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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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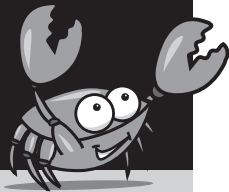


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FRIDAY, APRIL 4

WOODS CREEK BAND

at Pub 282. Woods Creek Band is bringing high-energy tunes, killer vocals, and an unforgettable night of live music straight to your favorite local spot! Join us for great drinks, good vibes, and a rockin' set that'll have you dancing all night long! RSVP at <https://www.pub282.com/>

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

STAGEHOGS

8 pm – Arcadian Public House. Tickets \$12 Advanced \$15 at Venue. Genre: Fun & Energetic Danceable classics and alt. rock covers. Band Merchandise Available at the Door.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

ARTISTS RECEPTION FOR RITA ASHLEY, PHOTO ARTIST



5-7pm at Beach 1 Gallery, at Camano Country Club Clubhouse. "My father gave me my first camera when I was ten and I have rarely been without one since. My challenge, my art, is to capture what is normally overlooked or to see that which is common, differently. I have been told I have 'An Unusual Eye.' I am fascinated by textures, form, and often, rust. My love for automobiles, both new and decaying, provides unique photo opportunities." Her art will be displayed and for sale the entire month of April.

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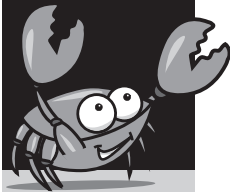
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DID YOU KNOW?

The practice of spring cleaning has roots in various cultures. Whether it's the Persian tradition of "khooneh tekouni," which literally means "shaking the house," or the Jewish custom of cleaning before Passover, the message is the same: out with the old, in with the new!

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Varsity Boys Baseball vs Edmonds-Woodway. 4pm.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

STEWART WOODS – FRIDAYS IN THE SPEAKEASY

Bring your dinner in and enjoy Stewart's music and a cocktail! 6:30 – 8 pm – No Cover. Arcadian Public House, 18444 Spruce Street, Conway.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

FOCIP HOSTED SPRING WALK



at FOUR SPRINGS LAKE PRESERVE. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at the parking area of Four Springs. See this beautiful preserve with a walk on the Perimeter Trail including the wetland trail. The Perimeter Trail includes two 50 ft fairly steep hills with benches for resting at the top. The distance of the walk is approximately 2 miles. Hopefully, the skunk cabbage will be in bloom! A peek at the day rental Four Spring House and Meadow Room and Barn will be available if there is no rental scheduled that day. NO DOGS, PLEASE.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

MOONPIE RAMBLERS

Get ready for a foot-stompin', hand-clappin' good time as the Moonpie Ramblers bring their signature blend of country, bluegrass, and Americana to Pub 282! From sweet harmonies to lively pickin', this is a show you won't want to miss! RSVP at <https://www.pub282.com>

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

GOLDEN HART + SADIE J + SANOMA

8 pm. Arcadian Public House welcomes a triple bill with Golden Hart + Sadie J + Sanoma. Tickets \$12 Advanced \$15 At Venue. Genre: Surf Western, Classic Rock & Indie Folk Pop.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

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, APRIL 5

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Baseball vs Port Angeles. JV: 12:30pm. Varsity: 3pm.

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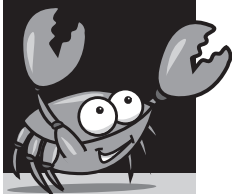
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DID YOU KNOW?

The snowdrop is often one of the first flowers to bloom in the spring.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

PLANT SALE AND FARM SEASON OPENER



Event by Camano Farm Ashram. Noon-3pm at 732 Haven Pl, Camano Island. Fruit Trees and Perennials Plant Sale at Camano Farm Ashram. First open day of the season. Farm store will be open. Farm walks and animal visits available. Happy Spring!

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

AKTION CLUB'S E-CYCLE

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

FAMILY BINGO

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

AUTHOR SIGNING SATURDAY

Event by Wit's End Books Stanwood. Noon-4pm at 10123 270th St NW, Stanwood. Author Signing with CM Kane and Michelle Lee!

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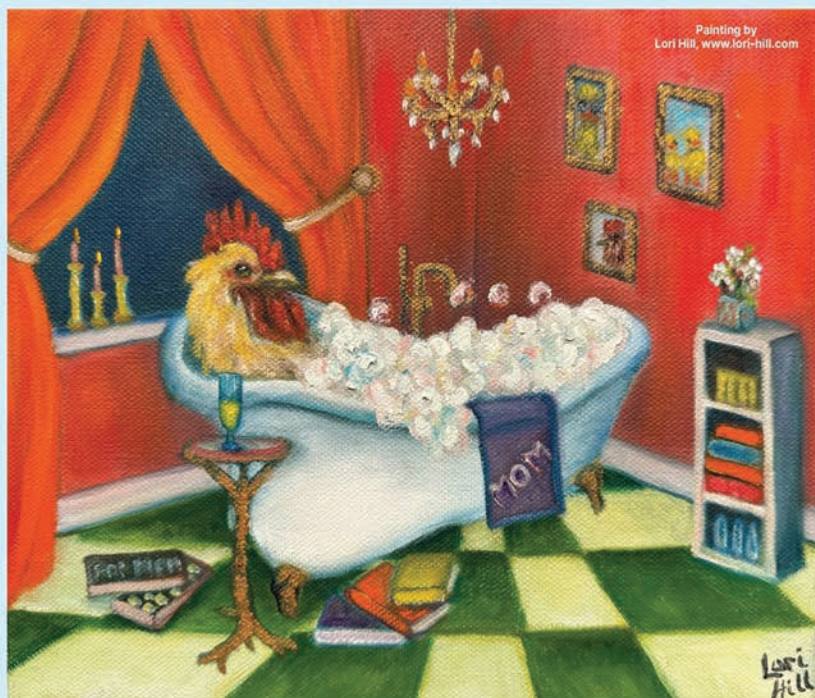
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May 9-11, 2025 | 10am - 5pm

Music by
Marcia Kester

Face painting by Challice Face Painting
Sat + Sun | 11am - 3pm

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

In Roman mythology, the goddess, Flora is associated with the flowering of plants and the arrival of spring.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5
CAMANO 101



Resources for living on an island sustainably! Camano 101 is a free, family-friendly open house. Whether you are new to Camano Island or have been here for years, all are welcome! Enjoy refreshments, games, and giveaways as you gather resources available to make the most of your island living. Join our tree-planting demo at 11:00 and get a free native tree or shrub! (limited quantity, one per household) Satisfy your curiosity with our nature mystery boxes. Bring your questions, find many answers, and get to know the community by joining us. 10am-1pm at Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Road. More information about this event can be found at <https://extension.wsu.edu/island/island-county/camano-101-living-on-an-island/>

SATURDAY, APRIL 5
SPRING BAZAAR

11am-4pm at Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center, 27130 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood. Come support local businesses and see what's new this spring!! We will have Luxury Soaps; Baked Treats; Espresso; Custom Art; Graphic Shirts; Hand poured Candles; Hand crafted Jewelry; And so much more!! Free entry.



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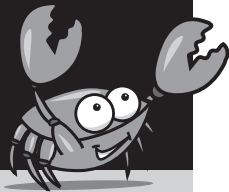
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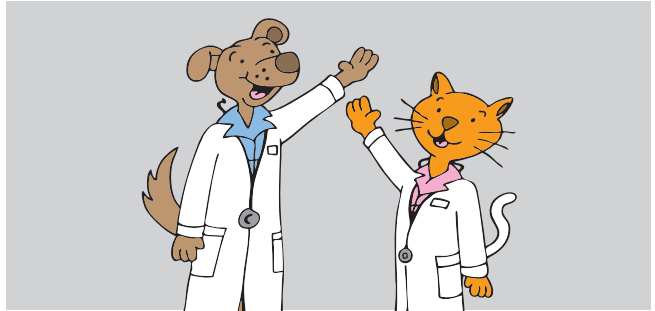


DID YOU KNOW?

What bird lays
its eggs in other
birds' nests,
tricking them
into caring for
its young?

The answer is
cuckoo. Female
cuckoos are so
adept at mimicry
that they can
adapt the shade
of their eggs'
shells to match
those of other
birds in their
habitat.

SATURDAY, APRIL 5 URGENT CARE WALK-IN CLINIC



Event by Affordable Pet Care. 8:30am-noon at 7207 265th St NW, # 104, Stanwood. This clinic is open to new and existing patients who are in need of urgent care. New Patient Forms can be filled out at: <https://tinyurl.com/43em2pae/> Forms will not be accepted until 4/5/25. We will be unable to answer phone calls during this clinic, so we ask that you please contact us via text message at 360-629-8387 if you are checking in, have any questions or need to check the current wait time.

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

LIGHT LANGUAGE DRUMMING CIRCLE

Event by Lola Singer. 10am-noon at 2532 292nd St NW, Stanwood. 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).

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

RONNDA CADLE - LIVE AT COASTAL VIE



Come enjoy some mellow music, good coffee, food and atmosphere at Coastal Vie in Stanwood. Located by Viking Village. Ronnda will be performing 11am-1pm. We hope you will join us as we rock out in 'an easy listening kind of way'. Seating is limited.

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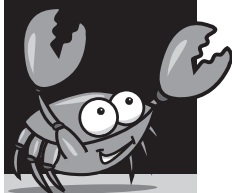
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DID YOU KNOW?

