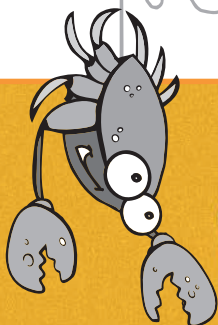
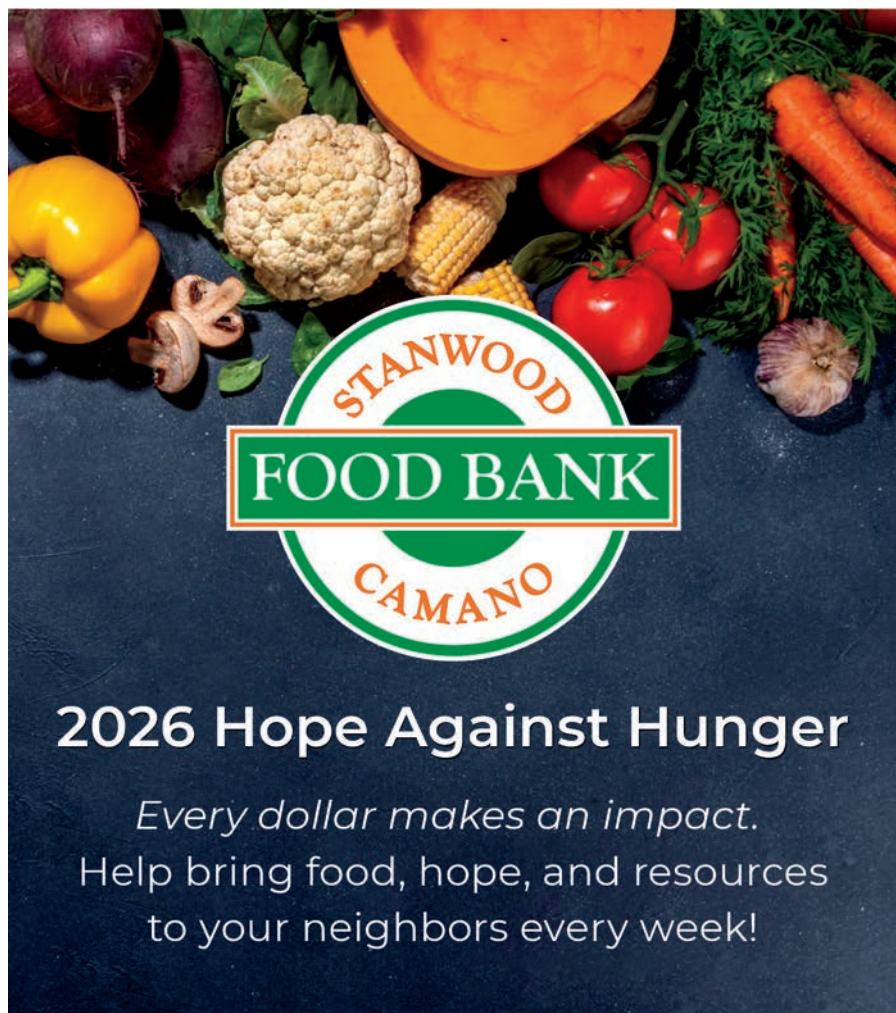


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Welcome to The Crab Cracker! Here's What's Crackin'...

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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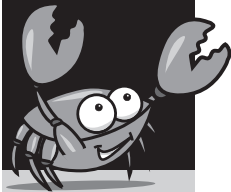


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Submission DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 5 for Next Edition (November 13-26)

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DID YOU KNOW?

Harry Houdini died on Halloween in 1926. The famous magician, illusionist and entertainer died from peritonitis caused by a ruptured appendix,

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

CASCADIA CLUBHOUSE HALLOWEEN

Wear your costume and join us for extra fun! 12:30-3:30pm at Stanwood Senior Center. Lunch not provided. Regular session fee applies.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

WESCO CHAMPION SPARTANS HOST FOOTBALL CROSSOVER



The Wesco champion Spartans are bringing another football game home! Stanwood High School will host a Wesco crossover game tonight with the opponent and kickoff time to be announced. Before heading to the game, families should know that different ticket and pass rules apply to this league event. Admission revenue goes to Wesco rather than Stanwood High School. Ticket info: Admission prices are \$8 (adults and students without ASB cards) and \$5 (students with ASB cards) under Wesco's rate structure. All students must purchase a ticket, including those with an ASB card. Booster Club Sports Passes, employee passes, and other regular-season passes will not be accepted. Only valid postseason passes will be honored. Help fill the stands and cheer on the Spartans as they take their next step in postseason play!



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 PUMPKIN PALOOZA AND SLIME CREATIONS



4pm-5:15pm at the Camano Island Library. A fun fall festival for the whole family. The afternoon will feature pumpkin decorating, candy and a design-your-own slime lab. We will also have friendly ghosts available for trick or treaters to adopt at the end of the program. Supplies are limited and if your child wishes to decorate a pumpkin, we encourage you to arrive at the beginning of the program. Costume wearing is encouraged!

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DID YOU KNOW?

Anyone over the age of 16 caught trick-or-treating in Bathurst, Canada, faces up to a \$200 fine.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 TRUNK OR TREAT & LASER TAG



at Camano Chapel 6-7:30 pm. Kids, wear your costume and bring your goodie bag as we "Trunk or Treat" from car to car!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30 EBE TRUNK OR TREAT



5:30-7pm at Elger Bay Elementary School. Join us for a fun-filled evening of costumes, candy, and community at our EBE PTA-sponsored Trunk or Treat!. Food and hot drinks for sale. Costumes welcome (no weapons).



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PRESENTS

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Artist's Reception:
Saturday
November 7th, 4-6pm

578 E North Camano Dr
in the little red building at Freedom Park
camanoarts.org/gateway-gallery



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DID YOU KNOW?

The night before Halloween is called Mischief Night or Goosey Night. Lots of teens and tweens pull pranks on October 30. From toilet papering the trees outside someone's house, to egging cars and more dangerous capers.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30-31

WARM BEACH HOLIDAY BAZAAR



9am-3pm both days at Warm Beach Senior Community, 20502 Marine Drive, Stanwood. Various craft vendors, local farmers, bake sale, Christmas items, local authors, puzzles, home decor & more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30-31

PNW LORE AND GORE

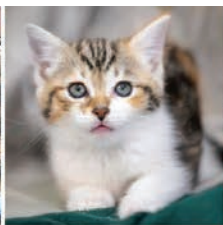


7-10pm at the Stanwood Fairgrounds. Event by Terror for a Cause - Stanwood's Haunted Experience. The Pacific Northwest is beautiful—but some stories are better left buried beneath the fog and evergreens. Step into the legends, tragedies, and terrors that have haunted our corner of the world for generations. This year's haunted experience takes you outside and into the elements. Portions of the haunt are covered, but this is an outdoor experience. Tickets: <https://www.terrorforacause.com/>

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

TRICK OR TREAT AT SUNRISE BLVD COFFEE

Trick or Treat at the coffee stand from 4pm-8pm and get coffee or apple cider to warm you up! We will have treats for the kiddos all day! First 60 kiddos of the day will get goodie bags but there will be trick or treats all day long!



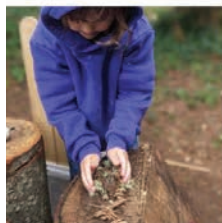
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**Stanwood-Camano's Annual
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DID YOU KNOW?

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!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

FINAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST OF THE YEAR (SPOOKY THEME)

9-11am at South Camano Grange. Featuring delicious pumpkin pancakes! Costumes are encouraged for breakfast!!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

TRICK OR TREAT AT CAMANO COMMONS



from 3-5 p.m. Bring the kiddos to trick or treat at the local businesses at Terri's Corner. This includes Camano Commons Marketplace, Tapped, The Baked Cafe, IRG, Sno-Isle Library, and Cactus & Co.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

GHOULS NIGHT OUT



3-6pm. Downtown Stanwood's spooktacular afternoon of trick-or-treating. Halloween festivities and fun. With more than 40 participating businesses handing out candy, treats and giveaways, downtown will be buzzing with ghosts, goblins, princesses, superheroes and creatures of the night. Families are encouraged to explore downtown, visit participating businesses and enjoy a fun, safe and festive afternoon of trick-or-treating.

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

Some shelters used to halt black cat adoptions for Halloween. They feared that the animals were in danger from Satanic cults that wanted them for nefarious purposes during Halloween. Now, though, shelters have gone in the opposite direction. Many even promote black cat adoptions in October.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 HALLOWEEN AT CASA



Noon-3pm. Visit CASA this spooky season! We have treats for kids, adults, and your furry friends. Donate \$5 to enter our pet costume contest. Winner will be voted by our Facebook followers and will win a gift basket tailored to owner and pet. \$15 fall photobooth photos.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

TO AND FROM

Live music 7:00–10:00 PM at Conway's Pub & Eatery.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

HALLOWEEN PARTY AT DOS REALES!

