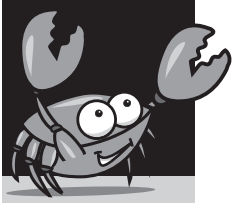

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

## UTSALADY LADIES AID HOLIDAY DINNER



Come and warm up your holidays with us at the Utsalady Ladies Aid Christmas Soup and Bread Supper at 4 pm at 78 Utsalady Rd., Camano Island. A complimentary bowl of homemade soup will be served along with our special bread pudding dessert. Join us for friendship, carols, and a visit from Santa. Everyone welcome.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Event by Stanwood MomCo. Join us as we sing Christmas carols to the residents of Josephine Caring Community! No singing experience required! Bring the kids and a joyful face as we spread some love this season. 2pm-4pm at Josephine Caring Community, 9901 272nd Pl NW, Stanwood.


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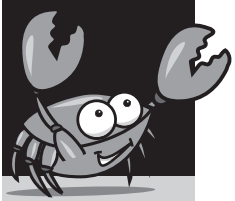

**DID YOU KNOW?**

A flea can leap roughly 100 times its own body length by storing energy in a spring-like protein called resilin.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

## FAMILY GAME NIGHT

An evening of fun for everyone! We'll have card games, board games, Magic: The Gathering, and Pokemon. Bring your favorites! 6:30pm in the gym at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 795 Ell Rd., Camano Island. More info: 425-244-5604.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

## STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Girls Basketball vs Arlington C Team & JV: 5:30pm. Varsity: 7:15pm.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

## SEAHAWKS HOME GAME AT THE YACHT CLUB

vs The Cowboys. Open to the Public! Bar Opens 30 Minutes Before Kickoff. $2 beers, while they last. BYO Food or $5 Yacht Dogs.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

## UGLY HOLIDAY T-SHIRT EXTRAVAGANZA




2:30pm–4:30pm at the Stanwood Library. Unleash your creativity and have a blast! This is your chance to design the most outrageous & eye-catching holiday t-shirt ever. We've got everything you need - from vibrant paints and colorful dyes to sparkly gems, felt, fluffy pom-poms, and shiny threads. We'll supply white cotton t-shirts and all the crafting materials. Just bring your imagination and get ready to create! This event is for teens and tweens ages 9 - 18.






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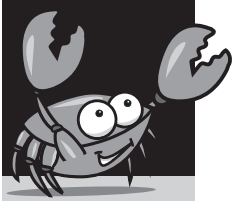


**DID YOU KNOW?**

Stripey things like escalators and Venetian blinds can cause migraines. It turns out that our brains are unable to process incredibly uniform stripes, particularly vertical stripes. They increase something in our brains called gamma oscillations, which is one of the leading causes of migraines and even seizures.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

### CONNECT OVER COFFEE

Building Community. 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at: the Camano Island Library. Hosted by Baha'is of Camano Island who believe in the oneness of humanity and strive to build unified, vibrant communities that promote spiritual and material well-being. For further information: www.Bahaisofcamanoisland.org

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

### STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Boys Wrestling vs Archbishop Murphy: 6pm. Vs Meadowdale: 7:15pm.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

### OPEN HOUSE

11 to 5, at Zs Body & Soul, 9504 271st St, Stanwood. Enter to win a $50 gift card, 20% OFF products and support your locally owned business. All are welcome. www.Zsremedies.com

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

### LITTLE ART EXPLORERS

10:30am–11:30am at the Stanwood Library. Drop in for art activities for little kids and their grownups.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

### FREE COOKING DEMO

in the barn at Hazel Blue Acres blueberry farm in Silvana. 2pm and 6pm at 430 Hevly Road. Samples and Recipes are included! No reservation necessary. Questions? Call 360-770-7261.

WEDESDAY, DECEMBER 9

### EXPLORE YOUR CREATIVITY

with Stanwood Camano Arts Advocacy Commission. 4-5:30pm at the Stanwood Library. Join us for an art class. We will provide everything you need. For kids ages 6-11.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

### LITTLE SCIENCE LAB WITH IMAGINE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

9:30am–10:15am at the Stanwood Library or 11-11:30am at the Camano Library. Hands-on, interactive program for preschoolers and their caring adults encourages children's curiosity about the natural world and develops early science and math skills. For ages 3-5.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

### STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

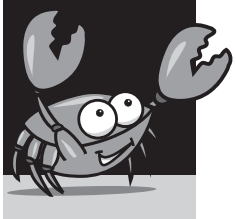
Varsity Boys Swimming vs Glacier Peak and Snohomish. 3pm at YMCA.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

### CAMANO ISLAND LIBRARY FRIENDS GENERAL MEETING & WINTER SOCIAL

3:00pm–4:15pm at the Camano Island Library. Join us for the meeting and then stay afterwards to share cookies and chat. All community members are invited to attend.

Fun and Crafts



## KID-MADE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT



Supplies Needed: Clear plastic ornaments; Pom poms in Christmas colors; Sequins in Christmas colors; Small jingle bells; Christmas table scatter; Any other small trinkets or decor you would like to add

Directions: Put each type of filler in a small bowl or container and set them out on the table along with the empty ornaments. I showed my kids the table and all the supplies and let them go to town filling their ornaments. - Source: www.funlearningforkids.com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Attend our upcoming Medicare workshop and learn the essentials!
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- 12/04/2026 @ 10:00am-11:00am
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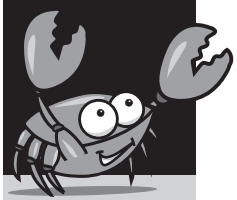

## DID YOU KNOW?

Fire ants survive floods by forming rafts Entire colonies link together into floating masses, with the queen protected safely in the center.

## CHRISTMAS CARD COASTERS



These little coasters are an easy way to add holiday cheer around the house. Bonus: they make great gifts for the caffeine addict (or Christmas lover!) in your life.

What You Need: White 4" x 4" ceramic tiles (you can find simple ceramic tiles at most hardware stores); Nail polish remover; Sandpaper; Scissors; Ruler; Mod Podge; Paint brush; Self-adhesive felt pads

Directions: Remove any blemishes on the ceramic tiles with sand paper or nail polish remover. Once they're clean and dry, cut out your card fronts — they should fit inside the tiles with a ¼" border. Brush Mod Podge on the tiles, then press the card into place. Brush more Mod Podge on top to create a waterproof seal. Add self-adhesive felt pads to the bottom and you're done!






