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

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DID YOU KNOW?

Vatican City is the smallest country in the world. It's 120 times smaller than the island of Manhattan.

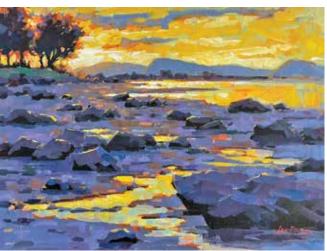
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

LEFTOVER TURNOVER IV

Disc Tournament at Kayak Point Disc Golf Resort. Join us the day after Thanksgiving for a 2-round PDGA-Sanctioned C-Tier tournament that includes one round of 18 on the Red Course followed by one round of 18 on the par 2 Pitch and Putt Course. A wide range of divisions will be available including mixed, women's, age protected, and juniors. Registration through Discgolfscene.com is required.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

CHRISTMAS ON CAMANO 2024



Sunnyshore Studio invites you to our annual Christmas show, this year titled "Christmas on Camano" featuring paintings by Ann Cory, Jack Dorsey, Jason Dorsey, Jackie Robinson, and Melanie Serroels. The show opens tonight with an opening reception from 7:00-9:00pm. Celebrate the Christmas/Holiday season singing Christmas carols to candlelight, a hot chocolate bar, and the unveiling of Jack Dorsey's 2024 Christmas Card painting. The show continues on Saturday, November 30 and Saturday, December 7 from 10am-4:00pm. Our family of artists looks forward to sharing this special seasons with you!



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FRIDAY-SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29-30

OPEN STUDIO SALE

at Windy Ridge Clay Studio. 9am-5pm at 1113 Lawson Road, Camano Island. Join us at Bob & Patt Causey's Windy Ridge Clay Studio to see how pottery bowls are made first hand! Warm up with a cup of hot tea or coffee as you explore a diverse section of handmade cups, mugs, bowls, and vases available for purchase. Our quality pieces are crafted to suit a variety of tastes. Dress warmly and bring a friend.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

WALRUS

The Conway Muse welcomes back Walrus (classic rock) at 8 pm. Tickets \$ 13 Advanced \$15 Day of Show.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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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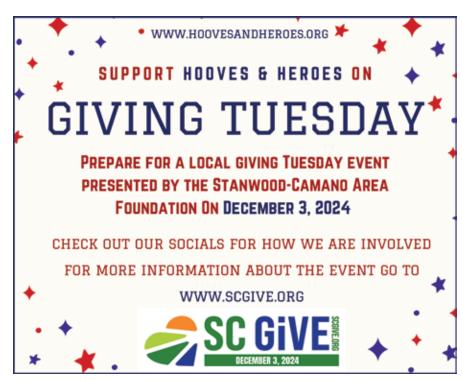
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30
HOLIDAY MARKET IN THE BARN



Get into the holiday spirit with many local vendors and artists offering unique handcrafted items. This festive event will feature a curated selection of local vendors, talented artists, farm tours in the unimog, and Santa! You're sure to find something special. Don't miss this chance to support local makers and enjoy the charm of the barn this holiday season! 10am-4pm at Kristoferson Farm, 332 N East Camano Drive.



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It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas!

Research Shows Good Brain Health is Connected to Better Hearing

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

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DID YOU KNOW?

In the course of an average lifetime, while sleeping you could eat around 70 different insects and 10 spiders, or more. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

35TH ANNUAL SMALL WORKS SHOW, "HONEY, I SHRUNK THE ART"

Opens today, 11:00 to 7:00. Open to the public, Reception Party starting at 4:30. The show continues through Jan.26th. (40 artists with multiple artworks). Matzke Fine Art Gallery and Sculpture Park, 2345 Blanche Way, Camano Island. 360-387-2759. matzke@camano.net.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

CAMANO CITY SCHOOLHOUSE LIGHTING – THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS



6-8 pm. Free, Help us FLIP THE BIG SWITCH as we illuminate the historic 1906 Camano City Schoolhouse and the HUGE official schoolhouse Christmas tree with THOUSANDS OF LIGHTS! Bundle up the family and enjoy hot chocolate, hot cider and holiday treats! Get your photo taken next to our 1935 Christmas fire truck. Experience the Moose Creek Logging Company's 1930 award winning model railroad! ARRIVE EARLY and follow signs to park nearby at Camano Chapel (867 S W Camano Dr.), where you will board our FREE SHUTTLE to the Schoolhouse! The Historic 1906 Schoolhouse will be illuminated every evening thru the New Year. The Camano City Schoolhouse is located at 993 Orchid Road, Camano Island. Photo by James Shipley.









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NEW FAMILY PROGRAM. ALL CLIENTS ARE ASSIGNED A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE FOR CARE.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 PICTURES WITH SANTA



11-2pm. This is a free event, giving kids the chance to let santa know their biggest wishes for the holiday. There is a "Letters to Santa" drop off as well. We will be accepting food bank donations at the event! This will be held in The Loft at Camano Commons Marketplace.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

TRASH PICK UP



Here we are again - us old folks needing help! The Baha'is of Camano Island will be doing Hwy 532 Trash pick up Saturday November 30. at 1 pm. We pick up from cascade Lumber to the Bridge. We're keeping Camano clean!

DID YOU KNOW?

It would take 19 minutes to fall to the center of the Earth.





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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

HOLIDAY MEET & GREET & VENDOR MARKET



10am-4pm at Stillaguamish Grange at the Fairgrounds. Santa and Mrs Claus make an appearance from 11am-1pm. Vendors, raffle drawings, food, and beverages.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

COFFEE WITH A COP

Noon-2pm at Mustard Seed, 8620 271st St., Stanwood.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Girls Basketball vs Sedro-Woolley. C Team & JV: 5:30pm. Varsity: 7:15pm.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

NAUGHTY BINGO

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

TEEN RECHARGE & CHILL: SCULPTING, JEWELRY, AND PINMAKING

3:00 - 5:00 PM at the Stanwood Library. (Teens & Tweens). Stop by to unwind, get creative, and take home something awesome! This week, we're diving into making custom bottle cap magnets or pendants, sculpting with clay, and designing unique pins. We've got all the materials you'll need - just bring yourself and your good vibes. Bring a friend, meet new people, or just hang out on your own. We'll have snacks, plenty of space to hang out, and the perfect vibe to relax and create. This laid-back, drop-in program is for teens and tweens ages 9 to 18 who want a space to chill and make something cool. Best part? You get to keep everything you make! No registration required—just drop in anytime between 3:00 and 5:00 pm, recharge, and enjoy free snacks. It's a win-win!