Get spooky, dress to impress, and show off your best costumes! Sing your lungs out with some karaoke!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

ROCK RADIO

7-11pm at Pub 282, 370 NE Camano Dr #6, Camano. Crank up the volume and get ready for a hard-hitting night of rock 'n' roll. Expect massive guitar riffs, driving beats, and an electrifying stage show that will keep you on your feet all night long.

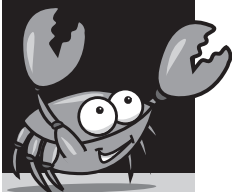
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

PAR 3 HALLOWEEN TOURNAMENT



Join us at Camaloch Golf Course. Test your short game as we turn every hole into a par 3. Call the Pro Shop to sign up.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Reese's Cups are the most popular Halloween candy, with M&M's and Hot Tamales, Skittles and Sour Patch Kids following in order to round out the top five favorites

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

HALLOWEEN PARTY AND HAUNTED HOUSE



Join us at Camano Fire annual Halloween Party & Haunted House at Madrona/Vista Fire Station. Get your costumes ready: The party runs from 5 to 7 p.m. at 273 N. West Camano Drive. The party is FREE and fun for the whole family. Kids and grown-ups can snack on hot dogs, enjoy some sweet treats, and play fun Halloween-themed games. Costumes are encouraged (for parents, too!) so come dressed to impress. If you're feeling brave, you can walk through our spooky (but not too scary) haunted house. It's also a great chance to meet your local firefighters, check out the fire trucks, and spend time with your local friends and neighbors.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

HAUNTED HONKY TONK

with Petunia & The Vipers + Buddy Mac & His Ten-Gallon Troubadours. 8:00 PM at Arcadian Public House, 18444 Spruce Street, Conway. Tickets: \$15 ADV / \$18 DOS 21+ only Costumes are welcome but not required.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN KARAOKE DANCE PARTY

6pm-2am at Beauty Bar Salon Lounge. Costume contest, karaoke/ dance contest, free giveaways, door prizes, and more! No cover!



HAVE A TOTALLY CLAWSOME HALLOWEEN

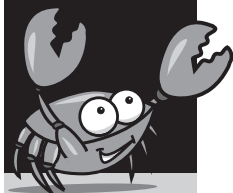
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 HALLOWEEN DANCE



Join us for a lively Halloween evening of swing dancing to the exciting sounds of a 16-piece big band featuring some of the best musicians in the Northwest! Free Dance Lesson: 6:30 PM. Dance Starts: 7:00 PM. Dance lessons continue during intermissions. Admission: \$12 Adults. \$10 Students. (Cash, Check, or Venmo only — No credit cards). Come dressed in your Halloween best! Costumes are encouraged, so bring your friends and neighbors for a fun night of music, dancing, and Halloween spirit! Location: Floyd-Norgaard Cultural Center, 27130 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood.

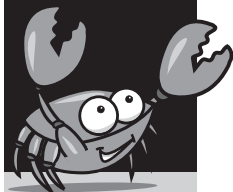
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DID YOU KNOW?

Princesses and superheroes rank as the most popular costumes - followed by witches, fairies and dinosaurs

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 HALLOWEEN IN CONWAY



Starting with kid's costume contest at Conway Pub at 12:30. Come early kids menu under \$11! Fir-Conway Lutheran Trunk-R-Treat on Main St. and Conway Viking's 3rd annual Trunk-R-Treat on 2nd St. and the Mason-McConkey American Legion Squadron 147. FREE Haunted House on 2nd St. All starting at 1pm and going until 5pm. Fire hall's Trunk-R-Treat from 4-7. Please park east Main St and Jones Rd. gravel lot or Conway Ball park west Main St and Greenfield Rd.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 NO TRICKS JUST TREATS

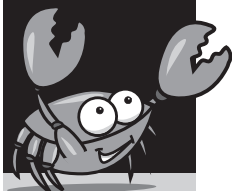
5:30 PM 7:30 PM at Cedarhome Baptist Church, Stanwood. Come join us inside and dry for an evening of No Tricks Just Treats! Bring your little ones and not so little ones for candy, hot chocolate, and fellowship.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 FAMILY BINGO

at the American Legion Hall ON CAMANO ISLAND, 609 W. Camano Drive. "Camano Island American Legion Bingo is pushing it up...Now with \$100 and \$200 blackout jackpots!" Doors open at 4:30 P.M. and Bingo starts at 6pm. Snacks and beverages available.



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DID YOU KNOW?

New York City throws the biggest Halloween parade in the U.S. On an average year, the event draws more than 2 million spectators and includes about 70,000 participants

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

MUSTARD SEED RUN

Event by Stanwood Camano Runners. Meet at 8am at Mustard Seed in downtown Stanwood to run to Hamilton Landing Park on the Port Susan Trail and back - 3 miles out and back with an option to add a dog leg on Floe Rd for additional miles. Please park in the train station parking lot. Plan to hang out after the run to enjoy a warm drink, a fresh baked good, and great company. Mustard Seed will donate \$2 to the Stanwood-Camano Food Bank for each participant!! All paces-runners and walkers. We'll start together and wait for everyone.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

MONSTER MASH HALLOWEEN PARTY



7-9pm at South Camano Grange, 2227 South Camano Drive. Paint your own Halloween keepsake. DJ Josh Lind will be playing all your Halloween favorites. Costume contest at 8:30pm. Free candy and beverages provided.

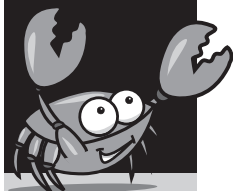
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

GAME NIGHT WITH KEVIN

5pm-9pm at Camano Island Library. 848 N Sunrise Blvd., Suite D, Camano. Beginners welcome. Bring Favorite games. May bring food.



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NOVEMBER 1

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

"Fall Back"

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

CELEBRATE CAMANO SHOP'S 5TH ANNIVERSARY

11am-4pm at 913 Hwy 532, Camano Island. We are SO EXCITED to celebrate 5 YEARS in business on Camano Island! Thank you so much for supporting this little dream of ours! More info: 206-383-1207.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

BENEATH THE SALISH SEA: AN UNDERWATER ODYSSEY THROUGH PUGET SOUND



A Sealife Productions Film by Florian Graner Presented by Sound Water Stewards. 2pm at the Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Rd. Ever wonder what is happening beneath the surface of the Salish Sea? Join us for a special afternoon with Florian Graner, as he shares his film. Through spectacular underwater cinematography and fascinating stories from beneath the surface, Florian reveals a hidden world of marine life and ecosystems right here in our own backyard. Stay after the film for a special Q&A with Florian! Admission is \$15 for General Admission, \$10 for those 16 and under. More info: 831-224-7171.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

COMMANDER NIGHT

4-7pm at Stanwood YMCA. Calling all Teen Magic: the Gathering players! Come enjoy an evening of Casual Commander (brackets 2-3) in the Teen Center. Players are encouraged to bring multiple decks if able, for those who may be looking to learn. Players of all experience/skill levels are welcome! Snacks will be provided for the event.



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

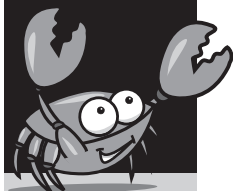
~ Bahá'u'lláh, 1817-1892 ~

(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:

www.bahaisofcamanoisland.org

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Michael Myers mask in Halloween was a William Shatner as Captain Kirk mask.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 DI-NOVEMBER DROP-IN DAY



3-5pm at the Camano Island Library. Dinosaurs? In November?? That must mean it is DiNovember!!! Join us every Monday in November for dinosaur-related activities, crafts, games, stories, and more! Drop-in any time during the program hours of 3:30-5:00PM and have some fossily-fun with us! All materials provided. In addition to our Monday drop-ins, please come by the library any time during the month of November for Dinosaur scavenger hunts, fun stickers, and plenty of Dinosaur-related books! No registration required.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

THE PITFALLS OF PERIMENOPAUSE

HOTWORX presents Elevate Integrative Medicine, Dr. Carrie Hardy, ND. Join us at the Stanwood Library 6-8pm for life changing information and the opportunity to ask an expert. All are welcome!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

STAY AND PLAY

10:30-11:30am at the Stanwood Library. An opportunity for children, birth to kindergarten, and their caregivers to come play with fun and educational toys provided by the library. Caregivers and children will engage in in-person play, socialize with others, and reconnect with the library. Drop in anytime during this event.

