

Events, Information, and Entertainment in the Port Susan Area Camano Island • Stanwood • Warm Beach • Silvana • Conway





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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 photo: Have a spooky and fun Halloween!



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17 TRUNK OR TREAT

5:30pm-7pm at Cedarhome Elementary School. Candy, music, and fun! Family friendly.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

BRICK ROAD BEAUTIFICATION OPEN HOUSE

Event by City of Stanwood. 5-7pm at 10220 270th St NW, Stanwood. Help shape the future of 270th Street NW by sharing your thoughts on several concepts to beautify the Brick Road. Drop by Stanwood City Hall anytime between 5-7pm to share your feedback and join us in creating a vibrant community space. Find additional details at https://stanwoodwa.org/Calendar.aspx?EID=1205

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 DROP-IN CONSTRUCTION ZONE!

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM at the Camano Island Library. Come build and explore with a variety of materials, which may include LEGO[®], Magna-Tiles[®], gears, blocks, and more! Light snacks provided by Camano Island Library Friends. No registration required.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 TEEN LATE NIGHT

7-10pm at Stanwood YMCA. Teen access to community room, gym, pool, and Teen Center after-hours. Pizza provided. Grades 6-12. Cost: \$10. Contact: sleonardo@hereymca-snoco.org.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 2024 SHS HOMECOMING PARADE



Community parade at 2 p.m. in downtown Stanwood (starting at train station, through downtown, right on 92nd Ave NW, right on 272nd St NW, left on 90th Ave NW, and around the Country Store). Join us in wearing your Spartan Spirit and cheering on students!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

SHS FOOTBALL HOMECOMING GAME

7 p.m. against Marysville-Getchell will include a halftime presentation of the Homecoming Court and a fireworks display at the end of the game! Buy tickets to the game here: https://gofan.co/app/ school/WA23340

HOLIDAY FACT:

Jack o' Lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday.

Calendar of Events



HOLIDAY FACT:

Tootsie Rolls were the first wrapped penny candy in America.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 TEEN LATE NIGHT

7-10pm at Stanwood YMCA. Teenage Takeover! On this special night teens may get the opportunity to swim in the pool, compete against each other in Super Smash Bros, experiment in the kitchen, or just hang out with other teens. We will provide dinner, play games with friends, craft together, or enjoy a movie all while supervised by their favorite Y staff members. Register your Teen and use the code Friends24 and drop the price to only \$5*! (OFFER EXPIRES OCTOBER 17). We hope to see you there! Register at https://buff.ly/4eg0njN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 BILLY APPLETON BAND

7:30pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282. A group of stellar musicians performing rock and roll and blues music.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

STEWART WOODS – FRIDAYS IN THE SPEAKEASY

6:30 – 8 pm at The Conway Muse – No Cover. Bring your dinner in and enjoy Stewart's music and a cocktail!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 SCREENING OF "EVER GREEN"

6-8pm at Camano Island Library. Camano Action for a Rural Environment (CARE) is hosting a screening of the short film "EVERGREEN: A Community Conservation Story" by filmmakers Melissa Young and Mark Dworkin. EVERGREEN chronicles how Whidbey Environmental Action Network founders Marianne Edain and Steve Erickson mobilized their island community to protect forests, farmlands, and shorelines from development in order to preserve a healthy rural way of life. WEAN staff and filmmaker Melissa Young will be in attendance. Q&A and time to chat after the screening of the film. This event is free and open to the public.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 BRANDON TIGNER 6:30 pm Conway Muse Speakeasy Stage No. c

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 CAMANO AREA BLUEGRASS JAM

(No Dinner or Open Mic in October). 3-5:30pm at the South Camano Grange, 2227 S Camano Drive. Come and join the Jam & enjoy some smokin' bluegrass. Banjos, mandos, guitars, fiddles, dobros and a bass or two. It's all here. All we need is YOU! Old timers and newbies alike. (Free admission). More info: CABAM282@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 CASCADE CODY & HIS UNPULLED BOOTSTRAPS

8 pm – Conway Muse, Tickets \$12,50 Advanced \$15 At Venue.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 FIRST ANNUAL STANWOOD SHOP OF HORROR -HAUNTED HOUSE ON MAIN STREET!



Saturdays from now through October 26 and again on Halloween night. 6pm-10pm at 9005 271st NW Stanwood. This 2-part haunted house will be full of thrills for all ages! We recommend 13 years and older for the Shop of Horror maze through the iconic "Old Newspaper Building". HOWEVER, for families with younger kids or those who prefer not to enter the haunted maze, there will be a family-friendly spooky "Haunted Carnival" area with candy and games while you wait for those who survive the SHOP OF HORROR. "I survived" merch will be available for pe-order and upon completion of the maze while supplies last! This event is to raise scholarship funds for Stanwood High School student trips-abroad programs.





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HOLIDAY FACT:

Halloween

candy sales

average about

2 billion dollars

annually in the

United States.



Island County would like to acknowledge the 71 Local Businesses That Employ Our Neighbors Who Experience Developmental Disabilities. October is Disability Employment Awareness Month

3 E's Doing the 3 P's Ace Hardware - Freeland All Hearts Agency LLC Applebee's Arby's

"Best Western"

The Book Rack

Brookdale Senior Living - Stanwood

Burger King

Camano Lutheran Preschool

Candlewood Suites

Cascade Connections - Barkley Co.

Crabby Coffee - Freeland

Coachman Inn

"Dairy Queen"

Dana Macinnis - John L Scott

Donna's Dahlias

Eastside Mattress

"Elks Lodge #2362 Oak Harbor"

Family Bible Church

Frontline Cleaners

Grace by the Sea

Grocery Outliet - Oak Harbor

Haggen

Hand in Hand Early Learning Ctr.

"Home Depot - Oak Harbor"

Home Place Memory Care Island County Road Shop Island Drug - Oak Harbor Island Oil

Island Senior Resources

Island Transit

Lava Louie's

Lotus Tea Bar

Main Market

"Maple Leaf Cemetery"

Maple Ridge

Heavy Metal Works

McDonald's - Oak Harbor

MOD Pizza - Oak Harbor

MOD Pizza - Stanwood

Napa - Freeland

Navy Exchange

"New Leaf"

North Whidbey Pool, Park and Recreation District

Oak Harbor Cinemas

"Oak Harbor School District"

Orlando's Southern BBQ

Paci+ c Rim Institute

Papa John's

PNW Vibes

Rite Aid - Freeland

Safeway - Arlington

Safeway - Oak Harbor

Safe Harbor Agency

Skookum

"Sno-Isle Libraries"

Summer Hill Assisted Living

Summit Assistance Dogs

S Whidbey Assembly of God

The Whidbey Montessori

Thrive Community Fitness

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Walgreens

Wallin-Stucky Funeral Home & Cremation

Walmart

"Welcome Home"

Whidbey Pies

Whidbey Presbyterian

These businesses are the key to success of our community, highlighted by the 83% employment rate over the past 12 months for foiks with developmental disabilities on Canano and North Whidbey islands. Our employers, communities, and families are stronger with your patronage temploy multiple people who experience developmental disabilities?