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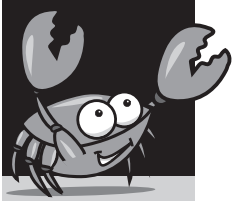

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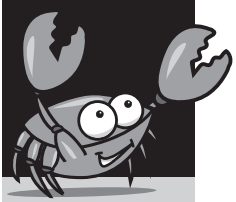
## RANDY'S TREES TO TREASURES




The annual Randy's Trees To Treasures sale will happen on Black Friday where you can pick up on some wooden treasures I've made over the last year or so. My showroom, also know as a garage, and my shop, also a garage, will be available for you to visit and perhaps even find a treasure you would like to have. I will have signs out from Terry's corner leading you here (Same sign as in the photo below). There are lots of treasures for you and lots of kiln dried wood for the woodworker in your family to choose from. The sale will run from 9AM to 3 PM and is at 770 Hawthorne Lane on Camano Island. Come on by even if you just want to talk about wood since that is one of my favorite subjects. I look forward to seeing you all, Randy In this photo: A couple of restored 1930's sleds, a couple of cedar garden hose reels, a multiwood turned bowl, 4 turned Christmas trees and a Juniper coffee table. Behind it all is some of the species of wood I have here which adds up to many hundreds of board feet. I will release more photos highlighting more of my work over this coming week.



# Business Spotlight



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## IT'S BEEN A HECK OF A RIDE!

"Well folks, it's time to tilt one last time. It's with a bittersweet heart (and probably a beer in my hand) that I'm announcing The Brewcade will be permanently closing its doors on Sunday, November 29th. Before anyone gets too sad, I want to make one thing perfectly clear: This isn't a sob story. It's a success story. Maybe not in the traditional business sense, but hear me out. For years, I had this crazy dream of opening a place where people could come together, drink good beer, play pinball, talk trash, make friends, and just have a darn good time. I had a very specific vision of what that place would look and feel like. And you know what? I built it. Not some watered-down version of it. Not something that kinda resembled what I had in mind. I built EXACTLY the place I'd been dreaming about for years. And I'm incredibly proud of that. Would I do a few things differently if I could go back? Oh, HECK yes. Turns out there's a whole lot you don't know until you're neck-deep in it, wondering what the hell you've gotten yourself into. But that's life, right? You don't know what you don't know! But here's the thing: I have absolutely ZERO regrets. I had a dream. I took a chance. I made it happen. Win, lose, or draw, I can say I went for it. And I know with absolute certainty that I would have spent the rest of my life regretting NOT taking that shot far more than I could ever regret taking it. Along the way, something pretty amazing happened. A bunch of customers became regulars. Regulars became friends. Complete strangers bonded over silver balls, bad shots, great saves, cold beers, and questionable life decisions. We built ourselves a little community of misfits, beer lovers, and pinball nerds, and it turned out to be even better than I'd imagined. To every single person who walked through our doors, bought a beer, dropped a quarter, played in a tournament, brought a friend, or just stopped in to say hello: THANK YOU. Seriously. From the bottom of my heart. You made this place what it was, and I'll be eternally grateful that you were part of this ridiculous, wonderful adventure with me. So please, don't mourn The Brewcade going away. Celebrate the fact that it existed in the first place! Celebrate the games, the laughs, the friendships, the memories, and all the times you swore that damn machine was cheating. Gravity is undefeated my friends, the ball will always eventually drain, it's what you do with it before draining that matters! We're not going to quietly turn off the lights and sneak out the back door, either! We're going to give the old girl a proper send-off! Please join us for the last hoorah at The BrewCade on Saturday, November 28th at 4pm! Final Brewcade Tournament & Potluck. $5 Buy in plus quarters. KILL THE KEGS, EMPTY THE COOLERS, and PLAY SOME DANG PINBALL! We've got a little time left, and I intend to enjoy every minute of it. Thank you for helping me live out a dream. It's been one heck of a ride, and I wouldn't trade it for anything. No regrets. No extra balls. Just one heck of a good game."

- Jon at The Brewcade


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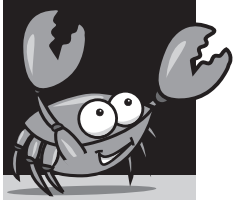

## DID YOU KNOW?

The US army has its own private herd of bison. The US army base of Camp Pendleton in California was gifted the bison back in the 1970s. The San Diego Zoo entrusted the bison to the base for safekeeping, and they've done such a great job at it that the herd had grown from 14 to 90 or so!

## LOCAL CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS (UPDATED 2026)



• Holiday Forest - Christmas trees-you choose and you cut, Christmas wreaths, Christmas boughs, trees baled, saws provided, winter wagon rides, snacks and refreshment stand. 3125 280th Street NW, Stanwood, 360-629-9097. Email: holidayforest@frontier.com.
• Muskrat Flats Tree Farm - 501 Pioneer Hwy E (just east of Silvana). 360-652-9184. Cash & personal checks only. $80 any size.
• The Tree Farm - Local Family owned U-Cut Christmas Tree Farm and wreaths. Cash or Check only. 3011 268th St NW, Stanwood, (425) 244-7179.
• Triple C Farms - Christmas trees- pre-cut or you choose and you cut, saws are provided. 27314 36th Avenue N.W., Stanwood, 425-245-2133. Noble Fir, Douglas Fir, Grand Fir, Fraser./

## GREETINGS FROM THE NORTH POLE POST OFFICE

Santa replies to your child's letter - complete with the North Pole Postmark! The Greetings from the North Pole Post Office program adds to the excitement of Christmas. How to get a letter postmarked from the North Pole: Have the child write a letter to Santa and place it in an envelope addressed to: Santa Claus, North Pole. Write a personalized response to the child's letter and sign it "From Santa." Insert both letters into an envelope, and address it to the child. Add the return address: SANTA, NORTH POLE, to the envelope. Ensure a First-Class Mail stamp is affixed to the envelope. Place the complete envelope into a larger envelope, with appropriate postage, and address it to: NORTH POLE POSTMARK - POSTMASTER - 4141 POSTMARK DR., ANCHORAGE AK 99530-9998. We recommend sending your letters by December 7 so that they can be received by the Postmaster no later than December 14. Santa's helpers in Anchorage, AK, will take care of the rest.