ALL SOULS DAY

NOVEMBER 2

May the souls of
the faithful departed
through the
mercy of God
rest in peace.
Amen.

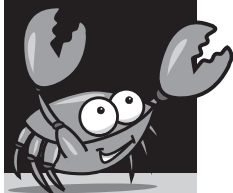


ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 3

VOTE



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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

D&D YOUNG ADVENTURERS' LEAGUE

3:00pm–4:30pm at the Stanwood Library. Welcome, new and seasoned adventurers! Journey through a whimsical carnival, battle mechanical clowns, solve ingenious puzzles, and try your hand at enticing midway games. D&D Young Adventurers' League is PG-Rated and crafted for young minds. Bring your third level character sheet or choose from a pre-made selection. No experience or materials required. This informal program is designed for adventurers who are ages 9 to 18. Pre-registration is appreciated, but not required. There will also be other activities available for those who normally attend our Teen Chill & Recharge events at this time and do not want to participate in D&D.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Girls Volleyball vs Cascade. C Team & JV: 5:15pm. Varsity: 7pm.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

HANDMADE BEADS AND JEWELRY

Join us as Mary Gage introduces us to the wonderful world of hand-made beads and jewelry-making. Mary will share all the fun of this experience with us 6:30pm at the Camano Center. She will have snapshots of Prague and then leap into the tour in Jablonec. More info: 425-280-1099.



Early Country Christmas Bazaar

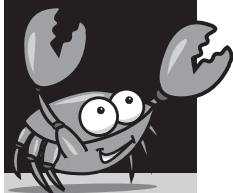
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DID YOU KNOW?

The fastest pumpkin carving ever only took 16.47 seconds. Stephen Clarke of New York holds the Guinness Book of World Records distinction, having speedily carved his lantern in October 2013.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

LITTLE SCIENCE LAB WITH IMAGINE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

9:30am–10:15am at the Stanwood Library or 11am at the Camano Island Library. This 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 to get them ready for school. For ages 3-5.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

READ WITH A THERAPY DOG

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

SUPPORTING EVERY STUDENT: COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS ON INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

We invite families, staff, and community members to a series of conversations about inclusive education and how special education services support student learning and belonging. These meetings bring people together to build shared understanding, reflect on current practices, and contribute ideas that strengthen how we serve students across the district. 5-6 p.m. at Elger Bay Elementary. Today's topic: Strategic Plan update, input, and feedback. All are welcome!

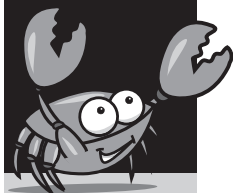
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

MOVIE PARTY: SHREK (2001)



5-7:30pm at the Stanwood Library. Twenty-five years ago, Shrek left his swamp to confront Lord Farquaad and the world was never the same. To celebrate, we're turning our meeting room into Shrek's swamp and throwing a movie party with a costume contest, audience participation, and lots of laughs. Join us at 5pm to DIY costumes and accessories! We'll provide supplies, but you're welcome to bring more to share. Costume contest will be at 5:45, followed by the movie at 6pm. Light refreshments will be provided. Props available while supplies last. Shrek is 90 minutes long and rated PG for mild language and some crude humor.

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

FIRST FRIDAYS 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 during this drop-in session - no reservation necessary!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

BEACH 1 GALLERY ARTISTS RECEPTION

for Ron Cooper Wood Turning Artist and John Ebner Award Winning Local Artist. The gallery will feature returning Camano artist Ron Cooper and John Ebner. Drawing for Door Prizes at 6:45 PM. There will be special Holiday pricing from 5 to 7 PM at the reception. Ron appreciates the beautiful grain and structure of different woods and is constantly learning the idiosyncrasies of many varieties of our NW trees and has been a wood turner for about 8 years. Ron's display will feature handmade custom gifts of one off turned wood bowls, hand-made wood holiday gifts. There will also be framed giclee prints by John Ebner. Their art will be displayed and for sale the entire month of November. 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.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

THE ENTHUSIASTS + KYLE'S COSMIC COUNTRY

8 PM - Arcadian Public House - Conway, WA. \$10 / \$12. A special night featuring two local PNW favorites.

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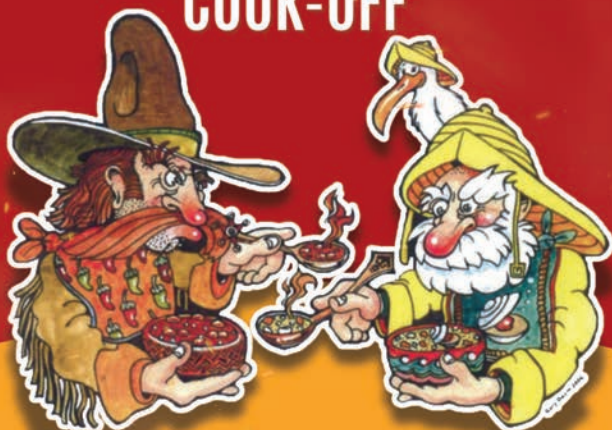
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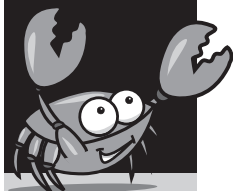
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FRIDAY-SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6-7

MQ HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

10am-5:30pm at MQ Gadgets Gifts Goodies, 8706 271st St NW, Stanwood. Jump start your holiday shopping! Let the festive environment, smells of cider and cookies, contests and raffles, set you on your way to a wonderful and enjoyable season of joy.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6-7

SHS FALL PLAY: THE BROTHERS GRIMM SPECTACULATHON



Tickets are on sale for Stanwood High School Theatre's fall production of "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon". Get ready for fairy tales like you've never seen them before. Rapunzel has no Wi-Fi, Snow White is demanding reform, and Cinderella is ready to quit as SHS students race through all 209 Brothers Grimm tales in one fast-paced, wildly mixed-up comedy. Told by two competing narrators, the show brings together familiar favorites and lesser-known stories with mixed-up characters, ridiculous costumes, devilish contracts, and plenty of surprises along the way. Performances Nov. 6, 7, 13, and 14. Tickets are \$7 general admission and \$6 with ASB and are available online through GoFan or at the door. Note: "The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon" is recommended for ages 10 and older.



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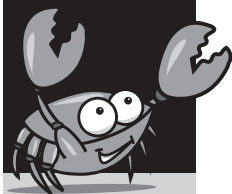
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DID YOU KNOW?

You can visit a pumpkin patch in Hawaii. Head to Waimanalo Country Farms in Oahu to pick pumpkins while you're on the islands, whether you live there or need a taste of home on vacation. Looking for squash in Florida? Try the Pickin' Patch in Dunnellon. It's a watermelon farm the rest of the year but pivots to pumpkins to cash in on the seasonal appeal.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

LOST LAKE GROVE HOMESPUN HOLIDAY BAZAAR



10am-4pm at 1469 Lake Drive, Camano Island. Gifts, crafts, and baked goods. More info: 360-387-0466.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

ANCHORED FAITH CHURCH HOLIDAY BAZAAR



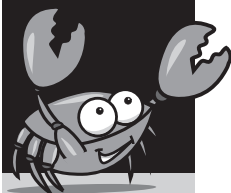
10am-2pm at 17007 E Lake Goodwin Rd, Stanwood. Welcome to our 4th Annual Holiday Bazaar! Where fun, food and memories are to be had! Over 25+ local vendors! Bring your friends and family and get started on your holiday shopping, grab some hot drinks and snacks, snap a picture at our complimentary photo booth and join in the fun.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

CHILL DEVILLE

7-11pm at Pub 282, 370 NE Camano Dr #6, Camano. Get ready for a night of killer vibes and smooth grooves! Don't miss this high-energy performance that'll have you dancing, sipping, and vibing all night long. Music kicks off at 7PM — see you there!

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

"Monster Mash" once reigned supreme on the Billboard charts.

Bobby "Boris" Pickett reached #1 on the Hot 100 in 1962 just before Halloween and hit the charts again in 1973 — but this time in August.

More recently, in 2021, it re-entered the Billboard Hot 100 chart at number 37. You might even say it continues to be "a graveyard smash!"