DID YOU KNOW?

An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain. This could be why the birds often run round in circles when trying to escape predators despite their fast running speed.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 TSUNAMIS IN THE SALISH SEA



5pm at the Stanwood Library. Learn about the geologic evidence for past tsunamis in the Salish Sea, and how this evidence can help us prepare for future tsunamis. The tidal marsh at Discovery Bay, on the Strait of Juan de Fuca, has the longest record of tsunami deposits in Washington. This sequence of at least 10 local tsunamis over the last 3,000 years helps us to understand both the variety of tsunami sources and how often they occur. We will look at the latest tsunami hazard maps published by the Washington Geological Survey and discuss ways to be prepared for the next tsunami. Registration appreciated.



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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 **SC GIVE 2024**



"Let's Do This Together!" SC Give is the local "Giving Tuesday" event for the Stanwood Camano community, 24 Projects, 24 Hours. It is a 24-hour online giving event to celebrate and support giving and local philanthropy. Starting at 12am, Stanwood and Camano Island residents unite for 24 straight hours to give to a variety of projects that provide basic needs and enhance the quality of life in our community, www.scgive.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Night's Watch cloaks in Game of Thrones were made from Ikea rugs. The show bought the rugs, shaved them down and then dyed them to make the cloaks.

TUESDAY-THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3-5

SANTA AT FREEDOM PARK



Santa returns again this year to support Freedom Park! 3-7pm. Located inside Camano Windermere. Professional Santa, photographer and setting for pictures that will last a lifetime (or take a photo with your cell phone). Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies after you visit Santa! Donations are appreciated!





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People used to say "prunes" instead of "cheese" when getting their pictures taken. In the 1840s, a cheesy grin was seen as childish, so a London photographer told people to say "prunes" to keep their mouths tight.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

LEGO® AFTERNOON

4pm at the Stanwood Library. Stop by for an afternoon of LEGO®! Build alone or with friends -- we'll provide everything you need.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4-6

VINTAGE CHRISTMAS POP-UP SHOPPE!!



(additional dates – December 9-14) 10am-6pm daily at The Historic Lady Florence - 24124 Marine Dr. Stanwood. Come shop to your hearts delight all of our vintage, handmade and locally sourced home goods, furniture, clothing, stemware and more! With the whole first floor of the Historic Lady open for you to browse you are sure to find one or more perfect gifts for everyone in your circle. Warm cookies and hot cider served daily! More info: amylucille.c21@me.com

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

ROBBIE DEE'S TRIBUTE TO ELVIS WITH THE GRACELAND STATION BAND

7:30pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282, Camano Island (at the Plaza). Seattle Elvis Impersonator/Tribute Artist Robbie Dee is known for his powerful vocal renditions of Elvis' hits and his charming smile. Robbie enjoys and performs songs from Elvis' entire career, including his early years (1950s), movie years (1960s), Comeback Special (1968), and Vegas years (1970s).

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Varsity Boys Swimming vs Monroe. 3pm at Stanwood YMCA. Boys Basketball vs Archishop Murphy. C Team & JV: 5:30pm. Varsity: 7:15pm.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

STEWART WOODS - FRIDAYS IN THE SPEAKEASY

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Dolphins have names for one another. According to National Geographic, dolphins use a unique whistle to distinguish between different members in their pod. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

MARY ELLEN LYKINS & THE CC ADAMS BAND

7:30pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282 at Camano Plaza. The band's roots are in the Blues with R&B and tasty Rock mixed in for flavor. Thwarting the conventional, the band thrives on unique arrangements. Dancin' Music!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

BEACH 1 GALLERY ARTISTS RECEPTION FOR PAUL ELKINS



5-7pm. I really enjoy the richness and vibrance of soft chalk, and the challenges of discovering new techniques that better help me convey some of the wonders of nature I'm witnessing. His art will be displayed and for sale the entire month of December. The Gallery is open 7 days a week. We will be serving pop, wine, bottled water and bags of chips for the reception. 1243 Beach Drive, Camano Island.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

COOKIE DECORATING & COCOA BAR



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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING AT THE COMMONS



Stop by for hot chocolate and say hi to Mr and Mrs. Claus at 4:30. Listen to the Stanwood High School choir sing carols and embrace the holiday Joy as we light the Tree at 5pm! Festivities start at 4pm. Tree lighting begins at 5pm.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

WINTER MOVIE NIGHT

6pm at Elger Bay Elementary. Bring the whole family to the movies at Elger Bay Elementary.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 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 \$150 and \$250 blackout jackpots!" Doors open at 4:30 P.M. and Bingo starts at 6pm. Snacks and beverages available.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

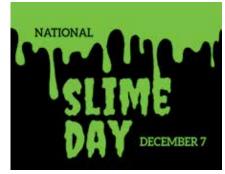
AKTION CLUB'S E-CYCLE

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Blue whale tongues can weigh as much as an elephant.





SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS AT THE FLOYD



The 23nd annual Old-Fashioned Christmas at the Floyd is a free event. Bring your children or grandchildren to celebrate the season. There will be free photos with Santa, children's gift bags, and holiday crafts. Cookies, Coffee, and Cocoa will be provided.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 FOCIP ANNUAL HOSTED WINTER WALK



ELGER BAY PRESERVE. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at the Elger Bay Elementary School parking lot. This is a fairly level trail with one 50 ft gain toward the middle of the walk. This beautifully signed Nature Trail section and a side trip to the beaver marsh platform are highlights of the walk. The walk is 2.5 miles round trip.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

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, DECEMBER 7

HOLIDAY PICTURES WITH KRAMPUS

at Stanwood Tattoo Company. Join us before Light Up Your Holidays on 12/7/24 from noon until 3pm on the old brick road for holiday pictures with Krampus for all ages..... plus shopping, free kids temporary tattoos, hot cider at Brick Road Antiques, holiday karaoke at Beauty Bar and free kids books at Wit's End Books.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

at the Ashram. Visit for our annual December open house and 12th anniversary of the farm. Food, drinks, a warm fire, and a fully stocked farm store and ashram mercantile for Holiday shopping. 12-3pm. Farmers singing Christmas cheer starting at 3pm. 732 Haven Pl.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

LIGHT UP YOUR HOLIDAYS



The most anticipated event of the holiday season is returning! Join family, friends and neighbors downtown for Stanwood's annual tree lighting and holiday celebration. Watch the magic of the season come alive with holiday shopping, music, live performances, falling snow, arts, food trucks, local bites, selfies with Santa and a holiday food drive. 3-7 p.m. Tree Lighting at 5:30 p.m. 8727 271st Street NW, Stanwood. More info: https://stanwoodwa.org/610/Light-Up-Your-Holidays

DID YOU KNOW?