## BASKETBALL FREE PLAY FOR THE COMMUNITY

Every Friday at 795 Ell Rd., Camano. It is indoors and it's not quite a full size court, but it's good enough to have fun. All are welcome."

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# SPRING 2027

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN

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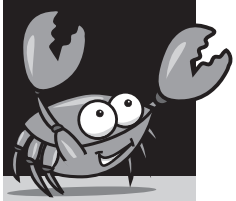

## FRITJOV LODGE LUTEFISK DINNER



Tickets Required, no sales at the door. Social at 3PM, Dinner at 4PM. Tickets available to members in October, Non-members in November. $40 ($15 for children 12 and under. Reservations thru Dorothy by phone or text 360-710-6904 or Barbara at 425-210-8325 phone or text. Menu is lutefisk, meatballs and gravy, potatoes, vegetable, cole slaw, lefse, pickled herring, almond cake and cookies. This is a popular event!

## LIVING WELL AND BEING HAPPIER

Being a part of a community gives us a sense of belonging, and fulfills a deep, universal human need. It enables us to support one another in many ways. Check out the docuseries on Netflix called, Live to 100, Secrets of the Blue Zones, and watch how one of the key things they noticed were people living longer are engaged in community, most of them on a daily basis. Why? We all know the saying, "It takes a village". We see many of us grow by our wisdom, and we get and give support, pushing us past our limiting beliefs, and keeping us motivated, as well as inspired. Without all the unique souls that grace Z's Body and Soul, we can say with conviction, our lives would be black and white, without color! If this sparks something in you, our doors are open for you to come as you are and leave as you always wanted to be. Whether that means you need conversation, are curious about essential oils or reflexology, want to take a yoga class or need a hug, stop by and get a taste of what we speak of. We look forward to connecting. Many blessings, Melissa Handy and Susanna Z Mantis, zsremedies.com.

## AKTION AUCTION (ONLINE)

November 12 to December 4. Time of the Year Auctions. Support the AKTION Club—a Kiwanis service club for adults with disabilities. Every winning bid helps fund: Annual scholarships, Toiletry drives, Community service projects. You may have spotted our AKTION members in their lime green shirts helping out around. https://hibid.com/catalog/794451/aktion-auction.

## ADULT FUTSAL

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

### DID YOU KNOW?

Hagfish have skulls but no spines. Instead of a backbone, hagfish rely on a flexible notochord. When threatened, they release a remarkable slime that expands to many times its original volume in water, clogging a predator's gills within seconds.

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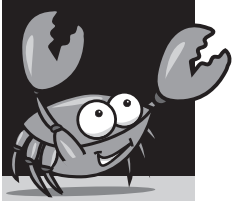

## DID YOU KNOW?

Dragonflies are incredibly successful hunters. Lions, often called apex predators, succeed in roughly 20–25% of hunts. Dragonflies succeed close to 90% of the time. They accomplish this by computing where prey will be (not where it is) a predictive hunting strategy that neuroscientists are actively studying.

## FOOD DRIVE!

Do you want to help out by donating food for the holidays? Girl Scout Troop 42918 is holding a holiday food drive! Come by Lincoln Hill High School's office with shelf-staple food and drop it off to help people less fortunate around this time of giving. Last day to donate is December 18th.

## PHASE 2 OF THE KAYAK POINT DAY-USE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

is now complete and ready for the public to come enjoy! Phase 2 improvements included: Completing the parking lot; Extending the backshore berm; Completing a central grassy view mound; Updating the playground; Three new timber framed picnic shelters; A waterfront promenade path; New central plaza with festival utility options; Access trails to the beach; Park infrastructure improvements (replacing failing water lines and buckling asphalt). Thank you for your patience as we worked to improve this important regional park. A big thank you to all our parks staff and contractors who helped make this a successful project! What's next? Phase 3 planning, design and permitting are complete and fundraising has begun!

## STANWOOD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM EXHIBITS

Open for guided visits and history research 1 - 4 pm Wednesday and Saturdays. Tour the D. O. Pearson House Museum, the Eldridge Center Gallery and Library, the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center 3rd Floor Exhibits and the Veterans Memorial (Outside). Volunteers welcome! More info: www.sahs-fncc.org.

## SEASONAL SUPPORT

If you or someone you know could use a boost this holiday season, be sure to check out our Seasonal Support program! Parents and guardians of children aged 0-18 in Stanwood and Camano Island can shop FREE for brand new toys, gifts, and warm coats! Learn more and apply now: https://stanwoodcamanofoodbank.org/seasonalsupport/

## SEAFOOD PROCESSOR ACQUIRES CLOSED FOOD COMPANY PLANT IN STANWOOD

(condensed from a report by By Neetish Basnet – Reporter, Puget Sound Business Journal - Nov 13, 2026). The No Meat Factory plant in Stanwood (in the old Twin Foods factory) that shuttered this summer could soon reopen after another food company bought the facility. Sitka, Alaska-based Silver Bay Seafoods paid $21 million for the plant. The seafood manufacturing company plans to relocate the processing operations for Orca Bay Foods, its Seattle-based subsidiary, to the newly acquired facility. Silver Bay could not provide an estimate on when it will open the Stanwood facility or how many employees it plans to hire. "Orca Bay will be operating both locations for a short period of time to ensure this move doesn't impact existing customers and provides adaptability as we become fully operational in Stanwood." For No Meat Factory, the sale enabled the troubled company to liquidate and repay creditors. "The team has built a strong foundation, and the move to Stanwood allows us to build on that success," Fain said about Orca Bay.

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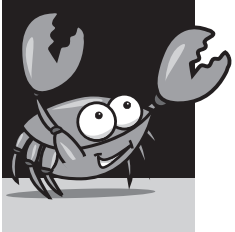

## ADOPT-A-SENIOR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Want to spread some joy this Christmas? We have 55 local seniors up for Christmas Adoption. This has been an annual event for a while. Their wishlists are pretty simple from pajamas, cardigans, chocolate and slippers to Corona, Metamucil, fruitcakes and sardines. For many, it's the highlight of their holiday season. Adoption packets can be picked up at Cedarhome Coffee Co. and Nana's Toys and Gifts. Both will also be drop off sites for gifts as well. Gifts due by December 17th. The adoption packet has specific instructions included with the senior's wishlist. Reach out to me directly with any questions. Source: Kate Johansen Facebook post.