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

EARLY COUNTRY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



10am-2pm at Peace Lutheran Church, 1717 Larson Rd, Silvana. Featuring Lefse, Rommegrot, Vaffler, Bakery, Crafts, Silent Auction, Quilt chance drawing, Gift Card Tree, Used Treasure room, and a delicious lunch. Come help us raise money for community outreach.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

ENCHANTRIX

Live Music - 7:00-10:00 PM at Conway's Pub & Eatery.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

KEEP CAMANO BEAUTIFUL: VOLUNTEER LITTER CLEAN-UP

11 AM - 12:30 PM. Spend 1.5 hours keeping Camano beautiful! Join us at Terry's Corner for a rewarding cleanup! Join us for a fun and rewarding day out in nature! We're gathering to help keep Camano Island beautiful by picking up litter and making a big difference. Bring your friends, family, and good vibes – gloves and bags provided. Let's work together, enjoy the fresh air, and show some love to our community. See you there!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

UNDER THE PUDDLE + THE STAGE HOGS

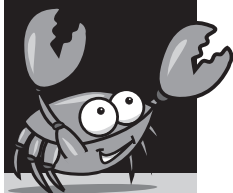
8 PM - Arcadian Public House, 18444 Spruce Street, Conway. TWO of the best cover bands playing your favorite playlist and party hits, together for the first time! It will be one heck of a party night! Grab your friends and come in for an unforgettable night out! Tickets: \$15 ADV / \$20 DOS Doors: 7 PM Show: 8 PM 21 and over only. Outside food is welcome, no beverages or drink containers please.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

FAMILY BINGO

at the American Legion Hall ON CAMANO ISLAND, 609 W. Camano Drive. "Camano Island American Legion Bingo is pushing it up... Now with \$100 and \$200 blackout jackpots!" Doors open at 4:30 P.M. and Bingo starts at 6pm. Snacks and beverages available.

Calendar of Events



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 FOCIP WINTER WALK



Friends of Camano Island Parks (FOCIP) is again hosting a series of Winter-Spring Walks for the public on Camano Island State Parks and Island County parks trails the first Saturday of the month November through June. Today's walk: Cama Beach. Meet at 9:45 AM at the Ivy Way Trailhead off Dry Lake Road.

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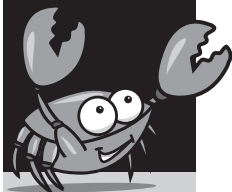
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

"SMALL THINGS COUNT" ART SHOW

Artist reception 4-6pm at Gateway Gallery, the little red building at Freedom Park, Camano Island. Show dates: November 6th to December 20th.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

HOLIDAY SOUP AND SHOP



9am-2pm at Lincoln Hill Retirement Community, Stanwood. Stop by for a hot bowl of chili or chowder and find that special gift. More info: 360-629-7403. www.lincolnhill-rc.org.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

BOOK SALE - CAMANO ISLAND LIBRARY FRIENDS

10am-4pm at the Camano Island Library. Join us for the Camano Island Friends of the Library special event Children's Book Sale. The Friends will have books available for Infant to Grade 5. Families: get books for your nighttime reading sessions; educators: get books for your classroom. Proceeds fund programs and events at the library. Bundle pricing for some books. Payment is cash only.



2026

Holiday Show

Nov 13, 14, 15, Nov 21-22 10-5 pm

Opening Party: Thurs, Nov 12 5-8 pm

Rexville

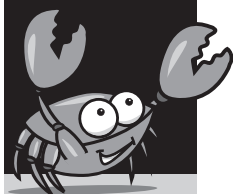
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DID YOU KNOW?

Candy corn was originally called "chicken feed".

The Goelitz Confectionery Company originally sold the polarizing treat in boxes with a rooster on the front to appeal to America's agricultural roots, according to National Geographic. The sugary recipe has gone largely unchanged since the 1880s. Love 'em or hate 'em, you can't argue with that kind of consistency.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7-8

HOLIDAY VINTAGE SALE

8am to 4pm & Sun, Nov 8th 10am to 2pm at Camano Country Club.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

LECTURE SERIES

Stanwood Area Historical Society Historic Lecture Series FIRE ON THE FLOOD TIDE: How Events of the Early 1800s Affected the Stanwood Area with Michael "Tug" Buse. 4 pm in the Floyd. Admission is Free. Join Tug for a revealing talk featuring his discoveries of incredible events buried in the historical record for over 200 years. Come see the artifacts he is bringing including several weapons of the era.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

SPARTAN SPIRIT SHOWCASE



Join us to watch youth cheerleaders showcase their routines at Stanwood High School. Doors open at 12:30 pm, showcase starts at 1:30.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

DI-NOVEMBER DROP-IN DAY

3-5pm at the Camano Island Library. Dinosaurs? In November?? That must mean it is DiNovember!!! Join us every Monday in November for dinosaur-related activities, crafts, games, stories, and more! Drop-in any time during the program hours of 3:30-5:00PM and have some fossily-fun with us! All materials provided. In addition to our Monday drop-ins, please come by the library any time during the month of November for Dinosaur scavenger hunts, fun stickers, and plenty of Dinosaur-related books! No registration required.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

FALL OPEN HOUSE

3:30-5:30pm at Stanwood Cooperative Preschool, 27027 102nd DR NW, Stanwood. Curious about co-op preschool? Come see what makes it so special! Come tour our preschool, meet some of our wonderful current families, and ask any questions you have about the co-op preschool experience. Whether you're just starting to explore preschool or you're ready to enroll, we'd love to meet you!



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November 3, 2026

5:00-6:30pm

5:00-5:30pm - Social Time

Enjoy wine, beer, light snacks, and conversation.

5:30-6:30pm Presentations

Choose one of the presentations listed below. (Space is limited, pre-registration required, 21+ event.)

CAN YOU AFFORD TO RETIRE?

Nate Greenland Financial Advisor, Edward Jones

Take a practical look at your retirement readiness, future expenses, and steps you can take now to prepare.

SMART PLANNING TO AVOID MISTAKES

Jim Dolan, Elder Law Attorney

Learn about key legal and financial decisions that can help protect you, your family, and what you've worked hard to build.

SUPPORTING AGING PARENTS: PLANNING BEFORE A CRISIS

Kelsey Lovik, NWRC

Learn how to start important conversations, find support and resources, and make a plan before an urgent need arises.

One evening.

Three important conversations.

You're planning for your own future—while perhaps helping aging parents navigate theirs or supporting adult children. Join us for an evening designed for adults in their 50s and 60s who are balancing retirement planning, family responsibilities, and decisions about what comes next.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

Choose your presentation when you register.



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606 Arrowhead Road, Camano Island

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DID YOU KNOW?

Illinois produces more than twice as many pumpkins than any other state.

Illinois has more than 17,6000 acres devoted to gourd growing. Those Illinois farms typically grow about 37,500 pumpkin pounds per acre and about 630 million pounds of pumpkins overall each year.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

STAY AND PLAY

10:30am–11:30am at the Stanwood Library. An opportunity for children, birth to kindergarten, and their caregivers to come play with fun and educational toys provided by the library. Caregivers and children will engage in in-person play, socialize with others, and reconnect with the library. Drop in anytime during this event.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

TEEN ART STUDIO WITH MEYER ART CENTER

2:30pm–4:00pm at the Stanwood Library. Join us for a monthly drop-in art class. Snacks and beverages will be available. All supplies provided. For teens and tweens who are ages 10-18.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY



Boy Scout Troop 46 is hosting a flag retirement ceremony at Freedom Park on Camano today (Veteran's Day). The public is invited to join us for this solemn event in which scouts in uniform reverently retire American flags in a patriotic and respectful way. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or until we run out of flags. If anyone has an American flag that needs retiring, they can bring it and watch as it is retired.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

CONNECT OVER COFFEE

1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at: the Camano Island Public 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.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

CAMANO FIRE AND RESCUE PROGRAM

The Camano Preparedness Group will feature Assistant Fire Chief, Aaron Fields, discussing the exciting happenings in the Camano Fire and Rescue department. He will also discuss the county-wide emergency drill that was held on November 7th. 7pm at the Vista Fire Station, 273 N. West Camano Dr., Camano Island.

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 Costume Deadly Eerie Fangs Fog Ghostly Ghost Ghoul Grave
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 Potion Pumpkin Rat Reaper Scary Shadow Skeleton Skull Spider
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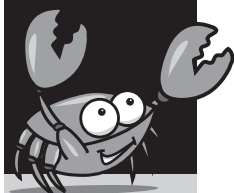
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Fun and Crafts



DID YOU KNOW?

Disney almost made Hocus Pocus a completely different movie. Everyone's Halloween fav was almost a freakier flick. The original title, Disney's Halloween House, had a much darker and scarier script, according to IMDB. Not only that, but Leonardo DiCaprio was courted to play teenage heartthrob Max Dennison but turned it down to appear in What's Eating Gilbert Grape instead.

DIY VINTAGE HALLOWEEN RATTLES

You can craft a one-of-a-kind noisemaker that's as fun to display as it is to use. These rattles capture the playful spirit of vintage Halloween while adding a handmade touch.