There are more than 1,000 types of bananas growing in the world. These can then be divided into 50 categories.





SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 CHRISTMAS HIGH TEA



2-4pm at Lincoln Hill Retirement Community, 7430 276th St NW, Stanwood. Join us for a marvelous array of sumptuous treats and a variety of teas, while our special; guest, Debbie Dimitre, presents "The Other Wisemen" by Henry Dyke. \$30 per person. 360-629-7403 x 115.

DID YOU KNOW?

There's an ant species unique to New York City. Called ManhattAnts, biologists found them in a specific 14-block strip of the city. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Varsity Girls Wrestling vs Arlington. 10am.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

THE SLAPDASH PUPPET COMPANY PRESENTS: WELCOME TO THE JINGLE!

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the Stanwood Library. Join us in welcoming professional puppeteers Phil and Ken. These talented entertainers will bring festive stories to life with colorful characters and enchanting tales. This entertaining variety show will be the perfect way to get kids into the holiday spirit! These one-hour performances will be held at 11:00am and 2:00 pm. Please register for only one session. Registration required: https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/events/67218a9a083abe2f00c8625f



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

WINTER FESTIVAL AT ARROWHEAD RANCH



A magical day at Arrowhead Ranch, 615 Arrowhead Rd, Camano, from 11:00am – 4:00pm. Admission is FREE! From cozy winter accessories and unique home décor to one-of-a-kind gifts, this market showcases the best our community has to offer. Whether you're looking for the perfect holiday present or just want to browse some beautiful handmade goods, you'll find treasures at every booth. Support local talent, discover hidden gems, and get into the holiday vibe with plenty of seasonal cheer. Afternoon With Santa | 12:00pm – 3:00pm. The kiddos will love crafting, face painting, and balloon animals, plus they'll get to step inside a life-size snow globe! Indulge in cookies and hot cocoa, meet Ruby the live reindeer, and of course, get your wish list ready for SANTA himself!

DID YOU KNOW?

The letter 'E' is the most popular letter in the alphabet. 'Z' is the least popular.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

JOMAMMA

7:30pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282 at the Camano Plaza. Bluesy country soulful rock.



DID YOU KNOW?

The shortest commercial flight in the world is in Scotland. Regional airline Loganair flies between the islands Westray and Papa Westray. The journey is just 1.7 miles and takes 90 seconds.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

CIMW'S CHRISTMAS RAMPANT 2024

4:15pm-8:15pm at Camano Island Library. This event is open to all. No need to know the rules, they are easy and can be taught as we play. Just bring an army, D6s, and a tape measure. BYOA - Bring Your Own Army. The rules are miniature agnostic, use whatever models you have the fit the holiday theme. From Lego soldiers and armies of undead to murderous gingerbread men and gang-lord Santa, use your imagination! We will use Dragon Rampant rules (Fantasy), and be playing with 24 points. If you arrive early we can work out the particulars of your army. Best thing to do is bring what you have and we will work it out! Be creative and thematic! It will be December, so anything holiday related. Feel free to dress up yourself and get into the spirit of the season!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

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.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

CHRISTMAS SOUP & BREAD SUPPER



4pm at Utsalady Ladies Aid. Complimentary bowl of homemade soup with hot rolls and our famous bread pudding with bourbon sauce & whipped cream. We also have a little Christmas program and Santa Claus makes a surprise visit.

DID YOU KNOW?

Hazelnuts are the official state nut of Oregon.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

FAMILY EVENT COCOA, CRAFTS, AND SANTA PHOTOS

11am-1pm at Stanwood YMCA.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

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-SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9-14

VINTAGE CHRISTMAS POP-UP SHOPPE!!

10am-6pm daily at The Historic Lady Florence - 24124 Marine Dr. Stanwood. Come shop to your hearts delight all of our vintage, handmade and locally sourced home goods, furniture, clothing, stemware and more! With the whole first floor of the Historic Lady open for you to browse you are sure to find one or more perfect gifts for everyone in your circle. Warm cookies and hot cider served daily! More info: amylucille.c21@me.com

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

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. Ouestions? Call 360-770-7261.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

3D PRINT & PAINT

3-5pm at the Stanwood Library. Join us for a relaxing afternoon of painting 3D-printed models at the library! With our brand-new 3D printer, we'll have a variety of fun figures for you to paint, including creatures, useful items like pencil holders, and festive holiday-themed pieces. This is the perfect opportunity to make a unique gift for the upcoming holiday season! Each participant will get to take home at least one painted item. Figures will be made ahead of time, but we'll have some more being printed while you paint so you can check our the new machine and learn how it works. We're looking forward to more awesome 3D printing programs in the future, so keep an eye out for upcoming events where you can learn how to make your own designs!





TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

3RD ANNUAL SCAAC - OPEN HOUSE

5:30-7:30 at The Floyd Norgaard Center, Stanwood. Our 3rd Annual Holiday Open House. This year, we're celebrating "The Art of Giving". At tables throughout the Floyd, you'll have the opportunity to make small gifts for family and friends. We'll have an exhibit of artwork created by SCAAC students throughout the year, and provide updates on initiatives – including the Meyer Art Center! As in years past, come when you can, grab a drink & stay a while! It's a free-flowing event so you can explore on your own time. Free to attend. www.scaacwa.org.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

SILVER CITY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Event by Rockaway Bar & Grill. 5pm at 326 NE Camano Drive, Camano Island. Join us for some fun, prizes, and beers!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

HOLIDAY MINI MARKET



4:30pm-8pm. Shop gifts for pets and pet lovers at the CASA Holiday Mini Market. Located in the Camano Island Multipurpose Center (next to CASA). All proceeds directly benefit the animals and programs of The Camano Animal Shelter Association.