## FREE FIRST AID AND CPR TRAINING

Calling all moms, dads, grandparents, babysitters, and caregivers of young children! Join us at Stanwood Cooperative Preschool for a FREE CPR & First Aid Class! Learn lifesaving skills, build confidence, and feel a little more prepared for the unexpected. FREE to attend Open to ALL caregivers of young children. No need to be a co-op family to participate. You will be emailed your CPR completion certificate after the course. Upcoming dates in 2027: January 29, February 12, and March 8. Message us at Admin@stanwoodpreschool.org to reserve your spot in a class!

## CO-ED ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Saturdays from 9-11:30am at 7401 272nd St NW, Stanwood. Join us for a fun morning of co-ed pickup games. Open to all.




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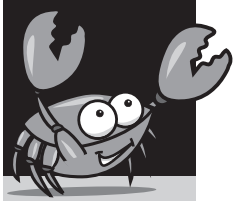


## DID YOU KNOW?

Pangolins are the only mammal covered in scales. Their scales are made of keratin, the same material found in human fingernails.

## CAMANO FIRE'S 2026 SANTA RUN SET FOR DEC. 8-10

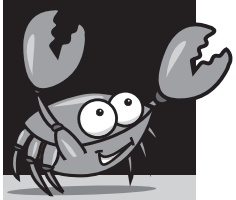


Santa's coming! That's right: Santa and his elves will visit neighborhoods around the island in December for the annual Camano Fire Santa Run. Events kick off Tuesday, Dec. 8, and run through Thursday, Dec. 10. Santa starts his rounds at 6 p.m. each night and wraps up around 8 p.m. This year's neighborhoods: Dec. 8: Camaloch, Buena Vista, Brentwood. Dec. 9: Onamac, Thunder Ridge, Madrona. Dec. 10: Camano Vista, Lost Lake, Country Club. What to expect: Santa and his elves visit a few neighborhoods each night, along with a parade of Camano Fire engines and ambulances. Elves collect donations for the Camano Fire food & gift card drive and hand out candy canes and other treats. Santa's elves will happily collect your nonperishable food and other donations for the annual food & gift card drive benefiting the Stanwood-Camano Food Bank. In 2025, community members donated nearly 2,100 lbs of food during the four-day Santa Run. Not on the route? Come find Santa! Santa would love to visit every neighborhood on the island but he's busy preparing for Christmas. If Santa isn't coming to your neighborhood, you're welcome to drive to where he'll be that night. Use the Santa Run Route and Santa Tracker link – posted each night of the Santa Run – to follow his progress and time your arrival.









## DID YOU KNOW?

Long ago, the Sahara Desert used to be a lake, and the dust and sand left behind are actually rich in phosphorous. This phosphorous-rich dust is carried through the skies to the Amazon rainforest, which is surprisingly in need of fertilizer.

## NORTH COUNTY FIRE'S SANTA RUN FOOD DRIVE BEGINS DECEMBER 4

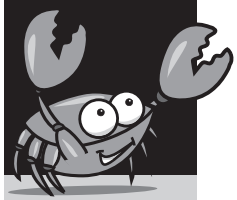


North County Fire Authority firefighters, their families, and friends will be escorting Santa through Arlington and Stanwood neighborhoods collecting food and monetary donations for our local food banks. How to Participate: Watch for Santa and his firefighter escort in your neighborhood between December 4 and 15. Have non-perishable food items or monetary donations ready to support Arlington and Stanwood community food banks. Go to their website to see the locations and maps near you (Stanwood locations are December 12-15): https://www.northcountyfireems.com/community-programs/annual-santa-run

## THE LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS




November 27-December 28 at Warm Beach Camp, 20800 Marine Drive, Stanwood. A holiday lights event featuring over a million lights, a Christmas market, Santa's Village, a light maze, mini-golf, train rides, costume characters, and a large Nativity. Big changes are coming! This season, the classic Holiday event will primarily be experienced as a walking event with fun activities, food and craft vendors, and of course the dazzling lights and displays that bring the magic of Christmas to Stanwood every year! There will also be a handful of Drive-thru only nights for our wonderful patrons who prefer that format! Tickets must be bought online in advance. https://www.thelightsofchristmas.com/



## DID YOU KNOW?

There are three different species of zebras, which can be found in Africa's southern and eastern regions. Their overall coat of hair is dark in color, broken up with stripes of white, unpigmented hair. We're unsure why they have stripes, but scientists suggest it may be some form of protection against predators.

## SOMETHING BIG IS HEADED FOR CAMANO ISLAND



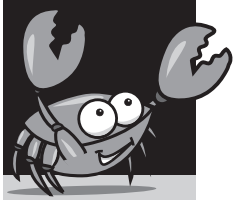
A new Thomas Dambo troll is planned for Camano Island in April 2027. There are nearly 200 of his giant recycled trolls hidden around the world. Here's how Dambo describes the point of them: "I want people to get outside. I want people to experience community. I want them to feel the joy of doing something that is slowing down." The Stanwood-Camano project began with an idea from the Daughters of Norway to celebrate the community's Scandinavian heritage. Now, a volunteer steering committee is helping bring it to life, with opportunities for others to support the build and contribute reclaimed materials. The design is still taking shape. Follow along—we'll share more as details are announced. https://www.stanwood-camanotroll.com/ (Photo above is sculpture in Issaquah, WA).

## SATURDAYS IN DECEMBER AT HAZEL BLUE ACRES

Fabulous refreshments, free holiday photo backdrop, and holiday shopping. 430 Hevly Road, Silvana. More info: 360-770-7261

## COACHES WANTED

The Stanwood Spartans Women's Football Team is looking for dedicated coaches to join our program as we continue to grow and work toward our goals on and off the field. Prior coaching experience is preferred, but we're also interested in individuals who bring strong leadership skills, a solid understanding of football, and a commitment to developing athletes and building a successful team. We're looking for coaches who value accountability, teamwork, discipline, and continuous improvement. Individuals who are ready to contribute, help our athletes reach their potential, and be part of building a strong, competitive program. If you have a background in football, experience leading a team, or a genuine desire to contribute to the growth of women's football, we'd like to hear from you. Interested in joining the Spartans coaching staff? Send us a message or email us at stanwoodspartanmoms@yahoo.com. Let's build a stronger program, develop better athletes, and keep growing the game.