VINTAGE JACK-O-LANTERNS AND BLACK CATS MATERIALS: 2.5-inch paper mache ball ornaments; acrylic paints (black, orange, white, green, and red); white chalk pencil or white colored pencil; black felt (for the cat ears); rice (for the rattle sound); twigs (11 to 12 inches); ribbon; scrapbook Halloween embellishments

TOOLS: paint brushes; fine-grit sandpaper; low-temp glue gun and glue sticks; powder drill and bit; scissors

DIRECTIONS: 1. Paint the ornaments the desired background colors. (I chose orange and black because I was creating jack-o-lanterns and cats). Use the ornament strings and hang them to dry. I used a dry cleaner's paper hanger with a detachable bottom. 2. Once the balls are dry, remove the string and locate the center of each ball, ensuring the area where the string was attached is the bottom. **NOTE:** If your ball is not an ornament, determine where the bottom will be. Then, use the white chalk pencil to draw features on the black cats and jack-o-lanterns. **TIP:** Search old vintage jack-o-lantern faces and cats for ideas, or use the ones I used. 3. Paint on the features. 4. Once the paint is dry, use the fine-grit sandpaper to lightly sand the faces. This process will give the rattles a worn, old look. 5. **FOR THE CAT EARS:** Cut a small triangle of black felt. Add a dab of glue to the center of the ear at the bottom (the widest part of the triangle). Pinch the center to create a fold or pleat, and hold until the glue is set. Add another dab of hot glue to the top of the cat head in a "T" shape. Then, place the cat ear on the "T" shape, ensuring the pleat (pinched part) sits on the long end of the T. 6. Choose a drill bit about the size of the twigs. Drill a hole in the ball, and pour rice into the hole. 7. Cover the hole with hot glue and push the stick in as far as you can without piercing through the top. 8. Place the rattle upright until the glue has hardened. Rice is a great tool for this. Fill a container with rice to hold the rattle while the glue cools. 9. Embellish the rattle any way you like. - Source: www.ladybehindthecurtain.com

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JEANETTE MAHONEY



"Hi, I'm Jeanette Mahoney, a watercolor and digital artist. We lived in Longview WA for 40 plus years. I started painting in the 1980s and also taught painting for a while in my small business, Heart Strokes. In the 1990s I was back to work and also took college classes. After retirement and when the kids were all on their own, we became full time RVers. We sold our home in Longview, WA and journeyed from Alaska to much of the United States. I focused my art to reflect these new experiences. In our travels I loved seeing God's glory reflected in landscapes and wildlife. Meeting other campers, artists and art lovers along this journey so much fun. I loved the RV life with my super supportive hubby! In 2023 we decided the time had come to stop traveling the country. We sold the truck and camper and rented a house by the beach on beautiful Camano Island, Washington. I have a studio overlooking the bay as I paint from reference photos of our travels. And I'm able to explore this beautiful Pacific Northwest and Puget Sound. I have a special place in my heart for the animals of the Pacific Northwest. Eagles, otters, whales, and bears are some of my favorite subjects. I also paint pet portrait commissions. Check out my website. jmahoneyart.com

SAVE THE DATE!

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A NEW CREW TAKES THE HELM: PETS AHOY BECOMES CANINE COVE GROOMING



There's a new crew at the helm of a familiar Camano Island grooming salon! Formerly known as Pets Ahoy, the salon opened in 2020 by Alexa and Ted has officially become Canine Cove Grooming under the ownership of Katie and Nick. Katie and Nick sailed over from Whidbey Island in April 2026, bringing Canine Cove Grooming with them and taking over the former Pets Ahoy salon. Since then, they've been busy settling into their new port, meeting local pups and their people, and putting their own spin on the grooming experience. The crew has already grown with the addition of groomer Amberle. Together, Katie, Nick and Amberle bring 35 years of combined grooming experience aboard.

At Canine Cove, the focus goes beyond simply sending dogs home with a great haircut. The team believes that how a dog feels during the grooming process is just as important as the finished groom. Each pup is treated as an individual, with grooming tailored to their needs, temperament and comfort level. The goal is to create a safe, comfortable and positive experience while building trust with both pets and their people.

While the name on the ship has changed, Canine Cove is excited to continue serving the community that has supported this grooming salon since the Pets Ahoy days while welcoming plenty of new four-legged crew members aboard. Whether you've been visiting the salon for years or you're searching for a new groomer for your best mate, the Canine Cove crew would love to welcome you. X marks the spot for treasured pups!

Ready to come aboard? Visit www.caninecovegrooming.com or follow Canine Cove Grooming on Facebook, or call 360-572-3336 to schedule an appointment.

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Saturday, November 21
9 AM - 4 PM

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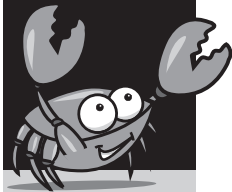
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Community Information



DID YOU KNOW?

A Halloween tradition is the yearly airing of the Simpsons Halloween special – the Treehouse of Horror episodes. This modern tradition began on October 25, 1990, and has aired every year since. The episodes all follow the theme of horror, in line with the many other activities that are celebrated during the Halloween period.

LEONIDS METEOR SHOWER

Period of activity: November 6th, 2026 to November 30th, 2026. The Leonids are best known for producing meteor storms in the years of 1833, 1866, 1966, 1999, 2001 and 2002. These outbursts of meteor activity are best seen when the parent object, comet 55P/Tempel-Tuttle, is near perihelion (closest approach to the sun). Yet it is not the fresh material we see from the comet, but rather debris from earlier returns that also happen to be most dense at the same time. Unfortunately, it appears that the earth will not encounter any dense clouds of debris until 2099. Therefore, when the comet returns in 2031 and 2064, there may not be any meteor storms, but perhaps several good displays of Leonid activity when rates are in excess of 100 per hour. Each passing year also presents new possibilities from old debris fields. In 2026, the moon will be at it's first quarter phase and will not spoil the best viewing hours for this shower. The Leonids will peak on the Nov 16-17 night. On this night, the moon will be 45% full.

COME JOIN OUR VERY SPECIAL VOLUNTEER TEAM

at Lincoln Hill Retirement Community. We need you! Reception Desk Volunteers: Volunteer needed to volunteer one day per week for a 3-hour shift to check-in visitors, answer phones and provide information to callers, and schedule appointments. Training will be provided. Thrift Store Volunteers: Hours to be determined by Volunteer and Thrift Store Managers. Volunteers with retail experience in cashiering, cleaning, stocking, organizing departments, and related duties are encouraged to apply. However, if you are interested without retail experience, we'll still be happy to hear from you. Training is provided for all volunteers. Lunchroom Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to help serve food to customers in our dining room for two-hour shifts. Volunteers also needed to check in persons buying lunches. For information on any of our volunteer positions please contact Darlene Campbell at dcampbell@lincolnhill-rc.org. or 360-629-7403, ext. 104.

WE HAVE OUR HOLIDAY VINTAGE SALE

coming up Sat, Nov 7th 8am to 4pm & Sun, Nov 8th 10am to 2pm at Camano Island Country Club. We will be accepting gently used holiday items on Thurs Nov 5th & Fri Nov 6th 9am to 4pm.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY RESIDENTS INVITED TO TAKE COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY

Snohomish County residents are encouraged to share their experiences and help identify the services and resources that would best support local individuals and families. The Community Needs Survey asks residents about the needs that affect their ability to thrive, including housing, food access, health care, transportation, employment, education and other essential services. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete, is available in multiple languages and can be completed anonymously. Feedback will help inform community planning and better connect residents with resources and support. To participate, visit: bit.ly/SnoCoNeeds

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DEPOT PARK CONSTRUCTION



Construction is officially underway on Depot Park, transforming a long-vacant property next to the Stanwood Amtrak Station into a new urban plaza and welcoming gateway to downtown. Depot Park is being constructed as both a community gathering space and an attractive eastern gateway into downtown Stanwood. Once complete, the plaza will include: A small, Scandinavian inspired stage for live music and community events; Public seating; A designated location for the holiday tree; Accessible connections to the rear parking lot; Public art; Wayfinding signage. Construction began October 5 and is anticipated to be complete by January 2027. Downtown businesses remain open throughout construction, and no street closures are anticipated. The park property itself will remain fenced while work is underway. - City of Stanwood.

FULL OF WORDS: A 10-WEEK WOMEN'S WRITING CIRCLE

(Free at the Camano Island Library, Nov 24 - Jan 27). Details here: <https://tinyurl.com/full-of-words-2026>

Wishing you a
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DID YOU KNOW?

There's a traditional Halloween bread in Ireland called barmbrack. The sweet loaf typically contains dark and golden raisins, as well as a small hidden toy or ring.