To join the success, contact Mike Etasil, Island Gounty Developmental Disabilities Ocordinator at 360-499-5401 or mikeet@elandcountyvia.gov

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 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, OCTOBER 19 THE SUPER TONIX

Sat Oct 19th 7:30pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282. 80's Dance, New Wave, Power Pop and other numbers they like - Bowie! They keep it lively.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

AN AFTERNOON TO CELEBRATE CAMANO ISLAND'S VETERANS

Noon-2:30pm at Arrowhead Ranch, 615 Arrowhead Rd., Camano. Presented by The Camano Island Women's Republican Club. Join us for a complimentary lunch, enjoy live music with hot coffee and check out our treats at our homemade treat table. Hear U.S. Army Lieutenant Gary Suffern tell his story of his service in Vietnam. This event is a gift to veterans and their spouses, honoring their service, and is a nonpartisan event. Limited to 40 guests. RSVP philippians_8@hereprotonmail.com or call 425-773-1909.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 SOUND FREQUENCY EVENT

by Tanja McCarty Shelley and Tranquility Healing. 10am at the Camano Island Library. Do you have pain? Suffer from sleep deprivation? Depressed or anxiety? Need help to relax? Suffer from trauma in your life or grief? I am your gal!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 OPENING RECEPTION AND AWARDS FOR THE GREAT NW ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION

Event by The Puget Sound Group. 4:30-7:30pm at Matzke Fine Art Gallery and Sculpture Park, 2345 Blanche Way, Camano Island. Join us 4:30-7:30pm, to celebrate our artists and exhibit. We have a great show lined up. Stop by to see the beautiful art, meet the artists, and enjoy some food and drink. See you there!



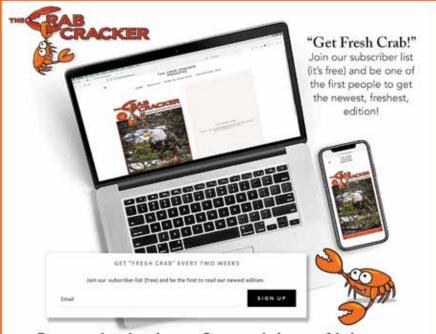
FULL CIRCLE ARTS



HOLIDAY FACT:

Chocolate candy bars top the list as the most popular candy for trickor-treaters with Snickers #1.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 SEMBLANCE

Celebrity tributes, impersonations & more at Beauty Bar Salon + Lounge, 10011 - 270th St NW, Stanwood. Live FREE SHOW!!! Show starts at 10 pm. Be there or be square! More info: (360) 629-2324.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 TREBUCHET PUMPKIN LAUNCHING



Noon-2pm at Kristoferson Farm. Watch as pumpkins soar through the air. It's a fun, family-friendly event you won't want to miss!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 WHEN DISASTER STRIKES

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM at the Community Resource Center of Stanwood-Camano. Join Sammie Keller from the Snohomish County Department of Emergency Management to learn about how to prepare for safety and survival for up to two weeks following an emergency or disaster in Washington. Registration required. https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/events/6668e10a3849bf4100bc823e

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 AN AFTERNOON WITH NYT BEST SELLING AUTHOR, ROBERT DUGONI

2-4pm at the Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Rd. Seaport Books from La Conner will be on site with Dugoni's new release in October "Beyond Reasonable Doubt" as well as his other books. He'll be available to autograph one especially for you. FREE ADMISSION. REFRESH-MENTS WILL BE SERVED.





OCTOBER 19

STANWOOD'S BIRTHDAY

Stanwood was incorporated on October 19, 1903



A CAMANO TOWN HALL Join us for Coffee, Doughtnuts, and Dialogue

Sunday, October 20 2:00 PM at

South Camano Grange 2227 South Camano Drive

"I've worked consistently and tenaciously for Camano over the last four years. Let's talk about past and current initiatives, and discuss Camano Island issues you believe will be most critical in the years to come."

Island County Commissioner Melanie Bacon

Calendar of Events



HOLIDAY FACT:

Halloween was brought to North America by immigrants from Europe who would celebrate the harvest around a bonfire, share ghost stories, sing, dance and tell fortunes.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 POVERTY 101

An interactive fast-paced series of exercises and learning experiences helping you better understand the challenges of poverty. 9am-3pm at Cedarhome Baptist Church, 29000 68th Avenue NW, Stanwood. You will laugh, be moved, inspired, and perhaps confronted. What we are sure of is that each past participant tells us that you cannot partake of Poverty 101 and not be moved in some way. Admission is free but LIMITED. Lunch is provided (please let us know of any special dietary needs when you register). Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/everett-gospel-mission-poverty-101-class-cedar-home-baptist-church-tickets-882374063577?

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 RONNDA CADLE

11am-1pm at Coastal Vie Espresso. Come and rock out in an easy listening kind of way and enjoy a great cup of coffee/tea!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 LIGHT LANGUAGE DRUMMING CIRCLE

with Lola Singer. Join us for an intuitively led community drum circle for people of all ages. Bring your enthusiasm and instruments! Drums, rattles and anything that makes a joyful noise! Additional instruments will be provided. PAY-WHAT-YOU-LIKE DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED (BUT NOT REQUIRED) TO HELP SUPPORT HOOVES & HEROES (an organization that helps veterans & first responders). More info: https://spirit2spirit.org/ and https://hoovesandheroes.org

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 OCTOBER LECTURE SERIES PROGRAM



featuring Michael (Tug) Buse who will present "The Stillaguamish, A Short River with a Long History". The program will feature his research discoveries long buried in places like the Hudson Bay journals and the British Library. It will include both Indigenous and Non-Indigenous History. 4pm at the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center: 27130 102nd Ave NW.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 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.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Come hang with the Community Resource Center Team along with The Changemakers Team, at an afterschool event at Stanwood Middle School. 2:10-4pm at SMS Cafeteria. Games, music, snacks, art. Teens responsible for transportation home.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 TEEN & TWEEN GOURD PAINTING



3:00 PM – 5:00 PM at the Stanwood Library. Drop by to relax, enjoy some free snacks, and decorate some gourds & tiny pumpkins while enjoying spooky movies. We'll provide everything you need to get started! No registration is needed — drop in any time.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 **STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS** C Team Football vs Marysville Getchell. 5:30pm.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23 JUNIPER BEACH RUN

6pm at Camano Restoration Church, 788 Smith Rd. Event by Stanwood Camano Runners. Park at the church bring headlamps and safety vests as it will probably be dark when we finish.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 STAY AND PLAY

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM at the Stanwood Library. This is an opportunity for children, birth to kindergarten, and their caregivers to come play with fun and educational toys provided by the library. During this hour, caregivers and children will engage in in-person play, socialize with others, and reconnect with the library. Drop in anytime.





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HOLIDAY FACT:

Halloween is the 2nd most commercially successful holiday, with Christmas being the first.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 SPOOKY HALLOWEEN ORIGAMI

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM at the Stanwood Library. Fold some fun spooky Halloween bookmarks, plus Monster claws!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 OPEN MIC

6:30 pm – 10 pm @ Conway Muse Hayloft. Come in and join us! 6 PM we open, open mic begins at 6:30. Please hang out outside until 6, as to let everyone get comfortably set up. Food is still welcome to come in with you or be delivered.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24 DON'T BE A VICTIM OF CYBERCRIME!

Attend Our Free Security Forum! Are you worried about online scams and how to protect your finances? Join us for a FREE Cyber Security Forum at 2:00 PM at The Camano Center (606 Arrowhead Road). This forum is specifically designed to help seniors understand the risks of cybercrime and learn how to stay safe online. We'll have expert speakers, a Q&A session, and a FREE handout with key takeaways! Space is limited, so register today at https://www.camanolesf.com/

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 STEWART WOODS – FRIDAYS IN THE SPEAKEASY

6:30 – 8 pm at The Conway Muse – No Cover. Bring your dinner in and enjoy Stewart's music and a cocktail!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 BILLY STAPLETON & THE ANNIE EASTWOOD QUARTET

7:30pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282. Come and see Billy perform with songbird Annie Eastwood throughout the Pacific Northwest.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 BENNY SIDELINGER

Album release party. 8 pm – Conway Muse Hayloft Stage. Genre: Original Mountain Music, Old Timey, Folk Tickets: \$13 Advanced \$15 Day of Show.