Gray whales make one of the longest migrations of any mammal, traveling up to 12,000 miles round-trip between Mexico and Alaska.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

FREE COOKING DEMO

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

THE 2025 SALISH SEA EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL

presents its inaugural program of early chamber music performed on period instruments in Conway through July. Tonight's concert features EUROPEAN TOUR 1690-1790: Olena Zhukova, harpsichord; Jeffrey Cohan, baroque flute. An excursion through a century of transformation and diversity by decade and culture within the baroque and classical periods, through the perspective of composers for harpsichord and flute from France, Italy, Scotland, Germany and Ukraine. 7:00 PM at Fir-Conway Lutheran Church at 18101 Fir Island Road in Conway. Admission is by suggested donation (a free will offering) of \$20 to \$30. 18 & under are free. All are welcome regardless of donation. www.salishseafestival.org/skagit

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

WA CARES CONVERSATION

"Emergency Preparedness for Seniors." 1pm Online Event by WA Cares Fund. We will discuss what family caregivers can ask their loved ones' facilities about, how to build an emergency kit, types of emergencies and how to plan, and how to prepare your loved ones living at home. We will also discuss what family caregivers need to know about how long-term care facilities plan for emergencies. Finally, we will provide an overview of the WA Cares Fund and how it can help. Live captions and ASL interpretation will be available. This webinar will be recorded. Register at <https://wacaresfund.wa.gov/news>. More info: (844) 227-3492.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

JV Baseball vs Jackson. 4pm.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA!

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

Four Springs House for your next event



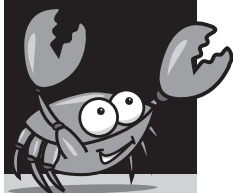
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

RESURRECTION EYEWEAR GRAND OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY



Event by Northwest Frame Repair, 11am at 8600 Cedarhome Dr., Unit B4, Stanwood. We will be having our official GRAND OPENING with ribbon cutting. Any and all are welcome to come celebrate with us!

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule 2025



Palm Sunday – April 13

8:15 AM Palm Walk / 8:30 AM Traditional Worship
10:30 AM Contemporary Worship



Maundy Thursday – April 17

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion

Good Friday – April 18

11:30 AM Senior Fellowship Luncheon and Good Friday Service
7:00 PM Good Friday Worship Service

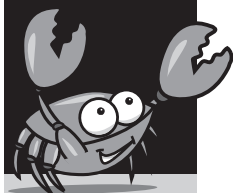
Easter Sunday – April 20

† 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service
7:30 AM—10:00 AM Easter Breakfast
† 8:30 AM Traditional Festival Worship
9:45 AM Easter Egg Hunt (ages walking through 5th Grade)
† 10:30 AM Contemporary Festival Worship at the Stanwood High School Performing Arts Center

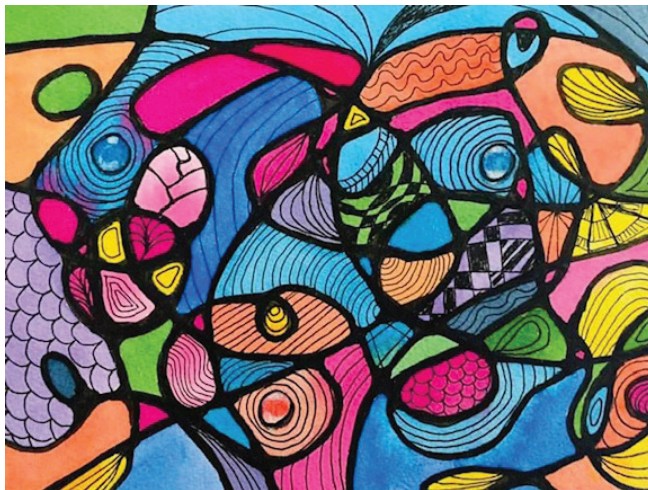


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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 EXPLORE YOUR CREATIVITY



with Stanwood Camano Arts Advocacy Commission. 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM at the Stanwood Library. Join us for an art class with Stanwood Camano Arts Advocacy Commission (SCAAC)! We will provide everything you need. This month's theme is Spontaneous Doodling: The Art of Neurographic Design. For kids ages 6-11.



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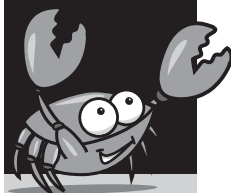
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Earth is the only planet in the solar system where rainbows occur.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10 NEURODIVERSITY 101



1 p.m, Stanwood United Methodist Church: Learn about Neurodiversity and what it means from Lei Wiley-Mydske from the Autistic Women and Nonbinary Network and Coordinator of the Ed Wiley Autism Acceptance Library. Neurodiversity describes the idea that people experience and interact with the world around them in many different ways; there is no one "right" way of thinking, learning, and behaving, and differences are not viewed as deficits. Harvard Health Publishing. To receive an invitation to join us via Zoom please email info@aauwsc.org with your request.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10 STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Varsity Baseball vs Othello. 1pm.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10
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 during this event.



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Monarch butterflies travel thousands of miles from Mexico to the United States and Canada, in spring.

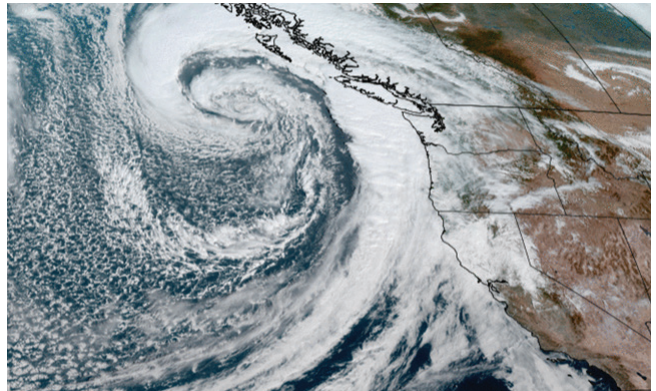
THURSDAY, APRIL 10

LEARN ABOUT A NEW VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – CAMANO CHORES PROGRAM

2:45 at the Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Rd. Help older adults remain safe in their homes! Camano Chores is a new volunteer program matching community members with those needing assistance with everyday tasks. Volunteers can help with: Tech help (online appointments, phones, grocery orders), non-financial paperwork assistance, yard work, errands, light cleaning and organizing, and minor home repairs (small fixes for safety). This program will be on an as-needed basis, and volunteers can choose which projects to assist with based on their availability and comfort level. Join us for an informational meeting to learn more about how this program will work and see if it's the right fit for you – attending does not commit you to volunteering. Interested in learning more but can't attend? Contact Lisa at 360-387-0222 or lbrents@camanocenter.org

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

“LA NINA VS EL NINO”



The April 10 meeting of the Camano Preparedness Group will feature Mike Everett, Chief Meteorologist for King 5 News. He will be discussing La Nina vs El Nino and the atmospheric river, among others topics. This meeting will be at the Vista Fire Station, 273 N. West Camano Dr. Camano Island at 7:00pm. You don't want to miss this presentation! For more info contact Sue at kk6sue@gmail.com.

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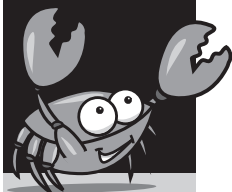
5/17, 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Arrowhead Ranch, Camano

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Latin word
for "season"
is sationem,
meaning "seed
time."

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

VICIOUS CHIPMUNKS

7pm at Pub 282, at the Camano Plaza. RSVP at www.pub282.com.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

COFFEE TO THE RESCUE

Come join ICOM-911 Executive Director, Sofia Kohfield, for coffee and a conversation about ICOM-911, emergency services, 9-11 updates. ICOM-911 needs your help. Come find out why! 10am at the Camano Island Library.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

GRANDMA MOSES PORTRAYED BY DEBBIE DIMITRE



7:00 PM. Celebrate the amazing Grandma Moses as portrayed by beloved storyteller Debbie Dimitre. The story of Anna Mary Robertson Moses who, without any formal art training, began painting when she was almost 70 years old and became one of our country's most beloved folk artists. Seating is limited! Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased at www.camanoschoolhouse.org. 993 Orchid Rd (just off Chapman Rd), Camano Island.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

WOODSHED + PRETTY MUCH NOTHING

8 pm – Arcadian Public House. Tickets \$15 Advanced \$20 At Venue. Genre: Rock & Hard Rock. Band Merch available.



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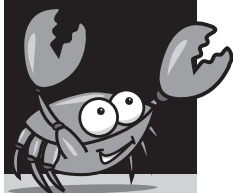
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DID YOU KNOW?

Spring was formerly referred to as lent, which was changed to springtime around the 1300s, and eventually was shortened to spring.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11 TRAVEL TALK



10:00-12:00 at Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Road, Camano Island. Do you enjoy sharing your travel experiences or hearing from others of their travel adventures? Each month on the second Friday Travel Talk will have a presentation of someone's travels. Today we will hear of stories and photos of the African colonial history, traveling in Kenya and Tanzania, including Ngorangoro Crater and Olduvai Gorge, trekking for the mountain gorillas in Rwanda, and exploring the wonders of ancient Egypt including the Pharaoh's temples on the Nile, the Sphinx and the Pyramids. Absolutely no sales pitches nor promotions, just travel fun! Camano Center members free, non-members \$5. Questions, contact Mark Kraus at 425 503-9072.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

STEWART WOODS – FRIDAYS IN THE SPEAKEASY

Bring your dinner in and enjoy Stewart's music and a cocktail! 6:30 – 8 pm – No Cover. Arcadian Public House, 18444 Spruce Street, Conway.