## SC GIVE 2026

On December 1, SC Give is supporting 27 local nonprofits whose work directly benefits the Stanwood-Camano area. SC Give is the Stanwood-Camano community's local Giving Tuesday event—a 24-hour online giving celebration hosted by the Stanwood-Camano Area Foundation. Held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, SC Give unites residents of Stanwood and Camano Island to support local projects that meet basic needs and enhance the quality of life in our community. To read more about each project and organization, go to https://www.scgive.org/

## "THE ARRIVAL" UKRAINE BACKPACKS




Because of the realities of the war, families are forced to grab all they can from their homes and move to safer locations. Through The Arrival and our partners in Ukraine, The Bible Today, we have been able to hand out thousands of backpacks to children in these challenging times. We have heard first hand the stories of how much joy they bring and how for some, it is the first time they have smiled since the war began. Drop by the Arrival station and grab a backpack to fill for a child in Ukraine and an Arrival booklet to guide and encourage you. Ukraine Giving Tree - Grab a backpack and tag from the Giving Tree at Stanwood Foursquare starting November 8. Fill the backpack with appropriate presents to be sent to children in Ukraine. Backpacks need to be turned in by December 6. Backpacks can be turned in at church on Sundays or to the Admin Building Tuesdays-Thursdays, 10am-3pm. More info: www.4sq.church/the-arrival.

## WOMENS FOOTBALL REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration is officially open for the 2027 Stanwood Spartans Women's Football Season! Are you a woman 18 or older looking for a new challenge, a supportive community, lifelong friendships, and the opportunity to play some football? We're looking for YOU! Register before February 7th and receive our early registration rate — SAVE $25! Whether you're ready to challenge yourself, step outside your comfort zone, meet new people, or discover what you're capable of, there's a place for you on the field. It's about more than football. It's about teamwork, community, confidence, and building something together. Ready to become a Spartan? Interested in playing? Want to support our team as an official 2027 season sponsor? Check out https://linktr.ee/stanwoodspartans

### DID YOU KNOW?

The world's first Guinness world record for push-ups was 6,006. Charles Linster took home the first Guinness World Record in this category when he completed all 6,006 push-ups non-stop back in 1965.



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All proceeds go to the Master Gardener Foundation of Snohomish County, a 501(c)(3) organization, which provides major funding support to the Snohomish County Master Gardener Program.

**January 15** | Richie Steffen
*"Hydrangeas: Frumpy or Fabulous"*

**January 29** | Lorē Sampson
*"More Peonies, Please! Different Propagating Techniques"*

**February 12** | Holly Zox
*"Garden Escapes: Favorite Garden Plants in Natural Areas"*

**February 26** | Ross Bayton, PhD
*"The Science of Color"*

**March 5** | Lisa Wasko DeVetter
*"Growing Berries in your Backyard"*

**March 19** | Susie Egan
*"Trilliums: Jewels of the Woodland Garden"*

**March 26** | Will Peterman
*"The Pollinator Underground: Wild Bees in Domesticated Places"*

**April 9** | Willi Galloway
*"Vegetables for Breakfast"*

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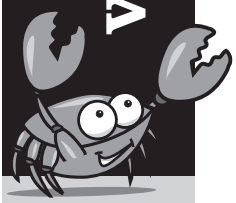
Moonshine Wisdom & Wit



*Story by Jack Archibald.*

*For further moonshine wisdom and wet powder wit, check out the SKEETER DADDLE DIARIES at www.skeeterdaddle.net*

## ZIP ME UP, WILL YA?

Awhile back I was at the Big Hospital up north looking up a friend who'd been admitted the day before. Something about a hospital that puts you off your ease … even after working at one for 10 years. Or maybe because of it.

I'd slipped past Admitting and planned to head right up to my buddy's room, but I needed to use the john so I found a sign that pointed to the restrooms at the far end of the hall. When I turned the corner a guy was standing next to the Men's room with his back to me. What, a line? I'd barely seen anybody cruising the halls, couple of nurses about it. I was about to ask if he was waiting for the toilet when he turned around and mumbled in a garbled voice something I couldn't quite make out.

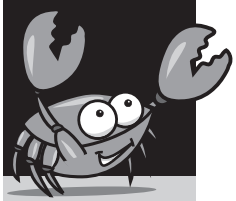
"Say again?" I asked. He was pointing now to his crotch. Zipper unzipped. Creepy thoughts were flashing red lights in my head when he mumbled something else unintelligible. I shook my head. "No comprende," I said and he pointed to his crotch again with the zipper wide open. He was tugging at the thing in some distress and I was feeling more than a little distressed myself.

"Mmm, muh, mawah," he told me. You read these stories in the newspaper, you get overdosed with em on TV news. You think perverts are everywhere, waiting down an alley, crouched in a dark corridor, hiding in a bathroom stall. We're all one step from being victims, the next night's news lead. Don't trust anyone. Don't let your kids out of your sight. Lock your doors, bolt em from inside. Buy a gun. Hell, carry a gun. Depravity is everywhere! Danger! Danger!

Don't ask me why, but I stood there. "What?" I asked and he pointed one more time at his crotch, zipper down. Finally, finally, I asked if he wanted help getting it zipped up. He garbled something happily, nodded his head yes. I reached down and put two hands on his fly, pulled the zipper up and looked at this guy. He was nodding earnestly. He mangled something that sounded like thanks. I took it to be exactly that. When he started down the hallway, he had a tortured gait, hip akimbo, leg hauled along painfully, holding close to the wall.

It's a small thing, that little act of hesitant kindness. I hate to think how hard this man's life must be, how much fear he witnesses day in and day out, how courage must seem rare to him. Maybe we should quit watching the nightly crap on the evening news. It makes cowards of us.