National I Care About You Day Oct. 25

Pamona, the goddess of fruit trees.

HOLIDAY

FACT:

Bobbing for

apples is

thought to have originated

from the roman

harvest festival

that honors

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12th Annual

Saturday, October 26, 2024 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Stillaguamish Grange Stanwood Camano Fair Grounds Enjoy a day filled with Nordic cultural traditions

Lefse demonstrations and taste samples Bakery featuring traditional Scandinavian treats Lunch of Autumn Harvest soup, rolls, pie, coffee Vendors offering Scandinavian crafts Children's Activities learning about Nordic heritage

No admittance fee. Plenty of free parking Need more information? Please contact: Teresa Garrison (206) 920-4549



Nordic Fair sponsored by Daughters of Norway, Stanwood, WA Lunch prepared by Fritjov, Sons of Norway Lodge

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Varsity Football vs Mount Vernon. 7pm.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 HALLOWEEN HOUSE

Come for a fright, 5-9pm at USTA Martial Arts - Stanwood. Grab your costumes and candy buckets for a night of friends, games, pinatas, and more! Parents go for free and each student is allowed to bring up to 3 friends. Spots are limited, so get tickets (\$50 includes 3 friends and parents) before it's too late! Join us for a night of frights, tricks, and treats! www.USTAfamily.com. 360-629-9616.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 GHOSTS AND THE SUPERNATURAL IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST



6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at the Camano Island Library. Whether you are an investigator, a believer, or have been interested in ghosts, we invite you join Matt, Eric, and Austin, with North by Northwest Paranormal as we learn about their ongoing investigations. Presentation followed by Q & A.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 TRUNK OR TREAT



5:30pm-7:30pm at Elger Bay Elementary. Family-friendly costumes, no weapons. Food available for purchase.

OCTOBER 25

NATIONAL FRANKEN-STEIN FRIDAY

honors author Mary Shelly, the novel Frankenstein, or the Modern Prometheus, her characters, Dr. Frankenstein and the monster.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 PUMPKIN PALOOZA



3:45 PM – 5:00 PM at the Camano Island Library. A fun fall festival for the whole family with all new crafts and activities. The afternoon will feature pumpkin decorating, games, candy and crafts. The program will end with a grand costume parade around the library! We will have pumpkins for children who wish to decorate a pumpkin on a first come, first serve basis. If your child wishes to decorate a pumpkin, we encourage you to arrive at the beginning of the program.

CELEBRATE VETERANS & LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF EACH MILITARY SERVICE Monday, Nov. 11, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Service Flags, Histories & Songs "Never Forget" by Mike Ballard Silver Star Recipient • Vietnam War Displays, Tours and Hero Quilts

at the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center 27130 102nd Ave. NW, Stanwood, WA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 HARVEST FESTIVAL



5-7pm at the Community Resource Center, Stanwood. Free, family friendly fall festival - everyone welcome! Games, spooktacular treats & snacks, crafts, fun fall photo booth, and so much more! Please no scary costumes or weapons.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25 **TRUCK OR TREAT** 5-6pm at Utsalady Elementary School.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25-26 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



9am-3pm at at Warm Beach Senior Community, 20502 Marine View Drive, Stanwood. Food items, gifts, decor, and more!



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HOLIDAY FACT:

Black cats were once believed to be witch's familiars who protected their powers.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 PUMPKINS IN THE POOL



(and pumpkin carving) at the Stanwood YMCA. A fun and FREE event geared toward families and children. Open to both members and the community. This event is free for members and the community. Come to a one-hour open swim and take home a pumpkin. Registration is required. https://www.ymca-snoco.org/programs/1070/ pumpkins-in-the-pool/#division_2815

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 SOUTH CAMANO GRANGE BREAKFAST

8-11am at the South Camano Grange, 2227 S Camano Drive. Enjoy breakfast with your neighbor. Pancakes or French toast served with scrambled eggs, ham & sausage, along with coffee, juice, or tea.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 **"THE HOOTENANNY" TRUNK OR TREAT** 5-7pm at Stanwood Elementary.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 SOULED OUT FUNK HALLOWEEN SHOW

8 pm – Conway Muse, Marvel vs DC costume contest, Charcuterie boards available for purchase. Door prizes. Tickets \$10 Advanced \$12 Day of Show.



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Signs of a werewolf are a unibrow, hair palms, tattoos, and a long middle

finger.



HOLIDAY LORE:

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 HALLOWEEN BIG BAND SWING DANCE



at our new location, The Floyd. Dance to the music of Camano Junction, a 18-piece big band with some of the best musicians in the Northwest. Free dance lessons start at 6:30 PM as well as during intermissions. No credit cards, just cash, check or venmo. \$12 for adults. \$10 for students. 27130 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 NIGHT OF 1000 PUMPKINS



Free and fun family event. 5-8pm at St Aidan's Episcopal Church, Camano Island. Pumpkin carving, food, and games!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 BONFIRE AND PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST



5-7pm at Warm Beach Community Park.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 4TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN COSTUME DANCE PARTY AND DRAG SHOW!!!

8pm-2am at Beauty Bar Salon + Lounge, Stanwood. Door prices, games, Food and drinks specials all evening.



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HOLIDAY FACT:

In 1962, the Count Dracula Society was founded.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 COSTUME BOO-LING



Event by PFLAG Stanwood-Camano. 12:30pm-2:30pm at Twin City Lanes and Trophy, 27120 92nd Ave NW, Stanwood. We have rented the entire bowling alley for a safe and free party! Come as you are, or come in costume for a chance to win prizes and swag. It was so much fun last year, we are doing it again.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 OSLC HARVEST FESTIVAL



5-7pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Stanwood. More info: 360-629-3767.





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HOLIDAY FACT:

Many people still believe that gargoyles were created by medieval architects and stone carvers to ward off evil spirits.

Calendar of Events



HOLIDAY FACT:

The movie "Halloween" was made in only 21 days in 1978 on a very limited budget.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 FIRST ANNUAL STANWOOD SHOP OF HORROR -HAUNTED HOUSE ON MAIN STREET!

(and again on Halloween night). 6pm-10pm at 9005 271st NW Stanwood. This 2-part haunted house will be full of thrills for all ages! We recommend 13 years and older for the Shop of Horror maze through the iconic "Old Newspaper Building". HOWEVER, for families with younger kids or those who prefer not to enter the haunted maze, there will be a family-friendly spooky "Haunted Carnival" area with candy and games while you wait for those who survive the SHOP OF HORROR. This event is to raise scholarship funds for Stanwood High School student trips-abroad programs.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 FALL HARVEST BAZAAR



10am-2pm at Fir-Conway Lutheran Church, Conway. Baked Goods -Produce- Lefse - Collectibles - Baked Potato Feed with pumpkin pie and refreshments. Free Entry - all are welcome. Wheelchair Accessible! More info: 360-445-5396. www.firconwaylutheran.org.





Four Springs Lake Preserve

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 NORDIC FAIR



10am-3pm at Stillaguamish Grange Hall (at the Fairgrounds). Free admission. Scandinavian food, vendors, crafts, baked goods, art and history. We will have demonstrations of making the Scandinavian treat—lefse. Samples will be offered. Plus, prepackaged lefse will be available for purchase. Children's corner with activities and events. Fritjov, Stanwood Sons of Norway will offer lunch of soup, rolls, and pie. In keeping with our tradition of Velkommen, coffee and tea will be available. Come and enjoy a unique Scandinavian adventure close to home.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 2024-2025 INDOOR WINTER SERIES RACE 1

10am at Creekside Speedway, 25519 4th Ave NW, Stanwood. Race #1 of the 2024-2025 Indoor Winter Series! Remember we will need atleast 4 cars per class on race day to run that class. Get tickets at https://allevents.in/stanwood/2024-2025-indoor-winter-seriesrace-1/200027287008418

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 JIMMY WRIGHT BAND HALLOWEEN BASH!