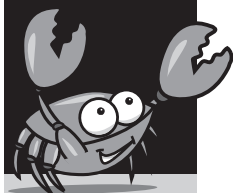
FRIDAY, APRIL 11

EBB, SLACK AND FLOOD

Ride the wave of soulful grooves, bluesy rhythms, and irresistible energy as Ebb, Slack and Flood take the stage at Pub 282! Whether you're into smooth melodies or foot-stomping jams, this band brings a tidal wave of sound you won't want to miss! RSVP at www.pub282.com.



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DID YOU KNOW?

According to a Facebook study, early spring is when couples are the most likely to break up.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

GENEALOGY QUICKSTART

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM at the Stanwood Library. Are you curious about your family's history but unsure where to begin? This presentation offers a quick and effective way to start your family history journey. Join Cory Smith of the Sno-Isle Genealogical Society in creating a pedigree chart using the first three generations of your family. You will discover the best practices for gathering and recording accurate information, including full names, dates, and places of key life events. Finally, you will learn how to use free research tools at the Library and from other sources to document the life events of your family's members. By the end of this presentation, you will have the knowledge and tools to confidently embark on your genealogical adventure, tracing your family's path with accuracy and enthusiasm.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

JIMMY WRIGHT

at Pub 282. Get ready to rock the night with the Jimmy Wright Band! A high-energy concert experience, packed with a dynamic mix of music to keep you on your feet all night long. Don't miss the show that's got something for everyone! RSVP at <https://www.pub282.com>

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

WARM BEACH COMMUNITY PARK CLEAN UP DAY

9am-1:30pm. More info: wbcassociation@gmail.com

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

CAPE FLATTERY + SALT PINE

8 pm. The Arcadian Public House presents double bill with Cape Flattery and Salt Pine. Tickets \$12 Advanced \$15 At Venue. Genre: Alt. Country & Americana.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

FAMILY BINGO

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



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SATURDAY, APRIL 12

3RD ANNUAL STANWOOD CAMANO INCLUSIVE EASTER EVENT



at St Aidan's Episcopal Church, Camano Island. Please join us for our 3rd annual Inclusive Easter Event. If you have children, or know an adult with developmental disabilities, sign your family up to be a part of the fun. There will be non stressful Easter egg hunts, crafts, cookie decorating, oh and Mr Easter Bunny of course. Sign up for a time slot. There is a specific time slot at 12:30pm for Adults with Developmental Disabilities. Search Facebook for Stanwood-Camano Inclusive Easter Event for sign up link. The link to sign up is on the event facebook page. This event is free.



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April:

- 4/16/2025 – 3:00pm – 4:00pm Jensen Room
- 4/23/2025 – 3:00pm – 4:00pm Jensen Room

May:

- 5/7/2025 – 10:00am – 11:00am Jensen Room
- 5/21/2025 – 3:00pm – 4:00pm Jensen Room

June:

- 6/4/2025 – 10:00am – 11:00am Jensen Room
- 6/18/2025 – 3:00pm – 4:00pm Jensen Room

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DID YOU KNOW?

Studies show that babies born in the spring are more likely to be night owls and optimistic.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 GARDENING CLINIC



Spring is here and it seems like EVERYONE is Busy Gardening! If you need some help with your gardening projects, or have some concerns please come and see us at Haggen from 10:00 -2:00. Snohomish Master Gardeners will be hosting a gardening clinic. (It is very helpful of you bring pictures and/or samples of you concerns.)

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 STANWOOD PLANT SALE

Come join Puget Sound Public Farms at their first annual plant sale from 9:00am to 2:00pm at Stanwood United Methodist Church parking lot. All proceeds will fund our work to grow food for the food bank at Wild Goose Community Gardens. Come find great annual, perennial, and edible plants at affordable prices. (425) 512-6885.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 FAMILY BINGO

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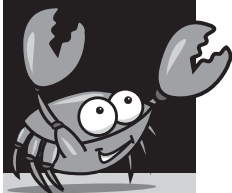
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DID YOU KNOW?

Usually, the earliest spring flowers to bloom each year are tulips, daffodils, sunflowers, primrose, and lilies.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

SHRED-A-THON

9:00 am - 12:00 pm, hosted by Windermere Stanwood-Camano 818 N Sunrise Blvd Camano Island. Gather all of your unwanted documents and bring them to our Camano Island Office for safe and secure shredding! A suggested donation of \$5 for every grocery bag or banker's box, or \$10 for any oversized box or bag. All proceeds will benefit WSU Waste Wise, Island County.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER DINNER



Event by Guardians of the Children Cascade Chapter. Please join us for a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. \$10 per person. The proceeds will be used to help the kids/families we have "adopted" into our group. IE; Kids events, necessary school supplies, motorcycle vests & patches for vests and public education events. The mission of Guardians of the Children is to recognize and react to child abuse and educate the public to do the same; to serve as advocates to provide strength and stability to families in crisis; and be an answer to the prayer of an abused child or teen for courage, support and protection. 4-8pm at 6419 Pioneer Hwy, Stanwood (next to the Fairgrounds).

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

STANWOOD AMERICAN LEGION'S PRIME RIB DINNER

Help support local veterans by stopping by Post 92 at 4pm for prime rib, baked potato, salad, rolls and dessert. Adults are \$25 and kids below the age of 12 are \$10. Located at 26921 88th Ave NW, Stanwood.

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DID YOU KNOW?

In Japan, they believe spring begins once their national flower, the cherry blossom, starts to bloom.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

NORWEGIAN BAKE SALE

9am-3pm at Sons of Norway Abel Lodge #29, 21098 2nd Street, Conway. Lefse, bread, Norwegian cookies, coffee and treats in the Kaffestua.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

FREE MICROCHIP CLINIC



11am-4pm. CASA will be microchipping dogs and cats all day for free! Come on down, register and get in line. All pets must be greater than two pounds, older than 8 weeks and easily handled by staff. Please arrive with your pet secured on leash or in a pet carrier. We microchip on a first come first served basis. No appointment necessary!

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

ANNUAL MOCK RALLY AND BAKE SALE

Fundraiser for Warm Beach Pony Club. 9am-4pm at Warm Beach Camp Horsemanship, 20800 Marine Drive, Stanwood. Pony Club members will be performing Dressage and Show Jumping in a simulated rally format. This is an all-day event with a lunch break at noon. Come for the whole day or part of it.

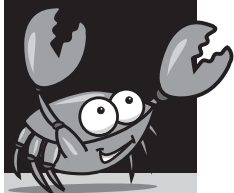
SUNDAY, APRIL 13

BINGO AT THE VIKING HALL - SILVANA

5pm. \$10 for a book of 15 games and \$1 for each black out game. We will begin serving dinner at 5pm. All profits will go to a community service project. More info: 360-618-2076.



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DID YOU KNOW?

"Spring fever" may be a real thing! Scientists believe that longer days cause people to be more active, creative, and happy.

MONDAY, APRIL 14

WARM BEACH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BUNCO

7pm at North County Fire, 19727 Marine Drive, Stanwood. It's free, it's fun! It's easy to learn this classic dice game! Come join us the second Monday of each month! No cost: It's a fun way to get to know your neighbor.

MONDAY, APRIL 14

NAUGHTY BINGO

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

MONDAY, APRIL 14

ALL AGES MONDAY NIGHT TRIVIA

6pm at Rockaway, Camano Island. An exciting night of prizes, great food and drinks, and the chance to win big. Our Trivia winners are invited to a monthly Winner Dinner – on us and of course more importantly... bragging rights. This is a family friendly trivia, so grab your little ones and join us!

MONDAY, APRIL 14

TRIVIA NIGHT

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

MONDAY, APRIL 14

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

JV Girls Tennis vs Everett. 3:30pm.

JV Baseball vs Everett. 4pm.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

STAY & PLAY

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM at the Camano Island Library. This is an opportunity for children 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. The first 15 minutes will be a mini-story-time with a read-aloud, and the last 45 minutes will be free play. Drop in any time during this event.

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SPRING TRIVIA

Which player made history by being selected as an All-Star pitcher and position player in the same year?

In 2021, Shohei Ohtani made history as the first player selected for the MLB All-Star Game as a pitcher and a position player.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Boys Soccer vs Marysville Getchell. JV: 5pm. Varsity: 7pm.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

TEEN CHILL & RECHARGE

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM at the Stanwood Library. Test your skills and team up with friends for some serious fun on the Oculus Quest VR Headset and Nintendo Wii. If board games are more your style, we'll have some Magic: the Gathering jumpstart decks, Jenga, and Operation to dive into. This is a chance to relax, compete, and have fun with friends in a low-pressure and welcoming environment. Snacks will be provided.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

FLASHLIGHT EASTER EGG HUNT 2025



Fun games, crafts, and the hunt! 6-8pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 27201 99th Ave NW, Stanwood. For kids 4 years old through 5th grade. Don't forget your flashlight.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

FUNGAL FRUITS - EDIBLE MUSHROOMS OF THE PNW AND BEYOND

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM at the Stanwood Library. Mushrooms grow in abundance in the Pacific Northwest nearly year around. Some are poisonous, many of no culinary value and a select group are some of the best food to enjoy. Join mushroom expert, Daniel Winkler, in getting to know, identify and find many great edible mushrooms while steering you clear of dangerous look-a-likes. You will be advised how to properly collect, carefully transport, safely prepare and reliably store your mushrooms. Daniel will share lots of new insights from his new book *Fruits of the Forest – Handbook to Edible Mushrooms of the Pacific Northwest*. In addition, Daniel is mixing in some fungal fun & facts from his ethno-mycological research and Mushrooming adventure travels.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Varsity Girls Golf vs Marysville Getchell. 3pm at Camaloch.