# Longevity Lens



*A column about longevity and aging well.*

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

## YOUR CELLS HAVE A CLEANUP CREW



Hallmark of Aging #4: Loss of Proteostasis. Every cell in our bodies depend on proteins to function. They build structures, carry messages, regulate chemical reactions, and help repair tissue. But proteins must fold into precise shapes to do their jobs. When they become damaged or misfolded, they can stop working properly. Fortunately, our cells have an internal quality-control system. Molecular chaperones help maintain protein structure, while cellular disposal systems break down and recycle proteins that can't be repaired. Scientists call this process proteostasis, or protein balance. As we age, these maintenance systems can become less efficient. Damaged and misfolded proteins may accumulate, interfering with normal cellular function. This is particularly important in the brain and muscles. Protein aggregation is also associated with neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, although its precise role in disease development remains an active area of research. So what does this mean for healthy aging? It means aging isn't just about accumulating cellular damage. It's also about gradually losing some of the ability to maintain and replace what is damaged. Regular exercise has shown promise in supporting cellular maintenance pathways, although much of the direct evidence comes from laboratory and animal studies. Quality sleep may also play a role. Adequate dietary protein remains important for preserving muscle, even though it hasn't been shown to directly restore cellular quality-control systems. We can't prevent every protein from becoming damaged. But understanding how our cells maintain themselves gives us another important piece of the healthy aging puzzle. More insights, visit kirrahealth.com/blog.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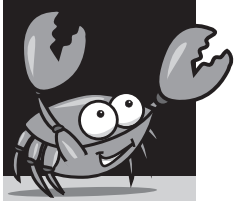

*A new column describing a local or native plant or animal in our area.*

## GOLDENROD CRAB SPIDER



Misumena vatia—commonly known as the Goldenrod Crab Spider is a web-less ambush spider found across North America and Europe. It hunts on flowers and plants, using its long front legs to grasp prey and move sideways like a crab. Females grow up to about 10 mm (0.39 in) in body length, while males are much smaller, reaching at most 5 mm (0.20 in). Crab-like build: Broad, flat bodies with two front pairs of legs noticeably longer and stronger than the hind pairs. They walk sideways, forward, and backward. Coloration: Females are typically white or yellow (sometimes with red or pink markings on the abdomen), while males are smaller and darker, often brown or reddish-brown. Female Misumena vatia can shift their body color between white and yellow over days or weeks by moving or secreting yellow pigment. Reverting from yellow back to white generally takes fewer days than shifting from white to yellow.

Behavior and Diet: Ambush predator: They do not spin capture webs. Instead, they wait on blossoms—such as goldenrod, milkweed, daisies, and clover—with front legs spread to seize visiting insects. They feed on flower-visiting insects, including bees, flies, and butterflies, often subduing prey larger than themselves using fast-acting venom.

They are found in meadows, gardens, woodlands, and open grassy areas with flowering plants.


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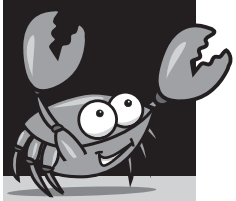

*The Band-Aid Bulletin is a monthly feature from the Stanwood-Camano School District Health Services team, sharing helpful information and tips to support the health and well-being of our students and families.*

# The Band-Aid Bulletin

## HELP STUDENTS STAY SAFE ON E-BIKES AND SCOOTERS

As electric scooters and e-bikes become an increasingly popular way for children to get around our community, our school nurses have an important reminder: Safe riding starts before students leave home. These rides can offer fun and independence, but higher speeds and complex road conditions require careful preparation and supervision. Young riders need more than the ability to balance and steer — they also need the coordination, attention, and judgment to recognize hazards and respond safely. Recent research highlights why these conversations matter. A national study of children treated in emergency departments for e-scooter injuries found that children ages 11-14 accounted for the largest share of injuries, about 38%. Boys represented about 70% of cases. Roughly 40% of injuries involved fractures, dislocations, strains, or sprains. These findings are specific to e-scooters, but they reinforce the importance of helping young riders develop safe habits.

A few reminders from our school health team: Wear a helmet on every ride: A properly fitted, securely buckled helmet that meets U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission standards helps protect against serious head injuries. Choose a helmet appropriate for the activity, including the higher speeds of e-bikes. Review traffic safety together: Practice stopping at intersections and crosswalks, looking both ways before entering a street, and obeying stop signs and traffic signals. Stay attentive: Put phones away, leave earbuds out, and watch for vehicles, pedestrians, driveways, and changing road conditions. Keep both wheels on the ground: Avoid wheelies and other risky maneuvers that can lead to a fall or collision. Consider whether your child is ready: Think about their coordination, developmental maturity, and ability to make safe decisions in traffic. Follow manufacturer age limits and safety instructions. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children under 16 should not operate or ride on motorized scooters.

It is also important to know what your child is riding. Stanwood Police notes that some electric vehicles mistaken for e-bikes are actually motorcycles or mopeds, which have different legal requirements. Families can review the City of Stanwood's electric bike guidance to better understand those differences.



## CASA'S PET OF THE WEEK:

**SOCKS** is a labrador pitbull mix and is about 2 years old. He is loyal, smart, polite, and eager to learn! He can be a bit shy at first, but once he adjusts, he is friendly and playful! Sock's high energy can cause boredom. When left to his own devices, he may seek out the chance to escape. A 6-foot wooden fence is required for adopting Socks. If Socks seems like the companion for you, please fill out an application for adoption today.

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



## NOAH'S PET OF THE WEEK:

**WILLIE** - Looking for a playful, active young dog to add some life and love to your family? Look no further! This adorable pup is looking for a FURever home committed to training, while giving out plenty of love and patience. If you are ready to add this beautiful, cutie-pie pupper to your family, come and talk to an Adoptions Matchmaker today!

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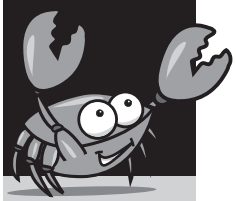
Cooking Mamas



*Recipes by Cooking Mamas created by Dusty Hutchins-McNutt.*

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*Visit me at: www.CookingMamas.com*

## PEPPERMINT SWIRL SUGAR COOKIES

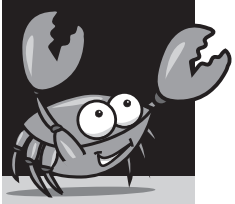
*One bite and suddenly it's Christmas! Soft, chewy sugar cookies topped with creamy swirled peppermint frosting with crushed candy canes!*



SUGAR COOKIES: 2 c. all-purpose flour; 2 T. corn starch; 2 tsp. baking powder; 1/2 tsp. salt; 3/4 c. unsalted butter; 3/4 c. granulated sugar; 1 tsp. vanilla extract; 1 egg plus 1 egg yolk
PEPPERMINT FROSTING: 1/2 c. unsalted butter, softened; 2 oz. cream cheese, softened; 2 c. confectioners' sugar; 1 pinch salt; 1 tsp. peppermint extract; 1 small drop red gel food coloring; Crushed peppermint candies for topping