8:00pm - 11:00pm at Pub 282. Catering a wide variety of music.



Heritage Bank is hiring!

The Camano Island Branch is looking for a Branch Services Officer to lead the branch staff and provide excellent customer service.

Visit our careers page to apply: https://careers.heritagebanknw.com/



HOLIDAY

FACT:

To this day,

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME BANQUET

Six individual athletes, a contributor, a coach, and four teams will be inducted in tonight's ceremony and banquet at Stanwood High School. In addition, a local family will be recognized for their invaluable contributions. More info on www.stanwood.wednet.edu.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

5-8pm at Peace Lutheran Church, Silvana. This year's theme is twins. Cool prizes for the most original twins costume. Once again, dinner will be provided and games for all. We will have the traditional donut eating contest, bean bag toss, and we will end the night with a cake walk. Please bring a cake for the walk and a donation of canned food for the food bank. All are welcome and bring a friend. More info: 360-652-8739.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 2ND ANNUAL CAMANO ISLAND BOOK FAIR

Noon-3pm at St Aidan's Episcopal Church, 1318 SR 532, Camano Island. Feauring local authors/illustrators including Frank Anthony Spina, L. Gawanese Johnson, Richard A. Hanks, Chaim Bezalel, Yonnah Ben Levy, Jason Dorsey, Carole Lexa Schaefer, and Pierr Morgan.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 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.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

2024 MEGA DEATH PUTT DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

8am-5pm at Kayak Point Disc Golf Resort. This is an unsanctioned disc golf tournament event. Registration: https://www.discgolfscene. com/tournaments/Mega_Death_Putt_2024

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 TRUNK OR TREAT



11am-2pm at Pub 282, Camano. vJoin us for the 4th annual Trunk or Treat at Pub 282! We will also be collecting winter clothing for all ages for the West Camano Little Free Pantry. Info: cheers@pub282.com

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 TREATS & TRAILS



2-4pm at Camp Killoqua, 15207 E Lake Goodwin Rd, Stanwood. Bring your kids in costume and go trick or treating around camp! We'll have cabins decorated for autumn and cabin hosts handing out the treats. This event is free, and open to all! As part of this event, we would love for people to bring nonperishable food items to be donated to our local food bank

HOLIDAY FACT:

The ancient Celts thought that spirits and ghosts roamed the countryside on Halloween night. They began wearing masks and costumes to avoid being recognized as human.



GHOULS NIGHT OUT

SPOOKTACULAR TRICK-OR-TREATING OCTOBER 31ST FROM 3-6PM DOWNTOWN STANWOOD

> Join the City of Stanwood this Halloween for spooktacular trick-or-treating featuring over 40 candy stops downtown!

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URAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 TRICK OR TREAT AT CASA



11am-3pm at 198 Can Ku Rd, Camano Island. Drop by and visit the staff and animals. See the festivities. Receive candy or coloring books!

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28 **STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS** Girls Soccer vs Snohomish. JV: 5pm. Varsity: 7pm.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 TRUNK OR TREAT

6-8pm at Twin City Elementary School.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29 TEEN/TWEEN CHILL & RECHARGE

3-5pm at the Stanwood Library. Drop by to relax, enjoy some free snacks, and have some fun! This week, we're playing board games and decorating masks. We'll provide everything you need to get started! We'll have snacks and plenty of space to socialize. No registration is needed — drop in any time between 3:00 and 5:00 pm.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

LINE DANCING & LESSONS

6-8pm at Stanwood Eagles Foe 3041, 6419 Pioneer Highway. Come on out and learn a new line dance & practice the ones you know. Everyone & ALL AGES welcome! Lessons are donations/tip based.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 HERITAGE PARK COSTUME RUN

6pm at Heritage Park, Stanwood. Event by SC Runners - Stanwood Camano Runners. Dress up for Halloween and we'll run through town and go get dinner afterwards for the final run of the season.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Girls Volleyball vs Meadowdale. C Team & JV: 5:15pm. Varsity: 7pm. C Team Football vs Mount Vernon. 5:30pm.

HOLIDAY FACT:

There really are so-called vampire bats, but they're not from Transylvania. They live in Central and South America and feed on the blood of cattle, horses and birds.

Calendar of Events

DID YOU KNOW?

The common little brown bat of North America has the longest life span for a mammal it's size, with a life

span averaging

32 years.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 FAMILY BINGO ON CAMANO ISLAND

Located at Lost Lake Club House at 1469 Lake Drive. Doors Open at 5pm. We will start serving Dinner, Snacks and Beverages when we open. Bingo games start at 6:00 p.m. \$10 for a book of 12 games. For more info: (425)260-0669 (please leave a message).

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

JOIN US IN CREATING A SAFER ISLAND COUNTY

Open house 4-5pm at the Camano Admin Building, 121 E Camano Drive. Share your concerns about road safety or ideas to improve our streets for all users and abilities. islandcountywa.gov/926/CSAP

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 **FRIGHT NIGHT** 2:20-3:45pm at Port Susan Middle School. Movie, games, dance, food.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 TRICK OR TREAT AT CAMANO COMMONS MARKETPLACE



Participating Businesses in the complex will be passing out candy to kids from 3-5pm.





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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 CAMANO FIRE'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY & HAUNTED HOUSE



Join us from 5-7pm at the Vista/Madrona Station, 273 N. West Camano Drive. The event is free and open to the whole family. We'll have treats, hot dogs, prizes and fun for everyone. Drop by anytime. Show off your costumes, play some games, and tour our spoooooky (but not too scary) haunted house.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 HALLOWEEN EVENT

4-6pm at Lincoln Hill Retirement Community, 1430 276th St NW, Stanwood. We're having a spooky good time. Cookie decorating, photo booth, games, and trick or treating! Also a canned food drive.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 GHOULS NIGHT OUT



Join the City of Stanwood this Halloween for spooktacular trick-ortreating downtown from 3-6pm. Bring your monsters, witches, superheroes, princesses and ghouls downtown for an afternoon of thrills and chills for the whole family. Participating businesses will provide trick-or-treaters with free candy, and free festive activities.

HOLIDAY TRICK

Dress up as though you are the inanimate Halloween Decor for your lawn. Be as still as you can. When someone walks by, jump out and scare the heck out of them.

Calendar of Events



HOLIDAY LORE:

If an owl looks in your window or if you seeing one in the daylight bad luck and death will bestow you.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 SHOP OF HORROR - HAUNTED HOUSE

6pm-10pm at 9005 271st NW Stanwood. This 2-part haunted house will be full of thrills for all ages! We recommend 13 years and older for the Shop of Horror maze through the iconic "Old Newspaper Building". HOWEVER, for families with younger kids or those who prefer not to enter the haunted maze, there will be a family-friendly spooky "Haunted Carnival" area with candy and games.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 TRUNK OR TREAT

6-7:30pm at Camano Chapel. Suggested donation: canned goods for our food bank.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31 STREET LEAGUE HALLOWEEN PARTY AND TOURNAMENT



7pm at Brewcade, 7009 265th St., Stanwood. MatchPlay Tournament, Costume Contest, Potluck, Raffles, Prizes.







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CUTE AND SPOOKY POTATO STAMP GHOST CRAFT

All you need is some paint, cardstock paper and a potato to make this cute and spooky potato stamp ghost craft.