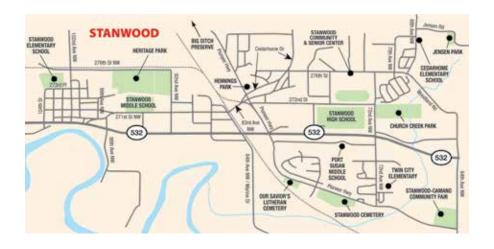
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

CAMANO ISLAND LIBRARY FRIENDS WINTER SOCIAL

You've invited! Please join the Camano Island Library Friends for a Holiday Social at 3:00 p.m. at the Camano Island Library, 848 N. Sunset Blvd. There will be a short business meeting. We will preview our Book Club Tea scheduled for February 18th at the Camano Center. If your book club on Camano Island has not received an invitation to this event, please contact Ann at bamased?@outlook.com and provide your book club name, leader and contact information. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event! The afternoon finishes up with a Holiday Social Hour, refreshments and time to connect with library lovers. All are welcome.

DID YOU KNOW?

Pigs can't look up into the sky. The anatomy of their spine and neck muscles limits their movement and restricts their head from being able to look upwards.









Korner Korner

DID YOU KNOW?

The iCarly high school set was also used for Saved by the Bell and That's So Raven.

SANTA ADVENT CALENDAR

The kids will love helping Santa's beard grow with fluffy cotton balls. By the 25th he will have the full beard!



To make: Cut Santa's face from white craft paper. Add texture with colored pencil. Cut pink cheeks, eyes, and nose from construction paper; glue to the face. Cut the hat from red and white craft paper; glue to the face. Glue a large cotton ball at the point of the hat. Cut a long beard shape from white craft paper. Write the dates of the month leading up to Christmas on the beard. Hang the calendar and set a bowl of cotton balls and a bottle of glue nearby.



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CAMANO CITY SCHOOLHOUSE & HOLIDAY LIGHTING NW

Present

The Wonder of Christmas Holiday Lighting
On THANKSGIVING WEEKEND
SATURDAY, NOV 30TH AT 6:00PM

Help us FLIPTHE BIG SWITCH as we illuminate the historic 1906 Camano City Schoolhouse and the HUGE Official Schoolhouse Christmas Tree with THOUSANDS OF LIGHTS!

Bundle up the family and enjoy hot chocolate, hot cider and Holiday Treats!

Get your photo taken next to our 1935 Christmas Fire Truck. Experience the

Moose Creek Logging Company's 1930 award winning model railroad!



THE HISTORIC 1906 SCHOOLHOUSE WILL BE ILLUMINATED EVERY EVENING THRU THE NEW YEARS
THE CAMANO CITY SCHOOLHOUSE IS LOCATED AT 993 ORCHID ROAD, CAMANO ISLAND, WA
WWW.CAMANOSCHOOLHOUSE.ORG

ARRIVE EARLY and follow signs to park nearby at Camano Chapel, where you will board our FREE SHUTTLE to the Schoolhouse!

Thank you to Camano Chapel for providing parking. Thank you should be shou

Thank you to our spensors for bringing this RMA27NG annual Holiday Tradition to our community for everyone to enjoy!





















REAL ESTATE



WATERFRONT

\$2,950,000

Iconic Camano property with panoramic views of Utsalady and dazzling sunsets, timeless coastal architecture, luxury and fine details. #2302502



ROCKY POINT

\$699,000

Charming, level-entry 2023 Camano rambler with peek-a-boo water views, sunsets, wonderful floor plan, fenced backyard, tranquil setting. #2309808



LAKE KETCHUM

\$625,000

Wonderful 4-bedroom Stanwood home on a shy half-acre lot ready to move-in to, RV/boat parking, work shed and close to the lake. #2310744



WATERFRONT

\$2,395,000

Gorgeous Camano estate in a gated community with an exceptionally appointed interior, fabulous beach below and lush landscaping. #2311468



ONAMAC

\$799,000

Beautiful new single-level Camano home has exquisite finishes and is turn-key plus exclusive beach including picnic/camping/boating. #2291633



MARYSVILLE

\$560,000

Three-bedroom rambler on the north end of town with a level, fully fenced backyard, shop and shed plus lots of new updates. #2304336

STANWOOD

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CAMANO ISLAND 818 N. Sunrise Blvd. 360 387 4663

Visit WindermereStanwoodCamano.com for more information

Windermere Real Estate/CIR

Artist of the Week

RANDY'S TREES TO TREASURES



"Hi Everyone, My name is Randy Pedersen and I am a hobbyist woodworker on Camano Island. Most of my projects started out as logs I have cut on my sawmill. On Friday 11/29 (Black Friday) I am going to open up my gift store (Randy's Trees to Treasures) again for just for 1 day between 9AM and 4 PM. I will have many hand-made items (including a 1930s sled I have rebuilt) along with rough lumber I have milled for sale. Come by and see what I have or just to see where I do my work and to talk about wood.

770 Hawthorne Lane, Camano Island. Email divingwa@yahoo.com.

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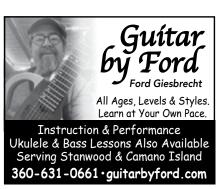
Email us info or a bio about your business and yourself and we will feature this page to you... and it's all FREE!

THE WOODSHOP AT THE OPEN GATE FARM



Keeping it simple...The Woodshop at The Open Gate Farm on Camano Island has been building beautiful, inexpensive caskets since 2020. Whether traditional, with hinges and metal parts and stains, or "green", with just pegs, hide glue, and local wood, our hand-crafted caskets have met the needs of dozens of families. Whether for sudden situations or pre-need, the simplicity of their designs respects the values we all cherish. The most popular option has been the bookshelf option. Use the casket for your books and when the need arises, take out the books and shelves and it's ready! Kids caskets are free. Having lost a young child of our own years ago, we understand the stresses on families when a child dies. From conception on, just ask, and it's available at no cost to the family. With all of them, the purchasers are welcome to come to the shop and help finish the casket. We're here on Camano, just a phone call away...425-330-0433. Call when it's convenient...whether a casket for some other project!

Jon and Elaine Stevens 269 Russell Road, Camano Island, WA 98282 425-330-0433





Become a Dementia Friend

Free 60-Minute Information Session - All are welcome















Join us for a Dementia Friend Information Session at the

Camano Center

606 Arrowhead Road Wednesday, December 4th 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. RSVP to 360-387-0222

Receive information about:

- Dementia and the most common type
- 5 key messages to know
- Communication tips and strategies
- Ways to take action
- Resources and support







SATURDAY POP-UP VENDORS

at the Gift shop at Camano Commons Marketplace. 10-4pm. December 7th- MW Designs- art. December 14th- Cokey's Cottage- 3D print toys. December 21st- Fleurish Jewelry.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE FOR NON-PROFIT LEADERS

Stop in for yummy treats and holiday cheer! Nonprofit Leaders, please join SCAF for a Holiday Open House on December 11 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Julie Vess, outreach@s-caf.org.