DIRECTIONS: 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line two rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper; set aside. 2. SUGAR COOKIES: In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, corn starch, baking powder, and salt; set aside. 3. In a large bowl, using an electric hand mixer beat the butter and granulated sugar until light and fluffy. Add the egg plus egg yolk and vanilla extract, beat until smooth and creamy. 4. Fold the flour mixture into the butter/sugar mixture with a wooden spoon until well combined. 5. With a 3-tablespoon cookie scoop, portion out the cookies onto the prepared baking sheet and set about 2 inches apart (6 per sheet). 6. Bake the cookies for 8-9 minutes. The cookies may still look shiny; you don't want them to over bake. If the cookies are brown on the bottom, they are overdone, they should be light and golden. Cool. 7. PEPPERMINT FROSTING: In a medium bowl, beat the butter and cream cheese together until smooth. Add the confectioners' sugar, salt, and peppermint extract, beat for another 2 minutes until smooth and creamy. 8. To make the red ribbon, remove 1/4 of the frosting to a small bowl and add red gel food coloring, stirring until well combined. 9. Fit a 16-inch piping bag with a 2A tip. Fill two smaller (10-12-inch) piping bags with your individual colors of frosting (one for white frosting and one bag for red frosting). 10. Snip a small tip off the end of each small bag, making sure the holes are the same size. Place both small bags side-by-side inside the larger 16-inch piping bag fitted with a tip. Twist the top of the large bag to push both small bags down securely into the tip. 11. Beginning in the middle of a cookie, applying even pressure, pipe a swirl. Sprinkle with crushed peppermint candies. Repeat with the remaining cookies. Allow the frosted cookies to set before storing cookies in an airtight container. Yields 12 large cookies.

# Classes and Workshops



## DID YOU KNOW?

The most popular car model in the world is the Toyota Hilux. Four out of the top six car models worldwide are Toyotas – the other three are the Toyota Corolla, Rav4, and the Land Cruiser.

***FamilySearch Center*** will be closed for remodeling Nov. 24 through Jan. 11. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but we know you will enjoy our new look! Email us at camano@familyhistorymail.org if you need help with your genealogy during this time.

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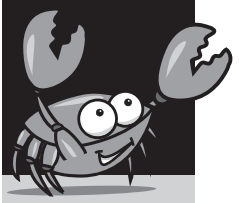

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Sharks are older than Saturn's rings

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***Yoga Nidra (Yoga Sleep) Meditation Workshop*** February 6. 2-4pm. A powerful and deeply relaxing practice of guided meditation. Learn to move beyond the conscious mind into a sleep-like state in which creative awareness flourishes. Space is limited, book early at movementarts.com/events or call 360-629-9100. $45.

***Yoga for Beginners*** March 2-30, Tuesdays 6-7:15pm. This introduction will teach you the foundational alignment of basic yoga postures, how to coordinate breath with movement and philosophical practices to make yoga a tool for your well being. Upon completion you should feel comfortable transitioning to any basic yoga class. Space is limited, sign up early. $95 (Five 75 minute classes).

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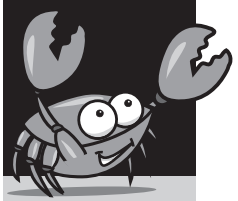

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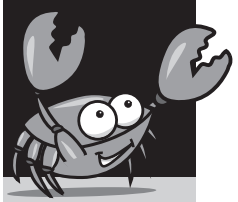

## DID YOU KNOW?

Recorders actually used to be a popular instrument. This seemingly useless musical instrument, while shunned today, was all the rage back in the Baroque period of the early 1700s. It was so quiet that it was eventually replaced with the significantly louder flute so that the rest of the orchestra wouldn't drown it out.

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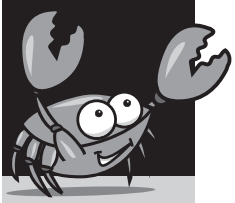

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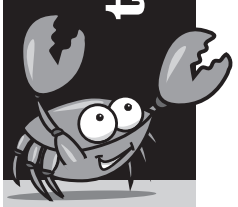
# View from the Bleachers



## AMERICANS MOURN THE DEATH OF THE CYBERTRUCK

AUSTIN, TX – In news that shocked almost 14 people across America, Elon Musk announced Friday that Tesla will begin winding down production of its much-beloved Cybertruck at its Texas factory around the middle of 2027. The announcement brings to an end one of the most ambitious experiments in automotive design since someone decided the AMC Gremlin was a good idea.

The Cybertruck featured a bold, minimalist design with sharp angles and a triangular body shape that many observers said reminded them of metal trash bins found in hospital operating rooms. The dashboard had virtually no buttons, moving nearly every function to a large touchscreen. Like Henry Ford's Model T, you could purchase your Cybertruck in any color you wanted, provided you wanted raw, unpainted stainless steel.

The doors featured no conventional exterior handles, leaving some prospective owners wondering whether they were purchasing a vehicle or trying to gain entry into a high-security prison. And rather than clutter the rear window with an annoying conventional rearview mirror, Tesla opted for a digital camera system. Because apparently seeing out the back of your truck was becoming entirely too old-fashioned.

Sadly, sales for the Cybertruck just barely fell short of Musk's initial projections of 250,000 units per year. And by "barely fell short," we mean approximately 39,000 Cybertrucks sold in 2024, 20,000 in 2025, and considerably fewer in 2026. Apparently, the American consumer wasn't quite ready to embrace the idea of driving a stainless-steel refrigerator with four wheels, missing a door handle.

The Cybertruck was praised for its unorthodox styling, but mainly by Elon Musk and his core customer base for this vehicle: high-net-worth, tech-savvy males in their mid-40s who have trouble getting dates.

One of the challenges to gaining traction in the marketplace might have been its price tag, which could approach six figures. For that kind of money, buyers apparently expected something that looked a little less like a commercial dumpster and would draw fewer glares of contempt.

Early on, the controversial truck developed a reputation for exceptional quality and reliability, provided you overlooked its numerous federal safety recalls (11 to be exact). These included exterior trim panels that could detach while driving, accelerator pedals that could become stuck, and brake rotor problems that could potentially cause a wheel stud to separate. Elon Musk, always the marketer, proudly pointed out that unlike most vehicles on the road, the Cybertruck offered the rare, exciting possibility of arriving at your destination with slightly fewer parts than you left home with.