Supplies Needed for this Potato Stamp Ghost: black cardstock, potato, white and black paint, knife (for adult use only), paper plate

Directions for this Potato Stamp Ghost Craft: 1. (Adults only) Start by cutting the potato in half. Then use the knife to cut out triangle shapes from one end of the potato to make the shape of a ghost. 2. Pour some white paint onto a paper plate. Dip the ghost potato shape into the white paint and then stamp it onto your black cardstock to make a ghost. Coat the potato again with white paint and stamp it back onto your black cardstock. Continue stamping until your page is full of ghosts. 3. Pour a small amount of black paint onto your paper plate. Dip your finger into the paint and then onto your ghosts to make eyes and a mouth. Let the paint dry completely and then hang your craft up to admire your cute and spooky ghosts.

Source: https://iheartcraftythings.com

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HOLIDAY LORE:

Sparrows are thought to carry the souls of the dead and it is believed to bring bad luck if you kill one.



HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

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- Increase childcare options in our community
- Ensure access to healthcare on our islands, including protecting a woman's right to choose

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HONEY COMB TREE CARE



"My name is Samuel Bisbey, I recently I launched a tree service company, *Honey Comb Tree Care*, after working in the industry for over a decade. As a newly licensed and bonded business, I am eager to expand my services to the Camano island community. Some of my recent work includes a project removing a row of Leland Cypress Trees On Camano Island, which were a threat to a clients and at a bluff house on Grand Avenue in Everett. About us: We are a family-owned business with over two generations of tree care knowledge, has been serving the Pacific Northwest area for over 15 years. Specializing in emergency tree removal, pruning, logging, stump removal, and view clearing, Honeycomb Tree Care is dedicated to providing top-notch tree care services to both residential and commercial clients.

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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



It is that time of year again... our annual drive for procuring Christmas Wreaths for the graves of our local Stanwood/Camano veterans. Knowing that Fred got a wreath in Arlington National Cemetery every middle Saturday in December from Wreaths Across America, I started the program for our local veterans three years ago. We've been able to expand our program and now cover Anderson Cemetery in Stanwood, Camano Lutheran and the Pioneer Cemeteries on Camano Island so that 765 local veterans will get a wreath this year. How wonderful! We need your help! Please consider donating a wreath(s) at \$17/wreath (towards our goal of 765 wreaths - we don't want to leave any veteran out). If you live locally, please come to one of our 3 cemeteries to help lay wreaths on veteran graves at 10 am on December 14th. Those who have laid wreaths in the past tell us that the experience was so meaningful that they will be back next year! If you live locally: Ace Hardware on Camano is making our wreath program their ROUNDUP charity for the month of October. For every purchase you make, if you "roundup your purchase amount" to the next dollar, the round up amount will go to our Wreaths project! They are also matching the amount of wreaths purchased through them up to a given amount. Camano Plaza IGA is also making our wreaths project their ROUNDUP charity for the month of October. Many thanks to ACE and IGA for their their community support for this veteran's project. Please ROUND UP when you make purchases at ACE or IGA this October. You can purchase wreaths from either store, on line, or by sending a check to Post #92 in Stanwood (see the flyer). They will receive \$5 back for every wreath you purchase which can be used for repairs to their 1940 building. A WIN WIN for all. Thanks for your wreath contribution and I hope to see you laying wreaths on Dec 14th at 10am!

HOLIDAY FACT:

Keene, New Hampshire, holds the record for the most jack-o'-lanterns on display

In October 2013, the city broke the record with 30,581 lit pumpkins displayed around town. Talk about lighting up the night!

FREE SWIMMING LESSONS



We're excited to bring back our third-grade swim program, offering free swimming lessons at the Stanwood-Camano YMCA for all thirdgrade students in the district. Thank you to the incredible YMCA instructors who help our students build confidence in and around water. The lessons run for five days, with each 45-minute session tailored to skill levels and led by multiple instructors. No YMCA membership is required. All students are welcome to participate. Twin City students walk to the pool, while transportation is provided for other schools. Last year, most of our 370 third-graders took part, learning vital water safety and life-saving skills.

HR FOR NONPROFITS - WITH REVERB'S STEVE BROWN

October 23, 9am-1pm at SCAF Office. Who should attend: Anyone responsible for HR in your nonprofit. Brunch Provided, Registration \$10. This workshop is provided in part by a grant from the Camano Island Chamber of Commerce. Thank you @camanoislandchamber! The intent of this workshop is to provide an overview of some of the best ways to manage the employee processes and issues in recruiting, onboarding, retention, and separation (the employee lifecycle). We will also cover some of the necessary HR compliance issues many of you may encounter and need to manage. This session will cover a broad range of topics at a high level, yet we can and will dive as deep into topics as participants desire. We welcome and encourage an interactive session; bring lots of questions and situations you would like to discuss. Ideally, in the session, we will all learn from each other how best to manage your employees through the lifecycle of their time with your organizations. Topics to be covered: 1. Recruiting Talent - Job postings and Interviewing (process and what is and what is not okay to ask); 2. Onboarding Best Practices; 3. Retaining Your Team - Leveraging your competitive advantage, compensation & benefits, culture, communication, surveys, stay interviews, evaluating performance, training your manager; 4. Compliance - salaried vs hourly staff, employee vs contractor, leave of absence management, separations, EEO Reporting, labor posters, employee handbooks. Visit www.s-caf.org to register.

HOLIDAY FACT:

In the early 1900s, before the telephone was invented, Halloween cards were about as popular as Christmas cards.

MARIE SHIMADA

DEMOCRAT FOR ISLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Driven by a legacy of service,

with grandfathers having served in WWII, a mother who works in healthcare and a father who serves as a firefighter. I'm running for Island County Commissioner to address key issues like housing affordability, climate resilience, and access to healthcare, including reproductive care for women with decisive, results-oriented leadership. I will work with and for community members to solve the problems we face today and build the future we want for tomorrow.

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HELLO MY NAME IS

OCT 11 @ 5:00 PM Join John Amell and Mary Margaret Haugen at a Meet and Greet for Marie Shimada at the Island County Multi-purpose Building (The Blue Building).

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NOAH PHOTO CONTEST

We're thrilled to announce the launch of the Annual Photo Contest at The NOAH Center, and we want you to be part of the fun! Contest Details: Contest going now through November 3rd. Submit photos of your furry friend. The top 12 winning photos will be featured as our Facebook Cover photos throughout the year, giving your pet the spotlight they deserve! How to Enter: Submit Your Photo: Ensure your image is in full resolution, clear, and well-lit. Capture the Moment: Highlight your pet's charm and love for you! Key Dates: Submission Deadline: November 3rd. Winners Announced: November 15th. Don't miss this chance to highlight your pet and support a great cause. Get your cameras ready and start snapping more pictures of your pet! Submit Your Entry Today and Let Your Pet Shine! Best of luck!

HISTORIC AND HAUNTED STANWOOD HOTEL AND SALOON

"Several years ago we found this neat old place in the historic town of Stanwood, Washington. Stanwood was originally a lumber, mining and shipbuilding town. The Hotel was first opened in 1894, and a plaque on the front of the building proudly proclaims the local historical society taking note. The hotel has a rather raucous history as you might expect from what in reality was a frontier town. Over the years some unseemly characters took part in rather unseemly activities at the hotel and bar. Some of these events have led many to believe that spirits of the past still roam the bar and hotel. Current staff and patrons have reported repeatedly seeing apparitions in Victorian age clothing. Some have been pulled at and pushed. I personally had a weird feeling of being observed in the hallway to the restrooms, an area with lots of reports of activity. Paranormal investigators have been here with results that are hard to refute." - Source: September 21, 2021 / roadtirement.com

LOCAL TRADER JOE'S?