Varsity Girls Tennis vs Lynwood. 3:30pm.

JV Baseball vs Mountlake Terrace. 4pm.

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

In literary works, spring is often used to represent birth, a revival, and the start of happy and better times.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

SPRING BIRDS, NESTING, AND NESTING BOXES



CAMANO WILDLIFE PROGRAM. LIVE EVENT at 7pm at Island County Multi Purpose Center. Would you like to enjoy watching birds raise a family in your yard? Join Joe Meche, expert birder, photographer, carpenter, and author of *Beaks and Bills*, to learn about our spring-time birds, their often hidden nests, and how we can support them by making species-appropriate nest boxes and enhancing natural nesting habitat. Meche will share designs for predator-proof nest boxes for local cavity-nesting birds and will have a few nesting boxes for sale (exact cash and check only, please). 141 N East Camano Drive. www.camanowildlifehabitat.org

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

SNO-ISLE TECH 8TH GRADE OPEN HOUSE!

This is an incredible opportunity to see our programs first hand and decide which ones may be of interest to you once you can apply during your Sophomore and Junior year. Join us 5:00-7:00 PM at Stanwood Middle School and begin your high school planning!



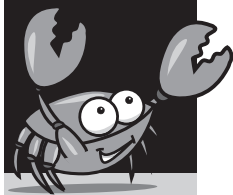
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

DEMENTIA FRIENDS INFORMATION SESSION

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the Camano Island Library. Did you know that over 125,000 people are living with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias in Washington (as of 2020). By 2040, this number is expected to grow to more than 270,000. Dementia Friends is a movement that is changing the way people think, act, and talk about dementia. Join us for a discussion. We are proud to partner with Camano Center and Dementia Friends in Washington State - Memory and Brain Wellness Center as they share valuable resources.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA!

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

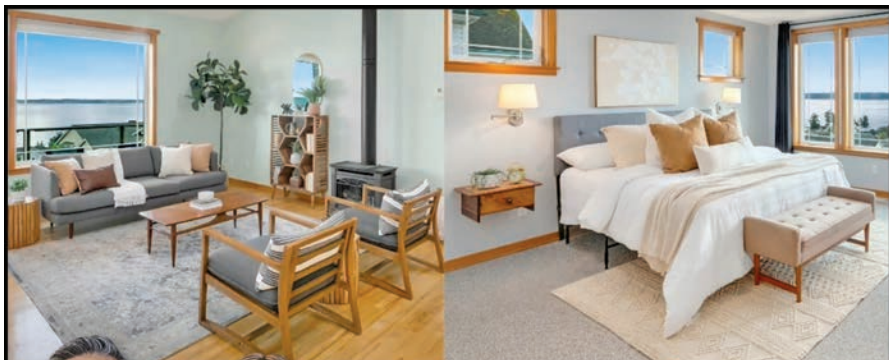
STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

JV Girls Tennis vs Lake Stevens. 3:30pm.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17

CHRIS EGER

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DID YOU KNOW?

Many frogs and toads hibernate during the winter, but by the time spring comes around, they're awake and raring to go!

FISH IN A SLIME BAG



Supplies Needed: Plastic fish (or mermaids or sharks or turtles); Liquid Starch; Elmer's Glue (I used blue glitter glue); Treat bags (mine were plain bags but the shaped treat bags look like a fish bowl! perfect!); Twine or ribbon

How to make slime: Add 1/4 cup of water to a bowl. Next add one container of clear glue or glitter glue to your bowl (about 1/2 cup or basically the entire 6 oz container of glue). Stir very briskly or use a whisk. Stirring gently won't incorporate the water into the glue-you don't want the water to remain separate as you can see above. Stirring with a fork or whisk will bring both ingredients together. If you use a clear glue or white glue you might add food coloring, watercolor paint or glitter to your mixture. I used a blue glitter glue so I skipped this step. Stir well to get the color you want. Now add 1/2 cup liquid starch to your mixture and again stir well to incorporate. After stirring I like to let it sit for maybe 5-10 minutes and that allows the rest of the water to be absorbed and it also seems to harden the slime up just a bit to make it easier to handle. Knead the slime with your hands until it feels bouncy and stretchy. I placed the slime in my treat bag in a ball. The slime will mold to a big blob at the bottom so I placed the fish in the slime in the front of the bag and on the top after putting the slime in the bag. Tie with a ribbon and present your fish in a bag. Source: www.myfrugaladventures.com



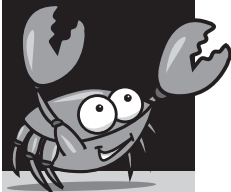
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MAKE NATURAL LIP BALM



For the lip balm: 1/2 tsp shea butter, 2 tsp coconut oil, 1 tsp soya wax, 4-7 drops of peppermint essential oil, Small metal tin

How to make natural lip balm without beeswax: 1. First, put half a pan of water on to boil. While the water heats, measure out the shea butter, soya wax and coconut oil, and place into an old glass jar. 2. Bring the water to a simmer, then carefully place the glass jar into the pan, making sure no water splashes inside the jar – this will prevent the ingredients from melting together smoothly. 3. Once fully melted, carefully remove the jar from the pan and leave to cool for a couple of minutes, until slightly set. 4. Add between four to seven drops of peppermint essential oil to the mixture – the more drops you add, the more minty the lip balm's flavour will be. 5. To finish, pour the mixture into the lip balm tin, transferring it into a jug first if you prefer. Pop the lid on and leave to cool overnight. To speed up the process, put the tin into the fridge for an hour. Your lip balm is complete. You've officially learnt how to make lip balm without beeswax, congrats! Source: <https://www.gathered.how>

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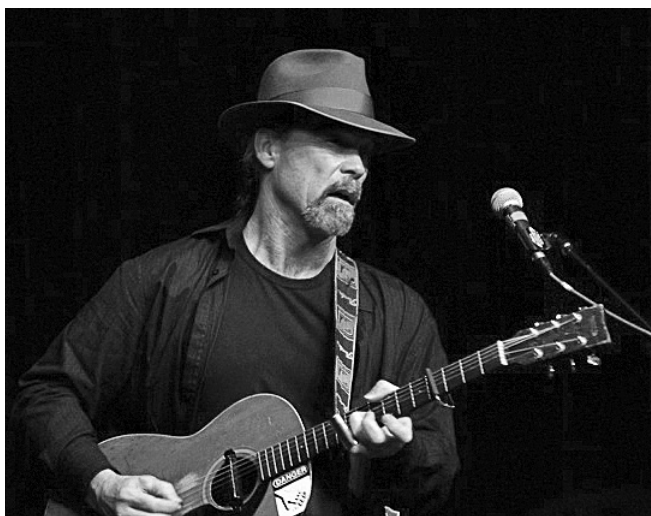
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"Nick has released 3 CD's, can be heard on 30+ recordings and 3 film soundtracks. He has performed in 13 countries, has been nominated for 30+ music awards in 3 countries, garnering 24, including an induction into our Hall of Fame in 2010." - Washington Blues Society (Seattle,WA).

"With slashing slide guitar, powerful vocals, funky licks, modern lyrics, and his 'slop jar delta funk' blues, his style elevates the 'blues' to a place where roots are respected, yet nudged towards the future. He consistently captures, then rivets listeners with precise, passionate performances." - Jefferson Magazine (Sweden)

Nick Vigarino & Fishbone will be performing live at Bertelesen Winery on April 5th! 5:00 PM 8:00 PM at 20598 Starbird Road, Mount Vernon. Come on up and enjoy this beautiful winery, while Larry "Fishbone" McClure and I lay down a night of homemade "slop jar delta funk" for ya! Get some nibbles and a glass of your favorite fine wine! Literally, 30 seconds off Exit 218 Starbird Rd from I-5. See you there!