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for Camano Animal Shelter Association Honor your pet this holiday season. Donate \$25 to CASA and receive a ceramic ornament with your pet's name. (up to three names per ornament). These will be displayed on our CASA Lights of Love Tree at Rockaway Bar + Grill on Camano Island! Ornaments will be available for pick up after December 31st. All proceeds benefit the program and animals at CASA. Purchases November - December. Order Forms available at CASA and on our website www.camanoanimalshelter.org.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA EVENT 2026 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Wreaths Across America (WAA) needs your help. Please help in whatever capacities you can with whatever time you have to give. Wreaths Across America (WAA) is a national nonprofit organization to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. Because this year is our nation's 250th anniversary, the theme is "Remember Me". This wreath-laying event includes laying services flags accordingly near each veteran's grave. This year, the event, sponsored for the Stanwood/Camano areas by VFW Post #12228, will be held on December 19 at 10 a.m. at Anderson Cemetery, Our Saviour's Lutheran Cemetery (Stanwood), Camano Lutheran Cemetery, and Camano Island Pioneer Cemetery (Camano Island). About a week prior to the event, a semi-truck will deliver the wreaths to Anderson Cemetery. Volunteers will be needed to help offload boxes of wreaths into the storage area at Anderson Cemetery. Other tasks need to be done before the event and after the ceremony. For more information or answers to questions you may have, please feel free to contact me at mary.connerton@msn.com or (360) 722-0037.

BASKETBALL FREE PLAY FOR THE COMMUNITY

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STANWOOD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM EXHIBITS

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I had a nearly 40 year marriage to a remarkable woman who had a tragic death 15 years ago. Since then, I have lived alone here on Camano Island. I'm a solid guy with a real sense of fun. I don't drink and I don't do drugs. I am an avid reader, movie watcher, daily sunrise walker and a decent cook.

The photo of my mug (above) is current . . . and if that doesn't scare you off . . . here's what I'm looking for in a special lady:

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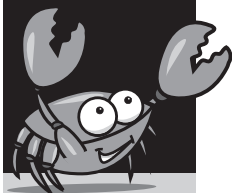
Would be really nice if you are artistic . . . and being adorable would be nice too. Looking for good chemistry.

I'd like to and am ready to care for a special lady and I'd like a special lady to care for me . . . I had just that for many years and I'd like to have it again in my life.

If this interests you and you'd (still) like to meet me, email me at **dan@koffman.net** or text me at **360-348-6277** and tell me a little about yourself and include a current photo.

You just never know what life has in store for you!

Community Information



DID YOU KNOW?

Halloween is the second-largest commercial holiday in the country. Only Christmas rakes in more dough.

Consumers spent a record \$12.2 billion.

"FALL BALL"

Stanwood Spartans Youth Lacrosse. FREE. Just show up! November 1, 8, 15, and 22. Grades K-8. 3pm-4:30pm at Stanwood High School Auxiliary Field. All players welcome - new and experienced. Get ready for next season or get introduced to the exciting sport. Bring: stick, helmet, gloves, mouthguard, cleats, and plenty of water. Loaner gear available - contact Jay (425-314-7707 or mjbonnifield@gmail.com).

LADY SPARTANS GIRLS LACROSSE - TRY FOR FREE!

Recruiting players grades K-8 from Camano Island, Snohomish County, and Skagit County. November 1, 8, 15, and 22. 3pm-4:30pm at Stanwood High School. Free equipment rental. No experience necessary. Come try lacrosse, meet the team, and see what Lady Spartans is all about. More info: ladyspartansnw@gmail.com.

CAMANO FIRE TO HOST ISLAND-WIDE EARTHQUAKE RESPONSE DRILL NOV. 7



Residents will see emergency vehicles and first responders in several locations around Camano Island on Saturday, Nov. 7, participating in a full-day earthquake response drill. The drill is expected to begin at 9 a.m. and end at approximately 5 p.m. This is a planned training exercise, not a real emergency. If you see emergency vehicles or responders in your neighborhood on Nov. 7, they are likely participating in the drill. Several Camano-based community groups are also part of the drill and you may see them responding alongside fire department personnel. Camano Fire will continue to respond to 911 calls like normal. The daylong drill will test how well Camano Fire and its community partners can adapt if normal resources, important travel routes, and outside help aren't available. The earthquake scenario assumes that the State Route 532 bridge is damaged, buildings have collapsed or are on fire, and that multiple injuries have been reported. "Real disasters rarely happen the way anyone expects," Assistant Chief Aaron Fields said. "When the big one hits, we have to plan on being on our own. That's the reality of living on an island. So this drill isn't about getting it right, it's about finding the gaps and figuring out how we fix them." Where you'll see activity on Nov. 7: Camano Fire Administrative Office, Camano Fire Stations, Brentwood, Camano Hills, and Lost Lake neighborhoods, Camano Center, South Camano Grange, American Legion, IGA. If you have a real emergency on Nov. 7, call 911. Camano Fire will be fully staffed with personnel who are not taking part in the drill, so real emergencies will get the same response as any other day.

Medicare Education Workshop

Attend our upcoming Medicare workshop and learn the essentials!
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- 11/13/2026 @ 3:00pm - 4:00pm
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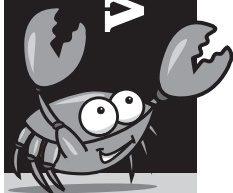


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HOW WE KILLED HALLOWEEN

Gone are the days when mobs of us kids, festooned with sheets of scissor-cut eyeholes or bandanas and eyepatches carrying wooden pirate swords, out in the neighborhood with our beggar bags, holering Trick or Treat, armies of zombies and skeletons and ghosts collecting enough candy to make a dentist smile for months on the wages from future cavities. Our parents back then didn't drive behind us as we slipped through the darkness while they waited fearfully in their station wagons idling at the curb --- no, they enjoyed a night without us munchkins, that was their treat! Mine sometimes dressed up too, going door-to-door to their friends' houses, holding out a shot glass, not a pillowcase. Halloween was fun for all ages back before we scared the bejabbers out of all the parents.

Course that was before the urban myths of apples with razor blades imbedded. Or lurking pederasts. Or 8 year olds showing up days later on the back of milk cartons. Have You Seen Me? Moms and dads listened to the evening news and heard the monstrous rumors Loud and Clear. Danger waited on every street corner, up every dark driveway, down the alley and behind the trees. No way they were letting their precious out of sight for one Stanwoodopolis minute!

My remembrance, murky as it is, was that the real danger was us marauding kids. Lawnmowers hoisted onto car roofs, outhouses moved back a crucial yard, paper bags with dog poop set on fire out in the driveway, all the stunts that gave credence to the Trick half of the entreaty. Give us sugar or else! We were candy terrorists. Children without supervision, unleashed on our neighbors, hidden behind masks and makeup and cheezy costumes.

We didn't have helicopter parents. We accepted homemade cookies and home grown apples, all us little Huck Finns, out under a cloud covered moon, free at last, free at last, way before the Pied Piper Parents of the internet tethered their kids and bought them expensive costumes and drove them in broad daylight to some supposed safe suburb of town or to the merchants who offered treats as bait on the crowded sidewalk in front of their stores.

There's a trick being played all right. But not by the kids....



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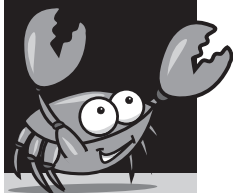


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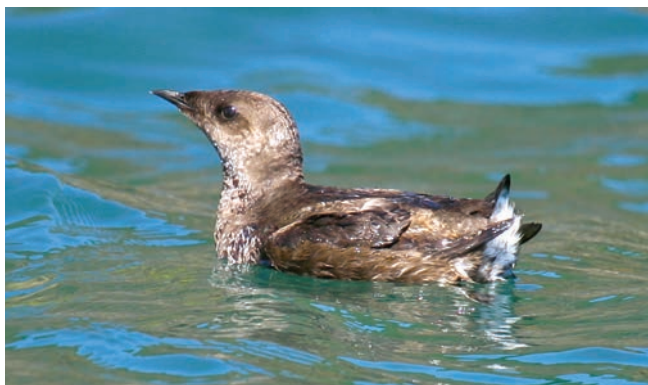
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MARBLED MURRELET



Marbled Murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*) is a small seabird from the North Pacific. It is a member of the family Alcidae, which includes auklets, guillemots, murres and puffins. It nests in old-growth forests or on the ground at higher latitudes where trees cannot grow. Its population has declined since humans began logging its nest trees in the latter half of the 19th century. The decline of the marbled murrelet and its association with old-growth forests—at least in the southern part of its range—have made it a flagship species in the forest protection movement.