Anyone who is interested in getting a Trader Joe's established in our community, can submit a request at https://www.traderjoes.com/ home/contact-us.

HOLIDAY GIFT BAZAAR

Nov. 9th, 10-4. Lost Lake Camano. Vendor tables available. Email craftyme2024@yahoo.com or call 425-870-5214.



HOLIDAY

FACT:

Many Romans wore lucky

charms and

amulets to

avert the "evil

eye."

Community Information



HOLIDAY FACT:

The correct spelling of Halloween is actually Hallowe'en. The spelling of Halloween derives from its earlier name All Hallows Even (or eve). All Hallows Even was shortened to Hallowe'en, and later to Halloween.

DID YOU KNOW THIS ABOUT RECYCLING?

Paper receipts and small pieces of paper!!!!!! If the paper is smaller than the palm of your hand or....the size of a postcard, please do not recycle. The small pieces of paper do not get recycled with the new recycling machinery. - Waste Wise - WSU Extension Island County.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS NEEDED

at Lincoln Hill Retirement Community. Snow Goose Transportation is looking for a volunteer who is comfortable driving a 25-foot bus to help transport riders with mobility issues between Noon and 3pm on Friday afternoons. Training will be provided. Lincoln Hill Retirement Community is seeking volunteers for the following positions: Reception Desk to work one 3-hour shift per week. Coffee bar barista for 2 ½ hours per week. Volunteers are also needed for the upcoming re-opening of our Thrift Store. For additional information please contact Volunteer Coordinator Darlene Campbell at 360-629-7403, ext. 104 or via email at 360-629-7403, ext. 104.

TEXTILE DRIVE

Clothes, shoes, accessories, bedding (no pillows). Benefits SHS Booster Club Grad Night 2025. October 21: 6-8pm* at Haggen parking lot. October 25: 5-9pm* at SHS parking lot. *Or until the cars are full.

POP-UP VENDOR BOOTHS

at Camano Commons Marketplace, 848 N Sunrise Blvd Camano Island. October 26th: Cindy's Canning- Canned local produce 10-4pm. November 2nd: Chavet Nature Photography 10-4pm.

2024 HARVEST 5K FUN RUN

Presented by Stanwood Commerce Alliance. November 2 at Bear Claw Loop, 7359 267th St NW, Stanwood. A celebration of our communities successful Harvest season with a 5K around Stanwood. 9am Registration. 10am start. Ages 11 and over: \$25 (after October 22: \$30). 10 and under: free. Includes finisher medal and snacks. Register today at stanwoodcommercealliance.org.

COATS FOR KIDS

Brand new coats now available for children ages 0-18 of Stanwood and Camano Island. Appointments are required and can be scheduled at the Stanwood Camano Food Bank during scheduling hours: Wednesday: 9am-1pm. Thursday: 11am-1pm. Saturday: 9am-1pm. www.stanwoodcamanofoodbank.org/coats.

LOCAL PUMPKIN PICKING

Kristoferson Farm - 332 NE Camano Dr, Camano. (360) 387-5807. Camano Farm Ashram - 732 Haven Pl, Camano Island. contact@ camanofarmashram.com. Valde Road farm stand, Stanwood. Hooligan's Harvest - organic u-pick patch with many varieties. 25708 95th Ave NW, Stanwood. Opened this year! Arrowhead Ranch - you can come by from 10am-3pm, purchase a pumpkin, and take a walk through The L.A.N.E. Island Harvest Farm (pie pumpkins) - 825 Arrowhead Rd, Camano. (360) 618-2813. Clear Valley Farm - 727 Lakewood Rd., Stanwood/Arlington. (425) 308-4456. Skagit Acres - 18923 Johnson Rd., Suite B, Mount Vernon (Conway). 360-424-6760.





HOLIDAY FACT:

Kids consume about 7000 calories on Halloween. (You would have to eat 66 bananas to reach 7000 calories.)

SCCAR REALTOR FOOD DRIVE

October 1st-October 31st. This charitable initiative aims to gather both non-perishable food items and financial contributions to support individuals and families facing food insecurity within the community. Let's rally together and make a difference! Your donations of canned goods, boxed meals, and other shelf-stable items (monetary contributions are also accepted. \$2.18 equals one pound of food) can truly change lives. Look for food bins in local realtor offices. More info: fooddrive@sccar.org.

TSUNAMI WARNING AND THE GREAT WASHINGTON SHAKE/OUT



A reminder that at 10:17 a.m., Oct. 17 the sirens on the coast of Washington will go off as part of the Great Washington ShakeOut Drill. They will sound off with the actual wailing sound, not the typical Westminster chimes. If you're on the coast, don't call 911. This is just a test. Learn more about the Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drills at shakeout.org/washington

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.





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HOLIDAY LORE

Don't be scared if you see a spider on Halloween: This is believed to be the spirit of a deceased loved one who is watching over you.

THE SPOT

Hosted by Youth by Dynamics Stilly Valley. Tuesdays & Saturdays. TUES 2:30-5pm. SAT 7:30-10pm. Fun, food, hang out. Middle school & high school. 9831 271ST ST NW, Stanwood. 425-879-7633.

PLAYGROUND MEET & GREET

Wednesdays at 12:30-1:30pm at Freedom Park, Camano Island. A fun opportunity to get the kids outside playing while we get to know other moms in the same boat as we are.

HOOVES AND HEROES COFFEE BREAK

A free social event for active duty, veterans, first responders, emergency support personnel, and their families. Meet with members of your community and learn more about our program with the help of some coffee. 9-10am on Thursdays at 2532 292nd St NW, Stanwood. More info: info@herehoovesandheroes.org.

LIVE ONLINE TUTORING HELP AVAILABLE!!!

Get expert help with live online tutoring, learn study skills and collaborate with other learners through the Brainfuse resource. Tutors are available everyday online from 1pm - 11pm PDT. Stop by the library any time during open hours (Mon-Sat 10am - 6pm) to get a personalized tutorial of this online resource.

COMMUNITY OPEN SEW

Mondays with Camano Island Quilters. 10am - 2pm at Stanwood United Methodist Church, 27128 102nd Dr NW. Open to public, enter thru back entrance of church. Want to sew with others, need help on a project? We are here to help you with your sewing needs. Bring your sewing machine, a project, and basic tools for an afternoon of fun! Bring a sack lunch. (No microwave).

BASKETBALL FREE PLAY

Every Friday at 795 Ell Rd., Camano. "Hey everyone! I am setting up (all-ages) basketball night for the community. Note: it is at an LDS church and I am a missionary, but we are here to play basketball. 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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THINK SNOW!!!

Ski/Snowboard Stevens Pass on Tuesdays beginning January 7, 2025! 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! https://merrymountain.com/ or 206-550-4908

ADULT FUTSAL

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

BREWCADE WEEKLY 3 STRIKE TOURNAMENT

6pm-10pm on Mondays at The Brewcade, 7009 265th St NW #102, Stanwood. \$5 buy-in 3 strike Pinball tournament. Sign ups start at 6:00pm and flippers up at 6:30pm. Pot splash happens if there's over 15 players!

CO-ED ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Saturdays from 9-11:30am at 7401 272nd St NW, Stanwood. Join us for a fun morning of co-ed Ultimate Frisbee pickup games in Stanwood. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the sport, this event is open to all skill levels.







Photos and Art



BELIEVE IT OR NOT:

The White House is haunted. The most common ghost sighting is of Abraham Lincoln who has been spotted by First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, and Sir Winston Churchill. Other paranormal guests include Andrew Jackson, David Burns, and Abigail Adams.