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THE DANCE PROJECT NW EARNs THREE STUDIO OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS AT KAR DANCE COMPETITION



The Dance Project NW's competitive dance program started its season with a historic achievement, earning three Studio of Excellence Awards at the Kids Artistic Revue Dance Competition (KAR), held in Portland, Oregon. These awards are among the most prestigious honors a studio can receive at KAR, recognizing exceptional performance, technical excellence, and consistency across all competitive divisions. To qualify, studios must: Compete in every major category—Solo, Duo/Trio, Small Group, and Large Group or Line; Earn placements in Overall High Point Awards. Achieving one Studio of Excellence Award is an accomplishment. Earning three out of four available levels—Elite, Intermediate, and Secondary—is a rare and remarkable feat. "In my decades of owning and working with studios, both in Washington and California, I have never had competition dancers earn this level of recognition," said Amber Welte, owner of The Dance Project NW. "This achievement reflects the dedication of our dancers. Their hard work has truly paid off, and I couldn't be prouder." The Dance Project NW's competition team, which includes over 80 dancers ages 4 to 18, delivered exceptional performances throughout the weekend. The studio as a whole serves over 300 students, offering high-quality training across multiple dance styles. At KAR, TDPNW dancers brought home an impressive number of awards. "We started Year 7 with the BIGGEST bang we could ever imagine!" TDPNW shared on social media. "Thank you to our amazing teachers, dedicated dancers, and loyal dance parents. We made some incredible memories together and truly bonded." Amber Welte emphasized the deeper impact of this achievement beyond the awards. "At The Dance Project NW, we strive to create an environment where dancers feel supported, challenged, and inspired. These awards are a reflection of the dedication of our students, the commitment of our incredible teaching staff, and the unwavering support of our dance families. We are building not just talented dancers, but strong, confident individuals who uplift each other and push beyond their limits." With this milestone setting the tone for the season, The Dance Project NW's competition team will continue their journey with three more competitions this spring before heading to Anaheim, CA, for the Revolution Nationals this July. The team looks forward to further showcasing their passion, precision, and teamwork on the national stage. www.thedanceprojectnw.com/.

**This National Volunteer Month,
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HOMELESS ON THE SOUTH END OF AMERICA

I got a friend who was bothered that we spent tax payer dollars, HIS tax dollars, to conduct a survey of the island, maybe find out how many people are homeless here in Shangri-La-La. If you think this bothered him, imagine what his irritation level will be when the next step pops up: funding for shelters or god forbid, small houses. Out here on the Left Coast we have warmer winters than most places back east so homeless folks can survive a bit easier without frostbite or hypothermia. From Seattle and Gomorrah to San Diego, our cities are crowded with people living in their cars, in tents, huddled over heat vents, hiding under freeway overpasses and back alleys, entire families struggling to stay alive in whatever shelter they can scrounge up.

RV's can be found lining multiple blocks, rusted and busted vehicles that no longer run, without water or power or sewer, without garbage pickup, without most of what the rest of us in the Land of Plenty have in abundance. But ... there are those who find no compassion for these American refugees, no sympathy for their plight, no pity for the poor. If my pal is any indication, the best remedy is to keep them out of sight and out of mind and definitely away from his wallet and tax dollars. He believes the 'homeless situation' is a hoax, just a ruse to use tax money for bogus bureaucratic bullshit. He asked me if I had ever, ever, known anyone on this island who was homeless. I said of course. Stinky Steve, for one. My heroin addict thief for another. And that was only on the South End. Up north, closer to town, there were plenty more than that.

I'm not on the homeless census count committee. And I doubt it's epidemic here yet. But on any given day the Food Bank is open, the number of folks seeking handouts is incredible. Most have apartments, I'm betting. Some might even own a house. But there must be plenty who haul their bounty back to a tent or a shed somewhere back in the woods. Why begrudge them these morsels? Why go ballistic over trying to count them and, god forbid, even help them in some small way. We're not going to build them a 3 story house and buy them a BMW so they can feel like a part of our community. Although maybe if we did, they'd side with my buddy and stop all future funding for those other leeches who want a free ride. Maybe I'll try that argument on him, see if it works. Cause I want this whining to end. The rich have got to stop complaining!



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WARM BEACH CAMP OPEN HOUSE

Come enjoy a day of fun at Warm Beach Camp on May 18 from noon to 4! This is our way of saying thank you to everyone who cares so lovingly for Warm Beach Camp! The event is free, but an RSVP is required, you can do that here: <https://www.warmbeach.com/warm-beach-open-house/>

HERITAGE PARK IMPROVEMENTS



A number of improvements are coming to Heritage Park to enhance parks and recreation for residents and visitors alike! **Pump Track Project:** A state-of-the-art pump track will be constructed near the skate park this year and is designed for all ages and skill levels. A pump track is a circular loop of rollers and berms that when ridden correctly, requires little pedaling or pushing. It is geared for wheeled sports and is becoming an increasingly popular amenity at parks and public spaces. Construction of the pump track is anticipated to begin this spring or summer. **New Playground:** Another priority for Heritage Park is building a new playground that is inclusive and accessible for all. This new play space will feature thoughtfully chosen equipment and amenities that kids of all ages and abilities will love. The design process is happening this year with the playground scheduled to debut in 2026. Additional 2025 improvements include remodeled bathrooms and new dugout fencing.

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SPRING TRIVIA

Which ancient civilization's spring festival included rituals of chaos and renewal, somewhat similar to the modern concept of spring break?

Mesopotamia. In ancient Mesopotamia, the Akitu festival, celebrated during the spring month of Nisan, included rituals symbolizing the removal of chaos and the renewal of the community.

FALL SOCCER



Who's ready for fall soccer season? Registration for Stanwood-Camano Youth Soccer Club opened on April 1st. www.SCYSC.com

SHS PLANT SALE

will begin on Wednesday, April 23rd, and end on Saturday, May 3rd. Operating hours: Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm. Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

SAFETY CAMERAS



To support crime prevention efforts, City Council recently approved the installation of 14 Flock Safety cameras at key locations throughout Stanwood. These cameras provide real-time alerts to law enforcement when they detect stolen vehicles, stolen license plates, or vehicles associated with wanted suspects, missing persons or other serious crimes. How they work? Flock Safety cameras are not live surveillance tools and do not provide real-time video feed or facial recognition. The cameras capture still images of vehicles and license plates strictly for investigative purposes. Unlike traditional license plate readers, Flock cameras capture additional details such as vehicle make, model, color, plate type and visible alterations. All data is securely stored in a cloud-based system for 30 days before automatic deletion, unless linked to an active criminal investigation. By installing these, we aim to enhance public safety and efficiency, reinforcing our commitment to proactive crime prevention. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/4id0PS7>



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COUNTRY CLUB

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Beach rambler in Camano Country Club neighborhood with partial views and boat/RV parking. #2290479



ELGER BAY

PENDING

Daylight rambler with new paint and roof, close to the state park and boat launch. #2345155



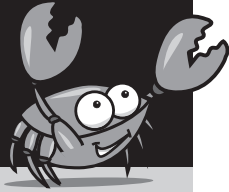
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What do epiphytes depend on other plants for?

- a) pollination
- b) germination
- c) physical support
- d) water

The correct answer is c) physical support. An epiphyte is any plant that grows upon or is attached to another plant or object merely for physical support.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Patricia A. Major January 31, 1942 - July 18, 2024 A celebration of life will held in Par's honor. April 19, 2025, 1-4 pm Stillaguamish Grange 6521, Pioneer Hwy, Stanwood. More info: 360-770-5002.

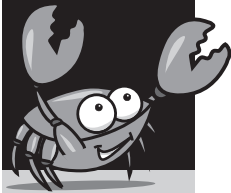
KRASKI APPOINTED FIRE CHIEF OF NORTH COUNTY FIRE/EMS



David Kraski, a lifelong resident of Arlington, WA, is the new fire chief for North County Regional Fire Authority (North County Fire/EMS). Kraski replaces former Chief John Cermak, who served in the position of 10 years before retiring this month. The fire authority provides fire suppression and emergency medical service to 47,000 people over 120 square miles, including the cities of Stanwood and Arlington. Kraski started his career in the fire service in the 1990s when Arlington opened a fire station near his home and he volunteered as a firefighter. He worked his way up the ranks to become the fire chief for the city in 2018. In 2021, Kraski was instrumental in communicating with city residents about annexing to North County Fire/EMS. The reason for annexation was to be more cost-effective for taxpayers and provide an improved emergency response with combined resources for both city and fire authority residents. The ballot measure passed overwhelmingly at almost 90%. Chief Kraski joined North County Fire/EMS as its operations chief after the annexation took effect. Chief Kraski has an associate's degree in fire science and is pursuing a bachelor's degree in fire administration. He and Denise, his wife of 30 years, have lived in north Snohomish County for 30 years and raised two daughters Jordan and Olivia.

SHOP LOCAL WIN LOCAL - SPRING 2025

Shop local and win big! From April 15th-30th, spend \$20 at participating businesses and get a stamp from Stanwood and Camano participating businesses on your passport for a chance to win amazing prizes. Complete your passport by April 30th and enter to win! The More You Shop, The More You Win! You can complete as many passports as you like. Don't forget - completed passports must be submitted by April 30th. Winners will be announced on May 12th!