CAMANO FIRE'S ANNUAL SANTA RUN



December 9-12. Santa starts his rounds at 6 p.m. each night and wraps up around 7:30 p.m. We will publish a special Santa Tracker link each night so you can follow Santa's progress. Is Santa coming to your neighborhood? Check out our 2024 Santa Run Route Map on Google Maps to see if we're coming to your street. What is the Santa Run? If this is your first holiday on the island, you're in for a treat. Santa and his elves visit two to three neighborhoods each night. Santa's sleigh is towed by a brightly decorated fire engine. Santa's elves walk and ride along collecting food and gift card donations for the annual Camano Fire Food & Gift Card drive and handing out candy canes and other sweet treats.

DID YOU KNOW?

A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out. They have a membrane that holds their tongue in place





SNOHOMISH COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT 19 SANTA RUN AND FOOD DRIVE



Silvana fire district firefighters will be assisting Santa Claus this year as he makes his way through the Greater Silvana commenty, sharing Christmas cheer and holiday joy. Santa will be handing out candy canes as he rides his Christmas lighted hovercraft. Dates: December 20-22. To see full schedule, go to www.firedistrict19.com or call 360-652-8277.

DID YOU KNOW?

Walt Disney has won the most Academy Awards.

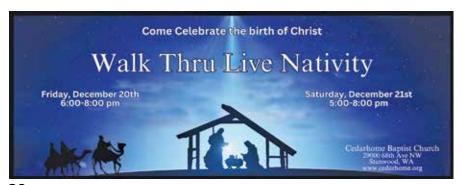
> He's earned 26 of them, actually.

NORTH COUNTY SANTA RUN FOOD DRIVE

Monday - Thursday, Routes begin at 5:30 pm. Friday - Sunday, Routes begin at 5:00 pm. LOCAL ROUTES: Sat 12/14 - ARLINGTON / BRYANT - Kackman Estates; Meadow Ridge. Sun 12/15 - WARM BEACH - Kayak Estates; Warm Beach; Soundview. Mon 12/16 - STANWOOD - North/East - Cedarhome. Tue 12/17 - STANWOOD - South/West - Church Creek; Fox Hill; Downtown; North/East - Chandler Reserve.

HOLIDAY HOUSE

Stanwood Camano Food Bank is offering brand new toys to children ages 0-18 from December 4th through December 21st. Holiday House is available to families who reside in the zip codes of Stanwood & Camano Island. For questions, please contact the Food Bank via email at scfoodbank@scfbs.org or by phone at (360) 629-2789.



DID YOU KNOW?

The longest concert to have ever happened lasted 453 hours.

SHS TEXTILE DRIVE

benefiting SHS Booster Club Grad Night 2025. Accepting clothes and textiles at Haggen parking lot. December 6 (6-8pm) and December 21 (1-2pm).

SCARC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 19. In place of our Club's Regular Meeting each December, we host our annual Christmas party. Presentations include the year in review. There will probably be an interactive game. Perhaps a raffle. Please join us for a fun, entertaining and informative evening! This year's party will be held at Stanwood United Methodist Church. Festivities should begin around 5:00PM with the dinner starting about 6:30. This party is open to all SCARC members, families and guests. Bring them all! Visiting Amateur Radio Operators are also invited, as well as any ARRL Officials and BEARON's Members. This is a POTLUCK EVENT with no restrictions on what you should contribute. Whatever dish or dessert is your favorite will be welcome! SCARC will supply ham as the main dish as well as the Christmas Punch, coffee and tea. Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable donation for the food bank. SCARC requests attendees to RSVP. Please include the number of guests which you plan to bring. Contact us at W7PIG@yahoo.com with your RSVP or for more information. We hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS HOUSE

Christmas House is a 100% volunteer, non-profit organization in Everett, that provides an opportunity for qualifying, low-income, Snohomish County parents to select free holiday gifts for their children age infant-18. Christmas House was founded in 1981 by Roy Fraser in his garage. Roy had heard of children in Snohomish County who had not received anything for the prior Christmas and was determined to change that. He established the first annual Christmas House and stocked it primarily with used toys and handmade items, which they refurbished and gave away to families in need. They served more than 100 children the first year. Unfortunately, Roy did not live to see the second Christmas House, but his memory lives on. The general format of how Christmas House functions has not changed over the years, just the number of families and individual children who benefit from his dream over four decades ago. https://christmas-house.org/



WSU Snohomish County Master Gardener Foundation presents the 22nd Annual Sustainable Gardening

2025 Winter Speaker Series

All are invited to attend!

\$85 for the series or \$20 per single session Fridays, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

New Venue!!

Everett Station Weyerhaeuser Rm, 4th floor 3201 Smith Avenue Everett, WA 98201

(free parking at train station)

For more information, registration and payment options, www.gardenlectures.com Questions? Call Snohomish County

Questions? Call Snohomish County WSU Extension Office Monday-Friday, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at 425-357-6010

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

January 17 | Richie Steffen "Gardening with Early Ephemerals"

January 31 | Laura Watson "Layering for a Dynamic and Beautiful Garden, and Vines"

February 7 | Far Reaches "Growing and Conserving New and Rare Ornamentals"

February 14 | Lore Sampson "Rediscovering Peonies"

March 7 | Candy Brown "Gardens for Birds"

March 14 | Mark Turner "Wildflower Photography"

March 28 | Dee Montpetit "Garden Journeys: Before and After Transformations"

April 4 | Linda Chalker- Scott "Myths and Gardening Folklore"





WSU Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office. Persons with disabilities who require alreamative means for communication or program information or reasonable accommodation need to contact May Watts at 6705 Puget Park Dr, Sonbombis WA 8926-64 2-537-600, may workstlessing up least two weeks prior to the event



DID YOU KNOW?

British military tanks were designed in a way so that they could make tea.

If the military crew need any hot boiling water, there's a built-in boiling vessel to make coffee or tea.