Hooligan's Pumpkin Patch in Stanwood. Photo from Facebook post.



Halloween pumpkins by Susanne J.



Halloween pirate skeleton photo by George E.



ZOMBIE NIGHT REDUX

A full month of Sunday sermons leading up to Halloween, Pastor Paul preaches mightily against the demonic holiday, pounding his pulpit with his leatherbound copy of the King James version of the Lord's scripture. "Blasphemous!" he hollers to the assembled congregation. "Devil worshippers! Beggars in obedience to Beelzebub!" Pastor Paul unleashes a stream of caustic invectives to the steady tattoo of his Bible slapping the plywood podium.

"This unholy holiday," he exhorts, "is an affront to God himself!" In every pew and folding chair, the Little Church in the Ravine's dutiful members hang their heads and avert their eyes, probably half with kids who've already bought skeleton costumes, Star Wars regalia, vampire teeth and wolfman masks. Hypocrisy be damned, they're not about to tell little Jimmy or Brenda they can't join in the national gathering of candy, c'mon, they all wandered the streets of their own childhood with a grocery bag or a pillowcase to collect their bribes. No harm done.

If you don't count cavities and a spike in dental fees by Christmas. The era of juvenile deviltry has long passed into faded myth --- even the elders never followed up on the threat of a trick. No outhouses were moved back six feet, no buggies were parked on a shed roof, no bags of dog pop were set on fire on the offenders' porches to be stamped out after the doorbell was rung and the goblins had fled.

Pastor Paul, unfortunately, every year thinks he's preaching to the choir, but most of the squirming congregation think he ought to lighten up a bit. Fun is fun and dressing up like a zombie doesn't make the kids prefer human flesh over Snickers bars and Milky Ways and whatever high fructose treats the suburbs of Stanwoodopolis are parceling out mostly before dark. Even the kids and their parents know the vampires come out after sundown when, hopefully, they're safely home spoiling an appetite for a healthy dinner. Paul, of course, thinks those parents are boiling up eye of newt soup with a dash of bat blood and who knows what hell broth added too. Same recipe as last year....

Story by Jack Archibald.

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

Classes and Workshops



HOLIDAY FACT:

Consumers voted Circus Peanuts the worst Halloween candy in the country in 2022, dethroning candy corn. **Chakradance** @ **Bee Authentic Pilates** - Chakradance Saturday at 4pm on November 2nd, December 7th. Chakradance is an experiential intuitive healing process combining moving meditation, chakra balancing music, dance and art work. By releasing blocked energy and suppressed emotion you will restore balance and change your life. Sign up at www.beeauthenticpilates.com

Yoga for Better Posture - 6-Week Course: Oct 15-Nov 19, Tuesdays 6-7:15pm. Posture matters. Do you notice fatigue in your neck and shoulders? Does your low back ache? How is your breathing? It might seem like these are three different questions, but all of them can be improved with better posture. It's important that we align ourselves physically in order to align with the life we want to lead. This session is offered in-studio only. 6-week session incl. Workshop Manual \$119 Register in advance movementarts.com/events or call 360-629-9100.

Yoga is back again! Pathway to Wellness Massage & Yoga. Starting September 6th Every Friday from 930am-1030am. Call or text to reserve a spot. 425 308-0598. 10120 270th St NW, Stanwood, WA 98292

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 premium websites and records. Contact us at camano@familyhistorymail.org, or find us on Facebook.

Yoga Classes In-studio & Online at Movement Arts. IN-STUDIO – View our schedule to monitor our status. LIVE STREAM – book classes in advance to attend our live studio class from your own home. ON-LINE 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; regular membership rates apply.

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

Homeownership workshop on the fourth Thursday of each month at Elite interiors next to UPS store from 6 to 8 PM. We will not be holding them In June, November or December.

TRJCK OR TREAT SAFETY TJPS

TRICK OR TREATERS

- Wear a mask, even if costume doesn't call for one
- Stay six feet away from those not in your household
- Bring hand sanitizer & use frequently
- Reep interactions brief & outside of anyone's home
- Avoid going out in large groups

TREAT GIVERS

- Put out a candy bowl or grab & go baggies
- If you answer the door to hand out treats, wear a mask
- Sanitize & wash hands regularly
- Reep interactions brief and outside your home
- Disinfect doorbell and door knob throughout the evening



Line Dance Lessons at the Camano Center with Kari — every Wednesday 3:00pm-3:45pm. Fun and exercise! More info at www.socialdancesimplified.com.

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Medicare Basics Information Class October 23rd (10:00am) Free event open to the public. We will be explaining how your Medicare benefits work, as well as the options for supplementation. Location: Camano Island Library Meeting Room. RSVP: John: 360-967-9601.

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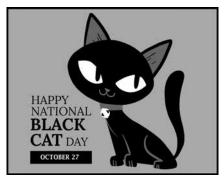
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Clubs and Meetings



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Download current or past editions. **The Stanwood Coin Club** meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Stanwood Library (summer months 6pm, informal meeting). September to June 7pm - 9pm. Members are knowledgeable in wide range of numismatic topics and are offering mentorship in hobby, assistance with appraisal and have access to reference materials! Contact: Mike at gardenday2727@gmail.com

Friendship Tea - Drop by for tea, treats, and a chance to visit with friends, both old and new. 1st & 3rd Tuesday mornings of from 10:30-12:00. No charge for Camano Center members; \$5 for non-members. Please check in at the Front Desk. For more information, contact Connie (360) 652-7211.

Rainy Day Room Playgroup Free weekly play group on Mondays at 10am and Thursdays at 3:30pm 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.

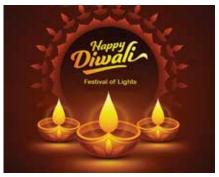
Teen Programs Monday through Friday, 2:30-5:30pm at the Community Resource Center, please visit www.crc-sc.org/teenprograms for more details and schedule of activities.

Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10-11:30am and 3:30-4:30pm - a FREE play group for 0-5 years and their grown ups. Facilitators guide children and their caregivers through a variety of developmental activities that promote early learning, and is inclusive of all young children, languages, and cultures. RSVP at www.crc-sc.org/events.

Camano Island Quilters-Machine Embroidery Group Every 1st Friday of the month. 10am-noon at Skagit Regional Clinics in Stanwood, 269th St., Conference Rm A. CIQ members will share help, ideas, designs, etc. Come join in the conversations.

Camano Island Quilters Open Sew Every 2nd Monday of the month. Open to the public. 10am-2pm at Stanwood United Methodist Church, 27128 102nd Dr NW. Bring your sewing machine, project & basic tools for an afternoon of fun! Bring a sack lunch.





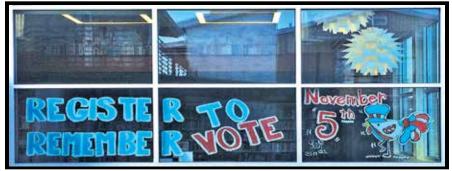
Research Shows Good Brain Health is Connected to Better Hearing

Recent research suggests there is a link between hearing properly and brain health.

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CASA'S PET OF THE WEEK:

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



NOAH'S PET OF THE WEEK:

FUZZY - Looking for a playful lady to add some life and love to your family? Look no further! At 5 months old, this adorable gal, is looking for a FURever home 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!!

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



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

Meet **MOJO** a tender hearted boy who is ready to find a family and home to call his own. He would be great with an active family that will include him in their outdoor adventures. Mojo would make a fantastic hiking, running or camping buddy. Mojo is a true lover of people. FIRST STEPS: Visit www.save-a-mutt.org/adoption-application/ to fill out an application. We are a foster home based rescue.