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STUDENT REGISTRATION IS OPEN

New student registration is now open for the 2025-26 school year in the Stanwood-Camano School District. Families can register students new to the district online at stanwood.wednet.edu/welcome, where they'll find all the necessary instructions. For incoming kindergarteners and their families, the district is hosting its annual Kindergarten Fair from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, in the Stanwood High School Commons. To learn more about the Kindergarten Fair, please visit stanwood.wednet.edu/fair

HABITAT STEWARDS TRAINING — VIA ZOOM

Are you interested in creating habitat for wildlife? Do you want to do your part to keep Washington wild? Now is your chance to become a Habitat Steward™! The National Wildlife Federation is offering a specialized, multi-week virtual training to teach you how to create and restore wildlife habitat in backyards, schoolyards, and other places in your community. The training consists of 4 classes, so make sure you will be able to attend all 4 dates! This virtual workshops will be from 6:30-9:00 PM on evenings in April OR May OR June. Optional field trips and volunteering opportunities pertaining to your learning will be available as well. There are 3 sessions of this virtual training coming up. *April Training: Wednesdays, April 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd: <https://aprilhabitatstewards.bpt.me>. *May Training: Tuesdays/Thursdays, May 13th, 15th, 20th, and 22nd: <https://habitatsteward-may.bpt.me>. *June Training: Mondays/Wednesdays, June 2nd, 4th, 9th, and 11th: <https://habitatstewardjune.bpt.me>. Benefits include: a comprehensive, digital training manual with local resources, instruction from local professionals, engaging field opportunities, certification as a habitat steward volunteer, and continued support from NWF staff. A variety of topics will be presented on habitat restoration, PNW ecology and wildlife, natural yard care, invasive plants, native plants, & much more! The cost of the training is \$20. Note: scholarships are available! No one will be turned down due to lack of funds. Once registered the Zoom link will be emailed to you. To register for the training, please visit websites above or contact Guinevere Unterbrink at WAEducation@nwf.org.

DROP-IN VOLLEYBALL

Thursday nights at the Stanwood YMCA. 7-9 PM. Back by popular demand. If you are 15+ come and join a friendly game. We will have two courts set-up for FUN!

PROJECT PC

(nonprofit): Join monthly community events supporting veterans and frontline heroes. Explore healing and connection. Projectpc.org.

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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SPRING TRIVIA

What ecological term denotes the relationship between a plant and its pollinators?

- a) predation
- b) antagonism
- c) coevolution
- d) parasitism

The correct answer is c) coevolution.

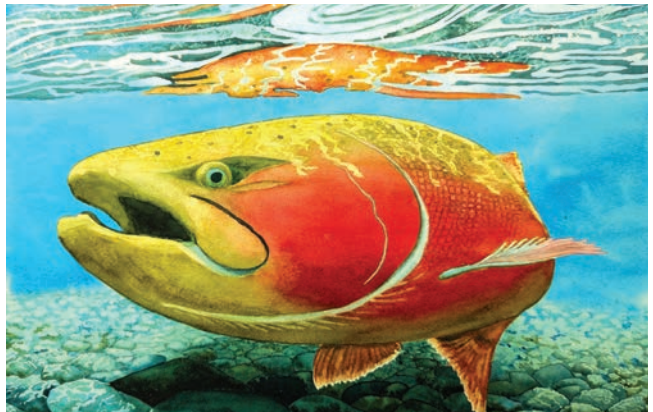
AAUWS-C APRIL 2025 ADVERT SCHOLARSHIPS

The American Association of University Women Stanwood-Camano Branch is pleased to offer 3 (three) \$7,000 scholarships to qualified candidates. Qualifications: current resident OR graduate from Stanwood/ Camano, Arlington, LaConner or Lakewood High Schools. Applicants must be entering their junior or senior year of college OR are enrolled in a Master's Degree program. Money for these \$7,000 scholarships is raised by the vibrant and popular AAUW- SC Purses with Purpose Auction. Applications can be found on our website, aauwsc.org/scholarship or at the Washington State scholarship website, washboard.org. Please encourage scholars to apply. Closing date for applications: April 30, 2025

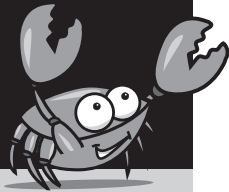
ICOM-911

There is an important issue on the April ballot for Island County. Our current emergency dispatch system is struggling to meet the increasing demands of our community. Our ICOM-911 system is asking for a small increase (0.02%) on taxable sales in the county. The system is decades old and needs replacing. Your property taxes do NOT pay for ICOM -911. It is NOT funded by the government. It is User funded by the Sheriff and Fire departments. This sales tax measure will fund new equipment and infrastructure. If you have an emergency and call 911, you need them to be able to respond. This vote will ensure they can answer your call. The Sales tax would only add 0.02% (2 cents on \$10). Everyone, including tourists, would contribute. Please vote to ensure our 911 system continues to provide great support for our community. For more info go to ICOM911.org. Please vote YES on the Island County Sales Tax measure.

ACCEPTED ARTWORK IN NWWs 2025 WATERWORKS MEMBERSHIP EXHIBITION



Has the Power of World Connection. Online international membership exhibition runs April 25 through June 30, 2025. Northwest Watercolor Society (NWWs) announces 75 watermedia artworks chosen by juror Michele Usibelli will be presented at the artists' reception April 25, 2025 at 5:00pm Pacific Time. Art lovers and the public are welcome to attend the free online event by registering at www.nwws.org/annual-waterworks-exhibition to see the amazing pieces.



CHICHEN ITZA AND SPRING EQUINOX

On every equinox, the sun of the late afternoon creates the illusion of a snake creeping slowly down the northern staircase. Symbolically, the feathered serpent joins the heavens.

RESOURCES

Support When You Need It – Our Resource Coordinator is here to help individuals and families with essential needs like rental and utility assistance, propane, gas for appointments, and more. If you or someone you know in the Stanwood-Camano area could use support, we're happy to connect and explore available resources together. Appointments are available by phone or in person—just call 360-629-5257 x 1001 or email resources@crc-sc.org to schedule. Stanwood WIC Services – The Stanwood WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) program continues to offer office hours every Tuesday at CRC from 10 AM to 5 PM.

RAW SALMON IS DEADLY TO DOGS

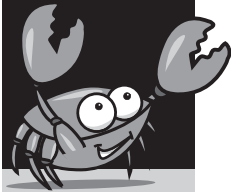
Ollie, a 7-year-old chocolate Labrador retriever, found a dead salmon while walking along a riverbank. While Ollie had not bitten into the salmon, it was clear that he must have licked it and had enough of an encounter with it to be poisoned by the salmon's parasitic flukes that contain the bacteria *Neorickettsia helminthoeca*. By the time he presented to UC Davis 10 days later, he was quite ill. Salmon poisoning can be fatal within 2 weeks if not treated. Thankfully, the Emergency and Critical Care and Small Animal Internal Medicine Services asked the owner the right questions and recognized the signs of salmon poisoning, which is treatable with the correct antibiotics and dewormer, saving Ollie's life. Keep your dogs away from raw salmon! Source: <https://www.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/news/>

PREVENT COLD WATER SHOCK



As spring begins for many, seeing photos from the day of paddlers in t-shirts or light jackets on the water in areas where the water is obviously still lethally cold is already becoming more common. Many may not realize that the warm air temperature and the amazing feeling to be out in a t-shirt doesn't prevent cold water shock or the risks of cold water. We can all help spread awareness. Here's a case, shared after a previous spring season, where my cousin, Beatrice Riisi Huuononen, and fellow kayak instructors by fortunate happenstance came across one paddler that had capsized in cold sea water on a warm spring day and was completely unprepared for the occasion - both in terms of how to get back into a kayak, even if assisted, and in terms of a complete lack of cold water safety clothing. Might well have been a life saved. Stay safe out there! Source: Facebook - Patrik Vuorio Paddling safety (kayak, SUP, canoe, packraft etc).

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DID YOU KNOW?

Although baby birds are born with the ability to sing, they usually don't learn how to until spring, when they hear other birds chirping while looking for a mate.

A SIMPLE GESTURE GREEN BAG PICK-UP

Our Drivers will be out and about in your neighborhood on April 12 to retrieve your Green Bags & leave you new ones. Please have your bags out by 9:00 AM. Your donations are REALLY appreciated!

ART AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE

at Christianson's Nursery, 15806 Best Rd., Mount Vernon, March 28-April 27, 10am-5pm daily, (360) 540-0146.

STATE PARK FREE DAYS

No Discover Pass needed to park at a state park on these days: April 22 (Earth Day), June 7-8 (Free Fishing Weekend), June 19 (Juneteenth), August 9 (Smokey the Bear's Birthday), September 27 (National Public Lands Day), October 10 (World Mental Health Day), and November 11 (Veterans Day). Learn more at discoverpass.wa.gov.

COMMUNITY MEAL – CAMANO

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday except for Holidays. 11:45 am - 12:30 pm at Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Rd. Camano Island. By Donation. All donations welcome! Full cost of a meal is \$12.20. Coffee or tea is \$1.00.

STANWOOD SPARTANS WOMEN'S FOOTBALL 2025 SEASON

Our team: for women aged 18 and above. No prior experience is necessary to participate. You will gain the skill, knowledge and a new family by joining our team! Stay tuned: our games and events will be announced on Facebook. More info and register at stanwoodspartanmoms.org or call 360-303-1514. Sunday practices: 1-3:30pm at Stanwood High School. Wednesday practices: 5-7pm at Stanwood-Middle School. Registration: \$125. Register online or at a practice.

BREWCAD 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 6pm and flippers up at 6:30pm. Pot splash happens if over 15 players!

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.

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.

CAMANO COUNTRY CLUB & COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

is coming April 25 - 26. We need gently used donations on April 21, 22, 23. Call Kathleen 360-572-4112 for more information.

Stanwood-Camano



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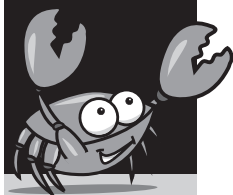


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BASKETBALL FREE PLAY FOR THE COMMUNITY

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ADULT FUTSAL

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

LIVE ONLINE TUTORING HELP AVAILABLE!!!