LOCAL CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS (UPDATED 2024)



- Fish Creek Tree Farm 18420 3rd Ave NE, Arlington (East of Lake Ki). 360-652-9030. Open 10 am until dusk.
- Holiday Forest Christmas trees-you choose and you cut, Christmas wreaths, Christmas boughs, trees baled, saws provided, winter wagon rides, snacks and refreshment stand. 3125 280th Street NW, Stanwood, 360-629-9097. Email: holidayforest@frontier.com.
- Muskrat Flats Tree Farm 501 Pioneer Hwy E (just east of Silvana). 360-652-9184. Cash & personal checks only. \$80 any size.
- *The Tree Farm* Local Family owned U-Cut Christmas Tree Farm and wreaths. Cash or Check only. 3011 268th St NW, Stanwood, (425) 244-7179.
- *Triple C Farms* Christmas trees- pre-cut or you choose and you cut, saws are provided. 27314 36th Avenue N.W., Stanwood, 425-245-2133. Noble Fir, Douglas Fir, Grand Fir, Fraser.

GIVING TREE

We believe Christmas should be full of love, joy, and holiday happiness. So, to help sprinkle a little Christmas Cheer, Wine by the Bays will be hosting a giving tree for the seniors at Josephine Sunset Home. If you are looking to help spread some joy of your own please stop in to grab a personalized wish list card for a senior, (you will also return it to us here as we will want to be sure all seniors receive their wish item.) Cards will be ready for pick up starting Dec 4th.

GREETINGS FROM THE NORTH POLE POST OFFICE

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

DID YOU KNOW?

Minnie Mouse first appeared in the 1928 animated short film Steamboat Willie. Her bow is said to represent true friendship.

SANTA WISHES AND SANTA LETTERS



Santa mail wanted, Young and Old. Preview Properties NW in Stanwood welcome your Santa letters and wish list as well as nominations for families in need of a little help from Santa. Mail Box located at 10123 270th St NW Stanwood. If your child would like a letter back from Santa please include a self addressed envelope. For any further information call 360-629-3400 ask for Sue or Danica Head Elfs Or email THENORTHPOLEMAILBOX@GMAIL.COM

COASTAL COMMUNITY BANK AWARDS GRANTS TO EIGHT NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Coastal Financial Corporation (Nasdaq: CCB), the bank holding company for Coastal Community Bank, has awarded eight local nonprofits a total of \$586,500 in grants from the FHLB Des Moines Member Impact Fund: * Compass Health * Providence General Foundation * Cocoon House * Workforce Snohomish * Arlington Community Food Bank * Seattle Chinatown International District Preservation & Development Association * Boys & Girls Club of Snohomish County * Community Foundation of Snohomish County. "We are grateful for the support of the FHLB Des Moines Member Impact Fund. This partnership extends the support from Coastal to these important organizations and allows them to serve more people and have a greater impact in the community," said Curt Queyrouze, Coastal Community Bank President.





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DID YOU KNOW?

There is a fruit that tastes like chocolate pudding.

Black sapote, native to Central and South America, tastes like chocolate and sweet custard.

LOST FOOD DUE TO A POWER OUTAGE?

With the winter weather moving in, we wanted to pass along this information for our neighbors that may use basic food assistance program through the Department of Social and Health Services. If you lose food purchased with your basic food benefits due to a power outage, flood, or other natural disasters, DSHS may be able to replace the value of your lost food! It's part of our commitment to support you during challenging times. WITHIN 10 DAYS OF THE LOSS: To see if you qualify, contact the DSHS Customer Service Center at 877-501-2233 or visit your local Community Services Office. DSHS will work with local authorities to verify the details, and if confirmed, we can replace your benefits up to your monthly allotment on your EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) card. Stay safe and prepared during winter weather and remember that we're here to help. Food Safety tips after a power outage: https://www.foodsafety.gov/food-safety-charts/food-safety-during-power-outage/

HOLIDAY LIGHTS AND ELECTRICAL CORDS RECYCLING

Recycle your old or damaged holiday lights, computer cables, and electric cords including phone charger cables. WSU Waste Wise Program volunteers will ensure that they are properly recycled, allowing the materials to be remade into new products and keeping them out of the landfill. Collection Dates: Friday, November 29, 2024 - Friday, January 31, 2025. Location: Camano Solid Waste Dropbox and Recycle Park, 75 E Camano Hill Rd. Hours: Daily: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM. This special collection is supported by Waste Wise program of WSU Island County Extension. Questions? Contact Waste Wise at 360-639-6060.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS BY OUR FIREFIGHTERS

Stop by any of our staffed fire stations and a firefighter will be glad to check your blood pressure for free. Station 97 -Warm Beach - 19727 Marine Drive, Stanwood. Station 99 - 8117 267th Street NW, Stanwood.

STATE PARK FREE DAY

November 29. Camano Island is home to some of the most beautiful state parks in Washington. Usually, a Discover Pass is required for entry, but today is "Autumn Day", a free day where it costs nothing to visit each of our state parks.

THE WINNERS OF THE 27TH ANNUAL CHILI AND CHOWDER COOK-OFF ARE:

Best Chili: tie for 1st Place: @puresmokenw and Roaming Buffalo. 2nd Place: Windermere Stanwood Camano. 3rd Place: Tapped Public House. Best Chowder: 1st Place: SuperKim Crab House. 2nd Place: Hidden Vine Bistro and Wine Bar. tie for 3rd Place: Camano Center and Rockaway Bar & Grill / Blue Heron Kitchen & Bar. Best Booth Congeniality: 1st Place: @windermerestanwoodcamano. 2nd Place: Berg Construction, LLC. 3rd Place: Roaming Buffalo. Congratulations to everyone! What a great event. Thank you to our Title Sponsor Seaside Services and all those who make this event happen!





DID YOU KNOW?

The fear of other people's opinions is called allodoxaphobia

STANWOOD CAMANO LITTLE LEAGUE WINTER SOFTBALL CLINIC

12/02/24-2/27/25. Every Monday and Thursday, 6-7:30pm. \$15 per session. Hitting - fielding – pitching – catching. More info: www.stanwoodcamanoll.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.

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.

HOOVES AND HEROES COFFEE BREAK

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

LIVE ONLINE TUTORING HELP AVAILABLE!!!

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

COMMUNITY OPEN SEW

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





DID YOU KNOW?

In 2014, there was a Tinder match in Antarctica. Two research scientists matched on the global dating app in the most remote part of the world - a man working at the United States Antarctic McMurdo Station and a woman camping a 45-minute helicopter ride away.

BASKETBALL FREE PLAY FOR THE COMMUNITY

Every Friday at 795 Ell Rd., Camano. "Note: it is at an LDS church and I am a missionary, but we are here to play basketball. It is indoors and it's not quite a full size court, but it's good enough to have fun. All are welcome.