Cybertruck owners drew admiring looks wherever they went, with onlookers often offering one-fingered salutes of respect. Over time, however, the vehicle became something of a lightning rod for consumer resentment, particularly among people who weren't especially fond of Elon Musk. This included a surprising number of women, minorities, college graduates, and people who were not big fans of chainsaws. Still, millions of people became almost obsessed with this unique vehicle, as evidenced by countless glowing customer reviews, like these:

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

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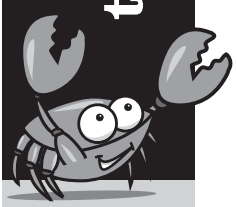

"I Ordered a Truck. I Received a Dumpster With Wi-Fi."

"I've owned pickup trucks for 40 years, and I've never had one that made people stop, stare, point, and laugh quite so enthusiastically. On the bright side, I no longer have to worry about people stealing it. They're afraid someone might think it's theirs."

"My Wife Thought I Bought a Refrigerator."

"When I pulled into the driveway, my wife asked why I had parked a stainless-steel refrigerator in front of the garage. When I explained it was a $100,000 pickup truck, she asked if it came with an ice maker. Honestly, that would have been a more useful purchase."

"Great Vehicle If Prefer to Stay At Home - Alone."

"Since buying my Cybertruck, I've noticed something strange. People no longer wave when I drive by. My neighbors have stopped inviting me to barbecues. Even my brother-in-law won't ride with me. I think they're just jealous. Or possibly embarrassed to be seen with me. Hard to tell."

"The Chainsaw Was an Optional Accessory?"

"I bought this truck because I wanted something rugged, masculine, and capable of surviving the apocalypse. I've discovered it's a total chick magnet – if the chick's polarity was the same as my truck's. They seem to be instantly repelled by the sight of it – and me. Go figure."

Tesla expects to wind down Cybertruck production at its Texas facility around the middle of 2027. Musk has not yet announced whether he plans to attend the Cybertruck's funeral, although sources close to the situation say he is expected to arrive wearing a black suit, sunglasses, and wielding a chainsaw. Details of the funeral arrangements have not yet been released. In lieu of flowers, Mr. Musk is requesting that mourners purchase $50,000 worth of Tesla stock.

The family asks that you please respect their privacy during this difficult time. Especially if you happen to be driving a Ford F-150.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

Lightning can turn sand into glass



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| 2 | High | 11:38 AM | 12.0 | |
| 2 | Low | 6:37 PM | 3.0 | |
| Th 3 | High | 12:40 AM | 7.8 | |
| 3 | Low | 5:33 AM | 4.4 | |
| 3 | High | 12:15 PM | 11.9 | |
| 3 | Low | 7:25 PM | 1.6 | |

| Date | High /Low | Tide Time | Height Feet | Moon Visible |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| F 4 | High | 2:13 AM | 8.7 | |
| 4 | Low | 6:37 AM | 5.8 | |
| 4 | High | 12:50 PM | 11.7 | |
| 4 | Low | 8:05 PM | 0.4 | |
| Sa 5 | High | 3:18 AM | 9.8 | |
| 5 | Low | 7:41 AM | 6.8 | |
| 5 | High | 1:25 PM | 11.5 | |
| 5 | Low | 8:42 PM | -0.5 | |
| Su 6 | High | 4:12 AM | 10.7 | |
| 6 | Low | 8:40 AM | 7.5 | |
| 6 | High | 1:58 PM | 11.4 | |
| 6 | Low | 9:17 PM | -1.2 | |
| M 7 | High | 4:59 AM | 11.4 | |
| 7 | Low | 9:33 AM | 7.9 | |
| 7 | High | 2:32 PM | 11.1 | |
| 7 | Low | 9:52 PM | -1.5 | |
| Tu 8 | High | 5:40 AM | 11.9 | |
| 8 | Low | 10:22 AM | 8.1 | |
| 8 | High | 3:06 PM | 10.9 | |
| 8 | Low | 10:28 PM | -1.7 | |
| W 9 | High | 6:17 AM | 12.1 | |
| 9 | Low | 11:09 AM | 8.1 | |
| 9 | High | 3:42 PM | 10.6 | |
| 9 | Low | 11:04 PM | -1.7 | |
| Th 10 | High | 6:52 AM | 12.2 | |
| 10 | Low | 11:53 AM | 8.1 | |
| 10 | High | 4:18 PM | 10.2 | |
| 10 | Low | 11:41 PM | -1.6 | |



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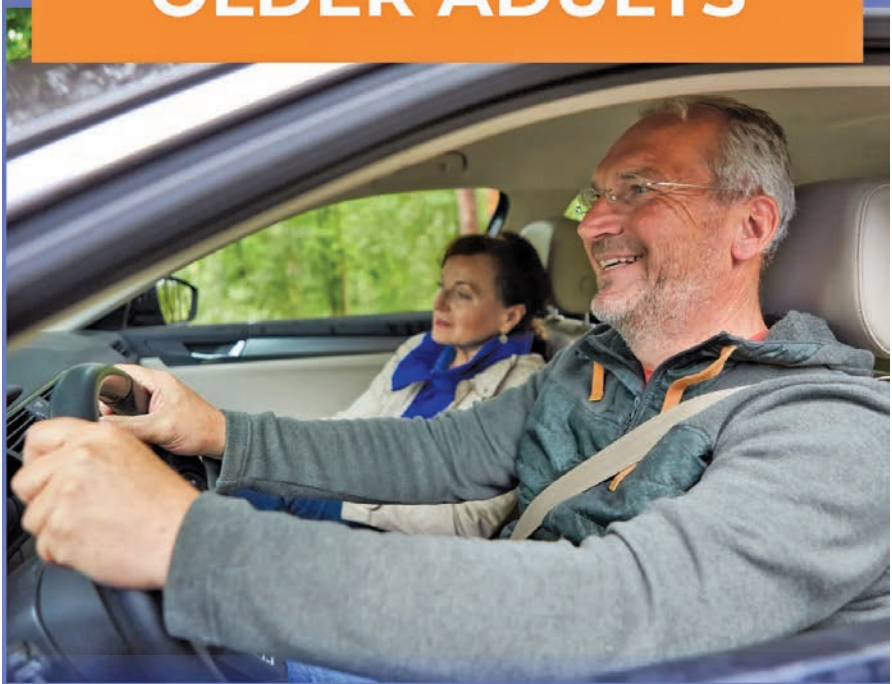

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