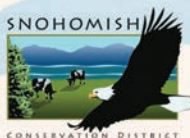
Get expert help with live online tutoring, learn study skills and collaborate with other learners through the Brainfuse resource. Tutors are available everyday online from 1pm - 11pm PDT. Stop by the library any time during open hours (Mon-Sat 10am - 6pm) to get a personalized tutorial of this online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

Living on an Island

Learn about & get involved in your community. Free event with family activities!

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 10 AM - 1 PM
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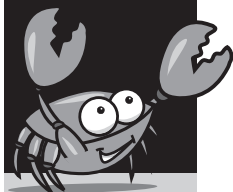
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Library 10th Anniversary



A weekly announcement about the beginnings of the Camano Island Library.

10 years CAMANO ISLAND LIBRARY

CONTINUING THE STORY OF BECOMING THE CAMANO ISLAND LIBRARY...

Passing the Bond, Part 2

On November 5, 2013, Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory, Executive Director of Sno-Isle Libraries, announced that, at the direction of the Board of Trustees, the Camano Island Pilot Project Library would close at the end of its current lease in April, 2014. After this announcement, Sno-Isle Libraries received hundreds of communications requesting that the library not be closed. A group of volunteers from the August campaign asked the Board of Trustees to submit the capital bonds proposal to the voters again in the spring of 2014, given the closeness of the previous election.

On December 16, 2013, the Sno-Isle Libraries Board of Trustees, adopted Resolution #13-08 which reaffirmed that "a permanent new library facility on Camano Island is essential to the public welfare of Camano Island." The Board of Island County Commissioners was requested to call a special election to be held on April 22, 2014 to resubmit the bond proposal to the voters.

From February to April, 2014 the Citizens for a Camano Island Library PAC conducted a second campaign to build the new library at the Terry's Corner location purchased by the library district. If the bond were to fail this time, the library would close on April 30. On April 22, 2014 Camano Island voters APPROVED a 10-year, \$2.3 million bond to locate a library at Terry's Corner with a 62% vote in favor of the proposition!

Throughout May and June Sno-Isle Libraries moved toward beginning construction of the new library by hiring the architects and forming a Building Committee comprised of staff and community representatives. Jeanne Crisp of Sno-isle chaired this committee and Dan Nelson of Design Northwest Architects and Stig Carlson Architecture from Whidbey Island were selected to develop the design. Kirtley Cole Associates of Everett were selected as general contractor of the project. With approval of the sale of construction bonds in September, 2014 work could begin!

Photos and Art



DID YOU KNOW?

Blossoming trees are a sign that it's time for bees! With the return of flowering plants and trees, bees emerge from their winter nests and get ready for a new year of nectar collecting.



Spring flowers truck at Stanwood Haggen. Photo by James M. Shipley.



Great Horned Owl. Photo by Matthew Wyche.



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LEMON CHICKEN ORZO SOUP

Tender chicken, orzo, and veggies in a light lemony broth. This delicious soup is sure to please your family and friends!



INGREDIENTS: 2 T. olive oil, divided; 1 1/2 lbs. boneless skinless chicken thighs, cut into 1-inch chunks; Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper; 3 cloves garlic, minced; 1 med. onion, diced; 3 carrots, peeled and diced; 2 stalks celery, diced; 1/2 tsp. dried thyme; 5 c. chicken stock; 1 c. water; 2 bay leaves; 1 c. uncooked orzo pasta; 1 sprig rosemary; Juice of 1 lemon; 2 T. chopped fresh parsley leaves

DIRECTIONS: 1. Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large stockpot or Dutch oven over medium heat. Season chicken pieces with salt and pepper, to taste. Add chicken to the stockpot and cook until golden, about 3-4 minutes; remove chicken to a bowl, cover loosely with foil and set aside. 2. Add the remaining 1 tablespoon oil to the stockpot. Add the garlic, onion, carrots and celery. Cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, about 3-4 minutes. Stir in the thyme until fragrant, about 1 minute. 3. Pour in the chicken stock, water and bay leaves; bring to a boil. Stir in the orzo, rosemary and chicken; reduce heat and simmer until orzo is tender, about 10-12 minutes. Remove the bay leaves and rosemary sprig. Stir in the lemon juice, and parsley, season with salt and pepper, to taste. Serve immediately.

The IRS is accepting tax returns January 29th.

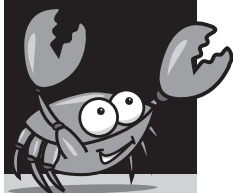
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Be Early! Primary filing deadlines in 2025.

- S Corps, March 17.
- Partnerships, March 17.
- Individuals, April 15.

Preparation & filing of Federal tax returns for individuals, sole proprietors, S-Corps, and partnerships.

Classes and Workshops



DID YOU KNOW?

Your sense of smell improves in Spring

With new flowers blooming, spring is a feast for the sense of smell. In fact, studies show that people's ability to detect smells improves in spring!

Medicare Education Workshop. Learn the essentials! We will cover Medicare eligibility, Medicare Parts A, B, C, and D. This is no-cost no-obligation and will give you the basics you need to understand your options. Located at Camano Center. Dates: April 16, April 23, May 7, May 21, June 4, and June 18. RSVPs not required but encouraged. More info and to RSVP: 425-361-2944. info@vidorassociates.com. www.vidorassociates.com.

Medicare Basics Information Class April 12 (10:15 - 11:15 am) @ Camano Island Library Meeting Room. Free event open to the public. Learn how to navigate the Medicare maze. Discover your available options for supplementation through private insurance. Whether you are new to Medicare, your current plan is ending, or you'd like to compare your plan, this class is highly recommended. RSVP with John, a licensed insurance agent on Camano Island: 360-967-9601

Stone Carving Class 2025: 3 Day Stone Carving Workshop, June 27, 28 and 29 on beautiful Camano Island. Cost \$465, includes: Catered lunches, Instruction from master carver, Kentaro Kojima, stone is available for a discount and loaner tools provided. Matzke Fine Art Gallery & Sculpture Park. For further information and applications, email: matzke@camano.net or call 360-387-2759.

Zumba Dance Party with Jennifer Anderson Latin dance-aerobics, medium intensity level, fitness class. Open to all levels and experience. Zumba combines movements from Salsa, Merengue, Reggaeton, Cumbia, Hip Hop, and more, with fun music. Mondays at 11am & 5:30pm in Stanwood @ Pathway to Wellness. \$10 – space limited, registration required. Thursdays at 5pm on Camano @ Camano County Club. Free for members / \$10 non-members. For more information or to register: <https://www.zumba.com/en-US>

Join S.A.I.L. (Stay Active and Independent for Life) classes for cardio, balance, and strength building to help prevent falls. To learn more, go to <https://senior-resources.org/fall-prevention/>

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

Chris Tuohy Music and Dance Teacher offering the following private lessons: Sax, flute, clarinet, piano & voice. Available classes: Ballet, and Tap. All classes are held at: 1095 Essex St. A-1 Camano Island. For more info or to register please contact: Chris Tuohy 360.572.9262 or jazzman2e@mac.com

Free Macbook and iPad / iPhone Tutoring 3 / 30-minute sessions in the Camano Center (1pm, 1:30pm, 2pm) the first and third Wednesday of each month. Email Joyce to sign up at fact@msdeadlines.com.

Yoga for Beginners April 1-29, Tuesdays 6-7:15pm. Whether you are brand new to yoga or returning after a long absence, this five-week course will prepare you with the first steps toward a regular practice. \$95 Register at movementarts.com/events or call 360-629-9100.

Classes and Workshops



DID YOU KNOW?

In late spring, salmon make their incredible upstream journey to spawn. Some species can leap up to 12 feet in the air to overcome obstacles.

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

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

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.

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.

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

YogaTone April 6. 10-11am. Join us for a fun, positive sweat dance, movement yoga class that's designed for just about anyone. Enjoy simple movement patterns that challenge your mind/body to new places....even if you think you can't dance! Aerobic and low impact, Kara has an extensive background in many forms of dance, and blends them into a class that promises to uplift and locate the joy within. See you there! Drop ins welcome if space is available. \$30 drop in. Register at movementarts.com/events

High Fitness Saturdays: Join us for a FREE high-intensity (or low intensity, you choose) group exercise class (like dance fitness) Saturdays at 7:45 at 795 Ell Rd on Camano. Classes are also available Wednesday mornings at 6 am in Stanwood at The Dance Project NW for \$10/class. Go to "High Fitness Stanwood PNW" on Facebook for more info!

Full of Words: An 8-Week Women's Writing Circle (Free at the Camano Island Library, Apr 11 - May 30). Details here: <https://tinyurl.com/full-of-word>



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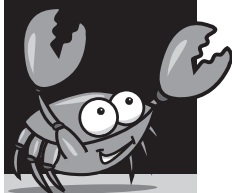
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Preparation and filing of Federal tax returns for individuals, sole proprietors, S-Corps, and partnerships. Call Steve 425-478-1317 or email sjedmunds@me.com

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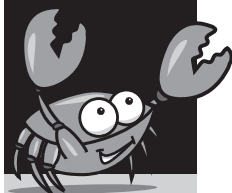
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A Park For and By the Community

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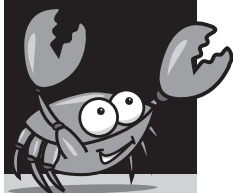
Freedom Park relies 100% on donations and volunteers!