ADULT FUTSAL

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

BREWCADE WEEKLY 3 STRIKE TOURNAMENT

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

CO-ED ULTIMATE FRISBEE

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

CITY OF STANWOOD TAKES ADDITIONAL FLOOD CONTROL MEASURES

City Council has approved the construction of a deployable flood gate near the 532 Overpass on Marine Drive, a vital step in enhancing flood protection for downtown Stanwood. Construction will begin in early November, with completion anticipated by early 2025. The project involves building a concrete structure beneath Marine Drive that metal gates can be slid into when flooding happens to prevent water from breaching Stanwood. In previous years, staff and community volunteers have sandbagged this section of road, known as "Fort Freberg," which is time and labor intensive. Having a deployable flood gate, similar to those constructed in Mount Vernon, will make response times faster and more efficient. This work marks one of two project phases. The second phase will involve constructing a second set of flood gates along the railroad tracks. The city is working closely with BNSF on the second phase of this project. "My commitment to you as Mayor is to do all we can to prevent flooding," Mayor Roberts. "The flood gate project is another measure we are taking to keep our city safe." In 2021, the City of Stanwood constructed the flood berm that runs along Highway 532. The flood berm has already proven effective at preventing water from spilling over the highway as a result of flooding from the Stillaguamish River. The total project cost for the Marine Drive Flood Control Project is anticipated to be \$432,606. The City of Stanwood also has plans to repair the failing dike that sits west of downtown Stanwood, just before the Stanwood Camano Bridge. The 100-year-old dike built by farmers in the late 1800s separates Stanwood from the Puget Sound. Staff have managed to raise over \$8 million in grant funding to make the Dike Repair Project possible and are working in collaboration with the Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, Snohomish County and other regional partners to see this crucial work through.

LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS 2024



SELECT NIGHTS 11/29-12/29. (Requires advanced admission purchasing. Guests will be asked to select a date and time at checkout and will be asked to show your admission ticket printed or on your phone.). This innovative event for people of all ages includes over one million lights in dazzling displays, creative activities, and so much more! Listen to fun Christmas music while you comfortably drive-thru in your car. This year we have two Activity Stops, Joyland and Santa Village, for a park-and-get-out experience! Each Activity Stop features different options of fun to enjoy together. \$40 per vehicle. Tickets and info at https://www.thelightsofchristmas.com/

MEDICARE QUESTIONS?

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(425) 361-2944 TTY:711 M-F 9:00am – 3:00pm 10320-SR 532 Stanwood, WA 98292 WAOIC # 782423 www.vidorassociates.com

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Seven-point buck. Photo by Suzanne Wilson.

DID YOU KNOW?

People are more creative in the shower. When we take a warm shower, we experience an increased dopamine flow that makes us more creative.



Autumn rainbow. Photo by Herbst.

REVENGE OF THE TREES

I do my fair share of tree cutting, I'll admit to it. The trees I fall seem hopelessly defenseless maybe to the uninitiated newcomer to the woods and forests here on the not quite civilized South End, rooted as they are when the chainsaw revs up and the first cut for the back notch is made. But those fresh immigrants from the cities and suburbs they fled would be wrong, amigo. Trees have been here longer than us, longer than the indigenous Southendomish tribe who feared the spirits beyond the safety of their open beaches and shorelines, longer than the fauna that evolved from earlier flora. Their DNA is more complex, their lifespans are far greater and their size makes midgets of the largest of us.

Long after we've gone extinct or left or a greener pasture on another planet in another star system, trees will reclaim what we took. They're here for the long haul and they know how to play the long game. Even though I replant 10 times what I cut down for firewood, they know I'm not their friend. You might think only the alders would count me as a mortal enemy since I only cut them, but the firs and the cedars, the maples and hemlocks, they'll always side with their arboreal kin. I get it.

Last year a maple sheared off and smashed our wellhouse. This was after an old hemlock did the same and crushed my boathouse. An accident? you're probably thinking. Not me. They could have fallen 330 degrees away from these buildings, but no, they hit them dead on. Bad luck, you're figuring? Yesterday I came down the trail and toward the wellhouse I'd rebuilt. The same maple dropped another limb the size of a tree aimed right at the new building. At first I thought it had missed by 8 mere inches but after bucking up limbs and trunk, I noticed part of the wellhouse had been whacked hard enough to move it out of plumb, snap the corner post and send siding flying.

If I thought my trees had exacted enough revenge, I was badly mistaken. Evidently there's no truce and no peace plan. I may have to stop using firewood for heat ... but I suspect it's too late for that.

Story by Jack Archibald.

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

skeeterdaddle.net



COATS FOR KIDS

Brand new coats now available for children ages 0-18 of Stanwood & Camano Island.

Appointments are required and can be scheduled at the Food Bank during scheduling hours:

Wednesday 9am - 1pm

Thursday 11am-1pm

Saturday 9am-1pm

stanwoodcamanofoodbank.org/coats

Classes and Workshops

DID YOU KNOW?

Baby rabbits are called kits.

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

Wreath Decoration Workshop, November 25 at the Sons of Norway in Stanwood. Construct, decorate, and take home a seasonal wreath with all natural materials in this fun workshop! You will learn how to make a circular base and how to attach decorative elements, as well as tips for how to forage for your own materials. Let your own creativity come through in a great decoration piece for you home. Please bring gardening gloves and gardening hand clippers. All other materials and hot tea will be provided. Velkommen! Please call or email Ali at 425 923-0221 or fritjovlodge@gmail.com. Cost is \$50 prepayment is required. Limited space.

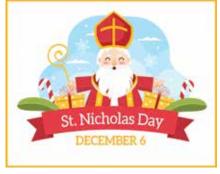
Financial Peace University. Change financial emergencies to an inconvenience, become debt free, and retire with dignity. Plus much more! Starts Tuesday, January 7th at 6 PM. 9 week course includes a manual, \$100.00 per couple. Register in advance at camanochapel. com.

Reiki and Restore December 13, 6:30-8:00pm. 90 minutes of deep relaxation as you enjoy restorative yoga poses with an optional reiki session as part of a long soothing savasana. Reserve your spot at movementarts.com/events or call 360-629-9100. Next Sessions: Jan 10, Feb 21. \$35

Yoga for Beginners January 7- February 4, 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 in advance at movementarts. com/events or call 360-629-9100.