Save-A-Mutt (Silvana, WA): (425) 280-0502. www.save-a-mutt.org



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NOVEMBER 8TH, 2024 At Camano Chapel, 867 SW Camano Drive, Camano Island Time: 6:00 pm, Doors open at 5:30

Guest Speaker Mary Pilkington will share the Wartime POW experiences of Col. Fred Pilkington. Let us say "thank you" and enjoy a delicious dinner of either prime rib or salmon, with the company of fellow veterans from WWII to present. To reserve your spot, Contact Lynda Buehring: goldracket @aol.com or call 206-550-4409 with your name and entrée choice. Uniforms are encouraged!



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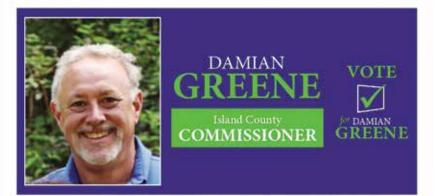
Heritage Bank is hiring! The Camano Island Branch is looking for a Branch Services Officer to lead the branch staff and provide excellent customer service. Visit our careers page to apply: https://careers. heritagebanknw.com/

HOLIDAY FACT:

The song "Monster Mash" was briefly banned in the U.K.

The BBC banned the hit 1962 song from airplay that year because they thought it was "too morbid." The perennial Halloween favorite didn't become a "graveyard smash" in the U.K. until it was rereleased there in 1973.

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PUMPKIN MUMMY HAND PIES



CRUST: 2 1/2 c. all-purpose flou; 1 T. granulated sugar; 1 tsp. salt; 1 c. frozen unsalted butter grated; 1/2 c. ice cold water

FILLING: 3/4 c. 100% pure pumpkin; 1 egg yolk; 2 oz. cream cheese room temperature; 2 T. light brown sugar packed; 2 T. granulated sugar; 1 tsp. ground cinnamon; 1/2 tsp. ground ginger; 1/4 tsp. nutmeg; 1/8 tsp. allspice; 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

CINNAMON SUGAR: 2 T. granulated sugar; 1 tsp. ground cinnamon EGG WASH: 1 egg white lightly beaten; 1/2 T. water

DIRECTIONS: CRUST: In a large bowl, whisk together the flour, sugar and salt; set aside. Using the large holes of a box grater, guickly grate the frozen butter. Add the butter to the flour mixture. Using a pastry blender, auickly work the butter into the flour until the mixture resembles small peas. Using a wooden spoon, stir a 1/2 cup of ice water into the butter/flour mixture until incorporated. Press the dough between your fingers, if it sticks together it's ready. Add more water if necessary, a tablespoon at a time, up to 3 tablespoons if needed. Pour the dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Knead the dough a couple of times to form a ball. Divide the ball in half, flatten each half into a disc, then wrap each disc in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for at least 1-2 hours before using. FILLING: In a small mixing bowl, using an electric hand mixer beat together cream cheese, granulated sugar, and brown sugar until combined. Add pumpkin, egg yolk, cinnamon, ginger, nutmeg, allspice, and vanilla extract, beat until well combined. Cover the bowl and chill until ready to assemble the pies. CINNAMON SUGAR: In a small bowl, combine cinnamon and sugar; set aside. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper; set aside. TO ASSEMBLE THE MUMMIES: Roll out one disk of dough onto a lightly floured surface to about a 13x11-inch rectangle. Trim edges to get a straight edge, and then cut into nine 4×3 -inch rectangles. (You can make them smaller or larger if you prefer.). Arrange the rectangles on the prepared baking sheet. Spread a heaping tablespoon of pumpkin pie filling onto each rectangle, leaving a rim on all sides uncoated. Roll out the second dough disc and cut into 1/2-inch stripes. EGG WASH: In a small bowl, combine egg white and 1 tablespoon water to make an egg wash. Using your finger brush the edges with the egg wash. Top with strips to create a mummy, then seal the edges with your fingertips and trim the excess of the stripes. Brush the stripes with egg wash and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar. Bake until golden brown about 20 minutes. Stick candy eyes onto cooled mummies.

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COUNTRY MUSIC, I THINK YOU HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM

Dear Country Music,

It's your pal Tim here. I'm one of your biggest fans. I've seen Randy Travis, Brad Paisley, and John Denver in concert. Okay, so you're saying John Denver is more folk than country. Fair point. My point is that I've loved you, Country Music, my entire adult life – even the really old stuff, like Eddie Arnold, Hank Williams and George Jones (no relation).

I'm writing to you today because, well, I think it's time we had a serious chat. You see, I've been noticing a disturbing pattern lately, and I'm starting to worry about you. It seems like every time I turn on the radio to listen to your music, there's another ballad about drinking. Just today, I heard you play Drink in My Hand, by Eric Church. Then not 15 minutes later, you were back at it with Toby Keith's I Love This Bar, followed five minutes later by Miranda Lambert crooning Tequila Does. Are you trying to tell me something?

Let me get to the point, Country Music. I'm starting to get concerned. I think you may have a drinking problem. Lately, it just seems like you can't go a single playlist without mentioning whiskey, beer, or some other form of liquid courage. As I was typing the last sentence, I had you playing in the background. And right out of the starting gate, my Alexa app delivered Merle Haggard wailing I Think I'll Just Stay Here and Drink.

I mean, come on. How many songs about Whiskey Lullabies or Whiskey River does one genre need? And I just checked. There are more than 20 country songs about Tequila alone, including Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off and Tequila on a Boat and Straight Tequila Night and Tequila Little Time. What exactly is your obsession with Tequila, buddy? I've tried it. I have to say, it tastes nasty.

Country Music, I know you like to party, drown your sorrows in a shot glass, and reminisce about the girl that broke your heart. But do you always have to have a drink in your hand when you sing your stories?

Alcohol has been a staple of your repertoire since the beginning. From Red Foley to Tammy Wynette, it's been a central theme in many of your greatest hits, like Drunk on a Plane or It's Five O'clock Somewhere. I get it. But times change, my friend. And maybe it's time for you to put down the bottle.

How about a song about drinking Mountain Dew instead of whiskey? Or maybe a ballad about the joys of herbal tea? I hear chamomile can be quite soothing. I'm just saying every third song doesn't have to be about day drinking Tequila shots.

What really worries me is that right after I hear you deliver one of your boozing songs, then you'll often play a song like Willie Nelson's On The Road Again or Commander Cody's Hot Rod Lincoln. Do you really think it's a good idea to combine drinking and driving, buddy?

Read more of Tim Jones' humor every week at www. ViewFromThe-Bleachers.net or check out his new YouTube channel by the same name. Hey, buddy, normally' I'd be the first one on the dance floor kicking up my cowboy boots when Garth Brooks' Friends in Low Places comes on. But I can't do it anymore, for two reasons: First, I simply can't encourage your reckless binge drinking song habit. And second, l've never been able to pull off cowboy boots as a look. So, what do ya' say, Country Music? I want to be there for you but first you have to come clean and admit you have a serious drinking problem. You need to look in the mirror and face the fact that songs like Ten Rounds with Jose Cuervo (yet another Tequila song – seriously, what is it with you and Teguila, dude?) will only make your alcohol addiction worse.

I know you can turn things around. How about cranking out some sober ballads about how much you love your momma or maybe a tearjerker about watching your little girl grow up? Those are healthier choices.

But if you refuse to make serious changes in your song selection, you may leave me no choice but to distance myself from you for my own emotional wellbeing. I hear that there are virtually no Gregorian Chants about getting hammered. Please don't make me resort to that. Those chants are so depressing, they just might make ME start drinking.

Your biggest fan, Tim

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