The marbled murrelet is a small (25 cm), chunky auk with a slender black bill. It has pointed wings and plumage that varies by season. The non-breeding plumage is typically white underneath with a black crown, nape, wings and back.

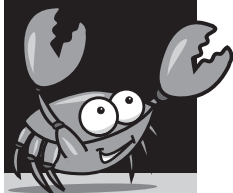
Marbled murrelets occur in summer from Alaska's Kenai Peninsula, Barren islands, and Aleutian Islands south along the coast of North America to Point Sal, Santa Barbara County, in south-central California. They winter mostly within the same general area, except that they tend to vacate the most northern sections of their range, especially where ice forms on the surface of the fiords.

They are coastal birds that occur mainly near saltwater within 1.2 miles of shore. However, they have been found up to 59 miles inland in Washington. Over 90% of all marbled murrelet observations in the northern Washington Cascades were within 37 miles of the coast. From southeast Alaska southward, marbled murrelets use mature or old-growth forest stands near the coastline for nesting. They tend to nest in the oldest trees in the stand.[13] In Oregon, forests begin to exhibit old-growth characteristics at about 175 to 250 years of age. Moss, on which marbled murrelets nest, forms on the limbs of Douglas-fir that are more than 150 years old.

Marbled murrelets forage in the ocean near shore and in inland saltwater areas such as bays, sounds, and saltwater passageways. Some also forage on inland freshwater lakes.

The marbled murrelet feed below the water surface on small fish and invertebrates. They often forage in pairs but do not feed in large flocks.

Longevity Lens



*A column about
longevity and
aging well.*

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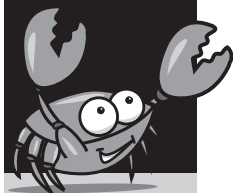
OUR HEALTH IS SHAPED BY PATTERNS, NOT PERFECT DAYS



Hallmark of Aging #3: Epigenetic Alterations. Some good news: one late night, stressful week, skipped workout, or celebratory meal does not define our health. Patterns matter far more. Every one of our cells carries largely the same DNA. What makes a skin cell different from a muscle cell is not the genes it has, but which instructions it can read and use. That layer of control is called epigenetics. Chemical marks on DNA—and the proteins that package it—help determine which genes are turned on, turned down, or kept quiet. These instructions allow cells to do their specialized jobs and respond to the needs of our bodies. With age, some of those patterns can become less precise. Certain helpful instructions may become quieter. Others may become active at the wrong time or in the wrong place. These age-related changes are known as epigenetic alterations. Scientists are still working out which changes drive aging and which partly reflect it. Why does consistency matter? Research suggests that regular movement, sleep, nutrition, recovery, and stress management are associated with healthier epigenetic patterns, though scientists are still working out how much and how directly. No single habit can erase or reverse age-related epigenetic changes, and no supplement has been proven to do so in people. But consistent, health-supporting patterns can help create a steadier environment for our bodies. The goal is not perfect habits or control over every molecular signal. It is consistency: giving our bodies more of the conditions that support healthy function over time. More insights, visit kirrahealth.com/blog.



Intuitive Tarot

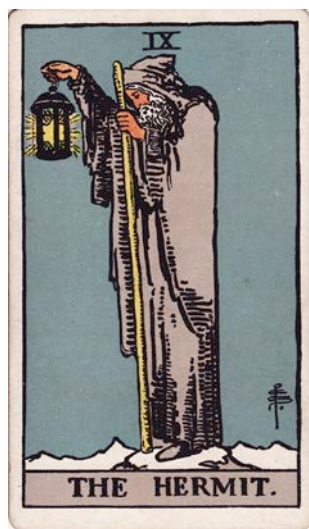
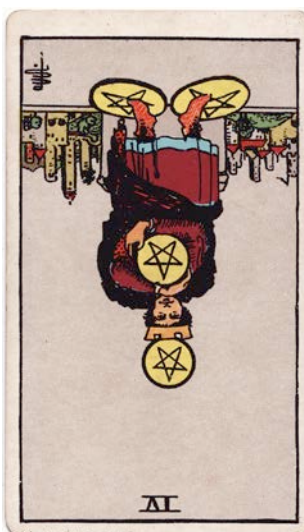


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INTUITIVE TAROT WITH TIFFANY



October 30th – November 5th : the Four of Pentacles Reversed. No more resting on your laurels, anchoring in place, and hoarding reserves; not this week. Bear in mind, it is easier to receive more with open hands than tightly closed fists. Most of you can rest assured this is not a take-forcefully-from-you warning, but rather a firm loving nudge to release your white-knuckled grasp to avoid full metamorphosis into a bitter, Scrooge-esq form; isolation and curmudgeon affect does not benefit anyone, and only draws the chains more securely around you. An example of this lesson can be as innocuously as abstaining from spiked ire when goblins and trolls greedily snatch more candy than you'd allot them. A small few of you could suffer the unpleasant trickery of thieves and robbery; take special care to lock up and secure your possessions, even in small towns and off the beaten path.

November 6th – November 12th : The Hermit. The way forward, as the chill settles in and you huddle in your layers while the skies darken prematurely, will not abide sequestering at home by the heat of the hearth. Instead, you're pressed, quite begrudgingly, to cart the warmth you're capable of out into the world around you, sharing joy, love, wisdom, encouragement, kindness, and even respite with others who need the conviviality of your company far more than you could observe conventionally. Seek out or conspire to create gatherings of community spirit, this week, and endeavor to make new friends with neighbors you've never met over a bowl or cup of something deliciously cozy. And make abundant effort to spread the word of such collections, deliberately inviting strangers in out of the cold, so to speak, which is a nod to more than just the weather, mind you. Merry meet, good folk!



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EVENT LINK : <https://www.7phases.org/DespairtoRepair>

When: Saturday, November 28th OR November 29th, from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM (please select one date only when requesting your invitation).

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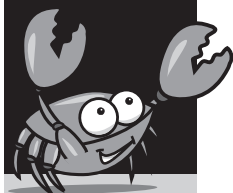


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POPPY SEED DRESSING: 1/3 c. mayonnaise; 1/4 c. milk; 2 T. granulated sugar; 1 T. apple cider vinegar; 1 T. poppy seeds

SALAD: 4-6 slices bacon, cooked crisp & crumbled; 2 lg. hard boiled eggs, peeled & diced; 6 c. mixed salad greens; 1 Granny Smith apple, diced; 1/2 c. pecan halves ; 1/2 c. dried cranberries; 1/2 c. crumbled blue cheese

DIRECTIONS: 1. **POPPY SEED DRESSING:** In a small bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, milk, sugar, apple cider vinegar and poppy seeds until well combined; refrigerate until ready to use. 2. **SALAD:** Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the bacon and cook until brown and crispy, about 6-8 minutes. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate. Crumble when cool; set aside. 3. Place the eggs in a large saucepan and cover with cold water by 1-inch. Bring to a boil and cook for 1 minute. Cover eggs with a tight-fitting lid and remove from heat; set aside for 10 minutes. Drain well and let cool before peeling and dicing. 4. Place the salad greens in a large bowl. Top with rows of dried cranberries, diced apples, pecans, bacon, eggs, and blue cheese crumbles. Serve immediately drizzled with poppy seed dressing.

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Zumba classes on Camano with Jennifer Anderson. Mondays @ 5:30pm at the South Camano Grange. By donation, sugg: \$10. Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 5:30pm at the Camano Country Club. \$10 or FREE for clubhouse members. No class on the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

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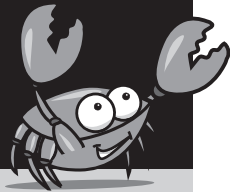
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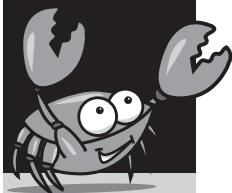
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Movement Arts Yoga Classes In-studio & Online. ONLINE VIDEO LIBRARY – practice anytime, anywhere – just practice! Go to www.movementarts.com and follow the links to view our video library of online hour length classes.

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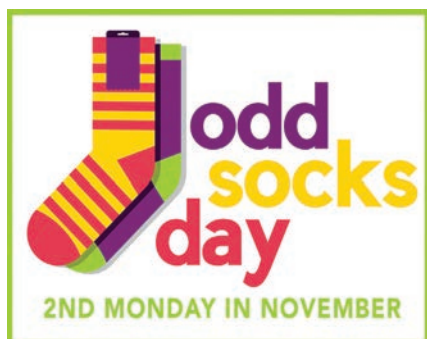
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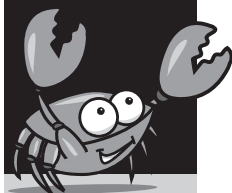
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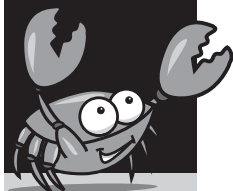
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Clubs and Meetings



DID YOU KNOW?