The fence around our community playground desperately needs to be replaced. Pickets are \$45/each and available as supplies last.



freedomparkassociation.com

Clubs and Meetings



DID YOU KNOW?

The term "spring" originates from the Old English word 'springan,' which means to leap or burst forth—a perfect description for a season bursting with life!

VFW Post 12228 Monthly meeting April 8, 2025 at 6pm. Location at American Legion Post 92 Hall 26921 88th Ave NW Stanwood. More info: 360-813-2977.

Camano Island Quilters - Machine Embroidery Group (1st Friday, Monthly). 10am - 12pm at Skagit Regional Clinics, 269th St. Stanwood. Need help with your new embroidery sewing machine? CIQ members will share help, ideas, designs, etc.

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!

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

TOPS Club on Camano Island -- Accountability and Weight Loss Support: We provide gentle accountability, warm fellowship and support in your weight loss journey. We meet Thursday mornings for weigh-in from 8:15 to 8:45; meeting at 9 am. The first meeting is always free. Come join us and see how TOPS provides support during your weight loss and afterward, helping you to keep it off. All ages welcome! Camano Lutheran Church, 850 Heichel Rd, Camano Island. Call Karen (leader) at (360) 387-9716 for info.

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.

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>.

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. A variety of developmental activities that promote early learning. Inclusive of all young children, languages, and cultures. RSVP at www.crc-sc.org/events.

Ski, Snowboard or just hang out in 2024! The Merry Mountain Ski Club brings you easy travel for a fun ski day in a luxury coach with stops in Bellingham, Burlington, Stanwood and Everett. Great folks & great fun. More details! 206-550-4908 or tuesdayskibus@gmail.com.



CASA'S PET OF THE WEEK:

Meet **KILLIAN!** This sweet 8 year old guy came to us due to some housing issues & is looking for his forever home! He is a total love bug! He would prefer to be the only animal in home. He can be pretty chatty when he feels like it & is always looking for a new person to make friends with! If Killian sounds like the guy for you, feel free to stop by the shelter to meet him!

Camano Animal Shelter Association (CASA):

360-387-1902. www.camanoanimalshelter.org

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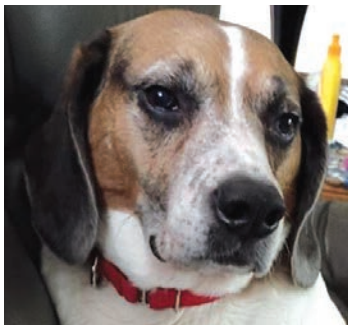
NOAH'S PET OF THE WEEK:

Hello! My name is **PRINCESS LEIA** and I am looking for a new FURever home! Could I be your girl? Come meet me today at The NOAH Center.

The N.O.A.H. Animal Adoption Center:

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

ROLAND is a gentleman who is dreaming of a home where he will be a treasured family member. Roland enjoys couch time with his foster parents. Roland has great house manners and is a wonderful companion. 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):

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View from the Bleachers



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WHY IT IS IMPORTANT ALWAYS TO PROOFREAD YOUR TEXTS BEFORE YOU PRESS SEND

Recently I created a bit of a panic with a buddy of mine who became deeply distraught over my wife's shocking passing – because I texted him that she had been killed. Let me explain. I use the text feature on my phone a lot. But I don't like typing, because it takes too long. So, I usually dictate my text using the voice recognition feature. Which brings me to the subject of my wife's death, which – and I can't stress this enough – never happened. She's fine. Honest. Throughout our marriage, we've always had cats. We had this one adorable calico kitty named Mischief. But I usually just called her Misha. I loved Misha deeply, which is why I was profoundly saddened to learn one day that she had escaped out the front door, ran off, was hit by a car and killed. The next day, I got a text from a buddy of mine named Frank, reminding me about our lunch plans. I texted him back and told him that I would have to pass on lunch. I was not up for it because, as I texted, "I'm feeling a little down today. Misha was killed last night." Only that was not how my dictation came through. The message Frank received was: "I'm feeling a little down today. Michele was killed last night."

"OMG I'm so sorry, man. How'd it happen?" Frank texted back in shock.

"She was hit by a car," I nonchalantly replied, unaware of the typo that changed Misha to Michele.

"A car? A car??? Did they catch the guy? Was he a drunk driver? Were you there when it happened?" a stunned Frank replied.

"No idea what happened or who the driver was. I was watching an episode of The Simpsons at the time," I wrote back.

"Tim, U okay? Do U want me to come over, buddy?" Frank inquired.

"That's okay. I have a busy day today. I need to go to Costco," I casually explained.

"Tim, buddy, are U sure U should be doing a Costco run after what just happened?"

"Well, I'm almost out of Twizzlers and granola bars, And I could use some more detergent," I clarified.

"Wow, I have to say, not sure I could handle this tragedy as calmly as U. Tim, I think maybe U R in shock," Frank probed.

"Nah, not really. To be honest, she was getting pretty old anyway. I figured she wasn't going to be around much longer," I wrote back.

"Seriously, dude? That seems a bit callous, pardon me for saying. She had a lot of good years left in her," Frank wrote back, now starting to freak out.

"Well maybe you're right. I don't know. I sure miss her," I sighed in response.

View from the Bleachers



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"I know this might be a bit premature to ask, but are U thinking about any sort of memorial service?" Frank asked, feeling uneasy about what to say next.

"Nah, I don't think so. I don't want to go to all that fuss. I've been through this a few times before."

"Tim, What are U saying????!! R U thinking clearly, my friend? How can I help?" Frank implored.

"Well, I was planning to bury her in the backyard. You don't happen to have a shovel, do you, Frank?" I asked.

"A SHOVEL??? Dude, U'R really not thinking clearly right now," Frank texted back, increasingly concerned about my mental state.

"I don't want to impose. I was going to get a shovel at Costco anyway," I calmly texted back.

"Enough about the shovel! Geez, Tim. I think I better come over. On my way," Frank wrote back frantically.

Then I texted back, "You know the saddest part about all of this, Frank?"

"I can't imagine. Tell me, buddy."

"Turns out she was pregnant. And I had repeatedly told my wife that we needed to get her neutered so that she would not get pregnant. But my wife never got around to doing it," I wrote with a bit of melancholy.

"Pregnant? Seriously? Oh My God! This keeps getting worse and worse. Tim, I had no idea your wife was pregnant," Frank wrote back in utter disbelief.

"What are you talking about, Frank? Michele's not pregnant."

"But you just wrote – wait, hold on. Michele's not pregnant? But you said she was killed in a car crash. You have me totally flipping out, buddy!" Frank wrote back in exasperation.








Eventually we both figured out how this dialogue went off the rails. I explained that it was our cat Misha, not my wife Michele, who had died.








I guess the lesson is to carefully re-read my texts before I press SEND. In fact, now I always check my texts BEFORE I press SEND. Well, most of the time, anyway. Well, I need to go. It's my turn to make dinner to-night. I just dictated the following text to my wife: "Sweetie, dinner will be ready at 6pm. It's your favorite: Barbequed Chicken."

My wife immediately fired back a snippy response: "What's wrong with you? Why in the world would you think my favorite meal is Barbequed Children?"

Uh, oh. I did it again....

TIDE TABLES / SARATOGA PASSAGE / APRIL 4 - 17, 2025

Date	High /Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Moon Visible
F 4	Low	4:30 AM	7.8	
4	High	9:06 AM	9.9	
4	Low	4:45 PM	-0.7	
Sa 5	High	12:57 AM	10.9	
5	Low	5:54 AM	7.9	
5	High	10:12 AM	9.0	
5	Low	5:50 PM	0.1	
Su 6	High	2:09 AM	10.9	
6	Low	7:46 AM	7.3	
6	High	11:38 AM	8.4	
6	Low	6:58 PM	0.7	
M 7	High	2:59 AM	11.0	
7	Low	9:00 AM	6.3	
7	High	1:17 PM	8.1	
7	Low	8:04 PM	1.2	
Tu 8	High	3:36 AM	11.1	
8	Low	9:41 AM	5.1	
8	High	2:44 PM	8.4	
8	Low	9:00 PM	1.6	
W 9	High	4:04 AM	11.1	
9	Low	10:13 AM	3.9	
9	High	3:48 PM	8.8	
9	Low	9:46 PM	2.2	
Th 10	High	4:27 AM	11.1	
10	Low	10:42 AM	2.8	
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Date	High /Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Moon Visible
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Sa 12	High	5:10 AM	10.9	
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M 14	Low	12:24 AM	4.9	
14	High	5:57 AM	10.5	
14	Low	12:41 PM	-0.1	
14	High	7:35 PM	10.9	
Tu 15	Low	1:02 AM	5.6	
15	High	6:22 AM	10.2	
15	Low	1:14 PM	-0.3	
15	High	8:17 PM	10.9	
W 16	Low	1:42 AM	6.3	
16	High	6:46 AM	9.9	
16	Low	1:49 PM	-0.3	
16	High	9:03 PM	10.7	
Th 17	Low	2:25 AM	7.0	
17	High	7:09 AM	9.5	
17	Low	2:27 PM	-0.2	
17	High	9:56 PM	10.5	



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