The villainous serial killer from the infamous Friday the 13th franchise remains at the bottom of a Minnesota lake in statue form. Doug Klein constructed a Jason Vorhees statue, mask and all, and had it placed 120 feet down in a water-filled mine pit known as Louise near Crosby, Minnesota. It's only able to be seen by the most advanced divers.

Neurodivergent Playgroup Please join us at the Stanwood Co-op Preschool every 2nd Mon of the month from 1–3 p.m. Free and open to the community, siblings welcome! Location: 27027 102nd Dr NW, Stanwood Info: (360) 629-3155 admin@stanwoodpreschool.org

Mabana Flames Monthly lunch meeting 10am the first Thursday of the month, September - June, except January. Come and support Camano Fire. More info: Lenore at 206-930-0846.

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

Dottie's Nature Play is for ages 0-5 and their caregivers on Thursdays from 10:30am and 3pm at Community Resource Center of Stanwood Camano (across from Stanwood Library). This outdoor playgroup is all about hands-on discovery, sensory-rich experiences, and letting curiosity lead the way. Come dressed for the weather and ready for adventure!

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

Camano Island Quilters – Meet the first Wednesday of every month September through June from 10-12 noon at the Stanwood United Methodist Church – 27128 102nd Drive NW, Stanwood. Visit our website for more info: camanoislandquilters.wildapricot.org/

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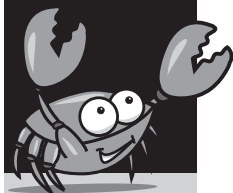
Meditation group at 1pm at Lincoln Hill Retirement Community. Meditation has many benefits including reduced stress, lower anxiety, improved sleep quality, and better emotional regulation.

Silvana Serinity Al-anon family group meets Wednesdays, 10 am, at Peace Lutheran church in Silvana. More info: 425-367-1776.

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

Camano Island Women's Republican Club – Join us for a potluck and conversation about policies, politics and interesting speakers that affect the Stanwood/Camano Island communities. The club meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at The Chalet at Camaloch, 358 Camaloch Drive at 12 noon sharp. www.CIWRC.com

Clubs and Meetings



DID YOU KNOW?

One in five adults usually pretends not to be home on Halloween.

Stanwood / Camano Coin Club Meets the 4th Monday of each month at Island County Multipurpose room: 141 SE Camano Dr, Camano. This club offers collecting opportunity, education and mentoring to all ages. Buy - Sell - Trade - Learn.

Parkinson's Support Group located at Lincoln Hill Retirement Community can provide essential emotional support, reduce isolation, and offer practical, firsthand knowledge to help patients and caregivers navigate by connecting with others who truly understand the daily challenges of the disease. It meets every 2nd Monday of each month at 10:45am in the Center Hall.

Caregivers Support Group meets at 10am Lincoln Hill Retirement Community. (meets first Tuesday of each month). Come meet and talk to others participating in the care of a loved one. This group meets at 10am. Open to the community.

Are you or your loved ones suffering from depression or anxiety?

There is hope! The Nedley Depression & Anxiety Recovery Program is an evidence-based community education course designed to provide the tools, support, and practical interventions needed to overcome depression and anxiety and achieve optimal mental health. Questions? Call/Text 425-870-1006.

Are you troubled by someone else's drinking?

When you don't know where to turn...Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups can help! Here is a list of our meeting in the Stanwood/Camano Island area: SUNDAY, "Courage to Change" Camano Lutheran Church, 850 Heichel Rd, Camano Is, 6:00pm; "One Day at a Time," Lincoln Hill Retirement Community, 7430 276th ST NW, Stanwood, 6:30 pm (For Zoom hybrid meeting call 360-618-0464 if you would like the meeting ID for Zoom), THURSDAY, "Stanwood AFG", United Methodist Church, 27128 102nd Dr., Stanwood, 7:00pm, SATURDAY, "Paths to Recovery," Camano Lutheran Church, 850 Heichel Rd, Camano Is, 10:30am.

Interested in joining Camano Island Quilters? We would love to meet you, stop by, and/or check us out on our website at <https://Camanoislandquilters.wildapricot.org>.

The Stanwood VFW Post 12228 meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. Meetings are held in the American Legion Frank Hancock Post 92 building next to CVS Pharmacy.

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CONGRATULATIONS ON MAKING IT THIS FAR

[This is Part 2 of a 2-Part article. Part 1 appeared in the previous issue of the Crab Cracker.]

This week's column is dedicated to those of you who grew up in the fifties, sixties, seventies, or eighties. Congratulations! If you are reading this, it means that somehow – I really don't know how – you managed to survive all these years. In Part 1, I looked at the decades of the 1950s and the 1960s. Let's keep going with the 1970s and 1980s.

The 1970s

If you grew up in the 1970s, things got slightly safer. Unfortunately, the fashion got significantly worse. Bell-bottoms. Platform shoes. Polyester leisure suits. And somehow, you thought you looked fantastic. Trust me. You didn't.

The 1970s also gave us some interesting toys. Pet Rocks. Yes, a rock. You bought a rock, put it in a little box and took it home as a pet. No feeding. No walking. No veterinarian bills. Looking back, the Pet Rock may have been the safest toy of the entire decade.

On the flip side, hospital nationwide, citing a severe shortage of emergency room visits, supported the introduction of a hugely popular new outdoor activity: skateboard parks, followed by an impressive spike in liability lawsuits.

And when you went to the beach, you didn't put on sun screen. Just the opposite. You lathered your body with Hawaiian Tropic Dark Tanning Oil which fried your skin like bacon on a hot griddle.

Meanwhile, back indoors, you were playing with toys that required batteries, electricity, fire, or some combination of all three. Every toy, it seemed, contained asbestos, formaldehyde, or lead paint.

The 1970s also introduced us to roller disco. Think about that for a moment. Someone looked at roller skating and thought, "You know what this needs? Disco." So you put on satin shirts with the extra wide collars and roller skates and headed to the rink. And yet you weren't embarrassed. Looking back, how is that possible? And when you got home from the roller rink, you had to listen to your parents complain about how Disco music was destroying America.

The 1980s

Then came the 1980s. The decade when we finally became sophisticated. At least that's what you told yourself, while wearing your sparkly gold parachute pants and a lavender-colored Members Only jacket.

Not to be outdone by the 1960s' lawn darts or the 1970s' skateboard-ing craze, the 1980s gave kids yet another exciting way to injure themselves: Clackers. Kids could enjoy the fun of clacking together two hard balls connected by a cord. They'd compete with their friends to see which one would be the first child whose clackers exploded, thus turning the balls into shattered, sharp-edged projectiles headed

View from the Bleachers



DID YOU KNOW?

Some say that salt acts as a “protective shield against evil spirits and malevolent entities”

straight for their eyeballs. What fun!

The 1980s also brought us video games. At first, this seemed like a wonderful development. Instead of going outside and risking injury, you could sit on the couch for six straight hours developing carpal tunnel syndrome while watching a little Italian plumber jump over barrels, as your mouth exploded from chomping on Pop Rocks candy.

Then there were the toys: Rubik's Cube. Transformers. Care Bears. Cabbage Patch Kids. And Simon, with that bee-bop-bee-boop sound that irritated your parents so much they briefly considered putting you up for adoption just to stop that annoying racket.

If you were thirsty after playing outside in the summer on the slip 'n slide for three hours, you didn't reach for bottled water. You drank from the garden hose, with the cool, refreshing taste of plastic and industrial chemicals.

And when you got home from five hours of playing Pac-Man in Henry's bedroom, you had to listen to your parents complain about how rap music was destroying America.

Looking back, every decade seems to have been a strange combination of questionable safety standards and things that seemed cool at the time but now look completely ridiculous. Perhaps we all survived because apparently the human body is considerably tougher than we gave it credit for. Or maybe we were just lucky.

Either way, if you grew up in the fifties, sixties, seventies, or eighties, and you're still here, you deserve a gold star. You survived your precarious childhood and your turbulent teenage years, not to mention your head-scratching high school fashion choices. And most importantly, you survived making countless bone-headed decisions that your misplaced self-confidence assured you was a great idea at the time.

But you made it. Congratulations. Now that you're all grown up, hopefully you're well past the phase when you kept coming up with lame, poorly-thought-out, impulsive ideas for fun... like bungee jumping. Now, don't even think about it, buddy. You're getting way too old for that.



TIDE TABLES / SARATOGA PASSAGE / OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 12, 2026

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