Yoga for Better Posture 6-Week Course: Feb 18-Mar 25, Tuesdays 6-7:15pm. Posture matters. Do you notice fatigue in your neck and shoulders? Does your low back ache? How is your breathing? It might seem like these are three different questions, but all of them can be improved with better posture and by developing your proprioception, an awareness of how you are standing, sitting and generally carrying your body. Incl. Workshop Manual \$119. Register in advance movementarts.com/events or call 360-629-9100





Classes and Workshops

Yin and Pin February 21, 2-4pm Where Ayurveda, Yin Yoga and Chinese Medicine meet! In this event, you will soak up the slow, meditative practice of yin yoga. This class will ground, soothe and restore you. Sign up to reserve your spot at movementarts.com/events or call 3760-629-9100. \$35.

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

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

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

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

Are you troubled by someone else's drinking? When you don't know where to turn...Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups can help! SUN-DAY, "Courage to Change" Camano Lutheran Church, 850 Heichel Rd, Camano Is, 6:00pm; WEDNESDAY, "One Day at a Time," Stanwood Senior Center, 7430 276th ST NW, Stanwood, 7:00pm (For Zoom hybrid meeting call 360-618-0464 if you would like the meeting ID for Zoom), THURSDAY, "Stanwood AFG", United Methodist Church, 27128 102nd Dr., Stanwood, 7:00pm, SATURDAY, "Paths to Recovery," Camano Lutheran Church, 850 Heichel Rd, Camano Is, 10:30am. For more info call 360-618-0464.

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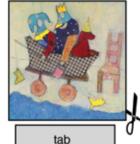


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CASA'S PET OF THE WEEK:

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



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INGREDIENTS: 1/2 c. butter, softened; 1 c. creamy peanut butter; 1 c. granulated sugar, plus 1/4 c. for rolling the cookies in; 1/2 c. light brown sugar, packed; 2 lg. eggs; 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract; 2 c. all-purpose flour; 2 tsp. baking soda; 1/2 tsp. salt; 48 dark chocolate melting wafers (I use Ghirardelli); 144 dark chocolate chips (I use Ghirardelli)

Recipes by Cooking Mamas created by Dusty Hutchins-McNutt.

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DIRECTIONS: 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper; set aside. 2. In a large bowl, beat together the butter, peanut butter, sugar, and brown sugar until smooth and creamy. Add in eggs and vanilla, beat until combined. 3. In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, and salt. Add the flour mixture to the peanut butter mixture and beat until just combined. 4. Using a small cookie scoop, scoop tablespoonfuls of dough. Roll the dough into balls then roll in granulated sugar. Place 2-inches apart on the prepared baking sheets. 5. Bake for 7-9 minutes. The cookies should look puffy and soft but set. 6. Remove the cookies from the oven. Press a chocolate wafer into the lower center portion of each cookie, then add 3 chocolate chips to make the pawshaped pattern. 7. Allow the cookies to completely cool on the pans. To speed things up, place the baking sheet with cookies in the refrigerator for 15-20 minutes to allow the chocolate to harden. 8. Once the cookies have completely set, you can stack them in between parchment or wax paper and store them in an air-tight container for 2-3 days on the counter, 1 week in the refrigerator, or 3 months in the freezer. Yields 48 cookies.

The Bleachers

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THE HEARTBREAK OF TIME BLINDNESS

It seems like every month, we learn about a new mental health dysfunction. For example, I'll bet you've never heard of Globophobia. This diagnosis, first issued in 2013, is the irrational fear of balloons. Then there's Alien Hand Syndrome (AHS), a rare medical condition in which the person loses total bodily control of one of their hands – something that attacks me whenever I play pickleball and invariably end up blowing the final point as I send the ball soaring wildly out of bounds.

And now there's another enigmatic medical condition known as Time Blindness. It's a peculiar phenomenon where the victim is crippled by a severe inability to gauge how much time has elapsed or estimate how long a task will take. As a result, Time Blinders as they are called tend to be chronically late ... for everything.

People who, like me, have mild to moderate ADD, are more prone to lose track of time because... where did I put my keys? I wonder when the next episode of Yellowstone will come out. Um... where was I? Oh right. Time Blindness. You may have a family member who suffers from this malady. Don't scoff. It's become a widespread mental health crisis. In fact, medical experts estimate 85% of people under the age of 30 who routinely watch TikTok videos on their phone experience this condition on an hourly basis. Don't believe me? Just ask their parents.

I have tremendous empathy for these punctually impaired individuals. Imagine how difficult their lives must be. They set off for the grocery store to get a couple items, telling their girlfriend, "I'll be home in 30 minutes with dessert" only to return two hours later, having purchased 40% of the bakery section's inventory of pies and cakes – not to mention bringing home an impressive collection of new gardening tools, thanks to an unplanned side trip to the ACE hardware store because they saw they were having a 15% off sale. It's as if their concept of time operates on a secret cosmic calendar that only they can decipher.

Victims of Time Blindness are late for everything – doctor's appointments, romantic rendezvous, even driving their spouse to the airport. When Time Blinders email their boss, "I'll have that report for you in an hour," the boss shouldn't stress out when six hours later, they receive another email with the subject line, "Almost done – just another couple of hours" It's not the employee's fault. They're time blind. They can no more tell the difference between one hour and five than they could distinguish between a tuba and a French horn.

Oh, sure. Some naysayers might argue that Time Blindness is just a fancy medical-sounding name for ordinary procrastination – an excuse for self-absorbed narcissists to be rudely late, only thinking about their own priorities and ignoring the impact their chronic tardiness has on everybody else. And to that I say, um, er...um, Hmm. I see where you're coming from, dear wife of mine.

It's important not to judge these people too harshly – unless they're your spouse, and this is the third time this week they kept you wait-



ing twenty minutes while they tried to make up their mind about which earrings go with which outfit. In most cases, people struggling with this temporal distortion just lose track of time. They don't mean to be rude – except for my nephew Harold, who is never on time for anything. He's just a jerk.

Often the chronologically challenged become so engrossed in whatever it is they're focused on that time seems to stand still. Is it their fault that they accidentally got so distracted while binge-watching the final five episodes of Season Four of Succession that they totally forgot about your wedding? ... Oh, you say they were the Best Man? And they had the wedding rings? Oh my. Well, then I definitely wouldn't invite them to join you on your honeymoon.

Of course, my wife has zero sympathy for people who are perpetually late. She has her own suggestion for how to cure them: The next time you need to leave for the airport for a trip, and they're not ready: LEAVE WITHOUT THEM. Let them miss the flight.

I hear where she's coming from. But it's not that simple. It was an NFL playoff game. It went to Double Overtime. I couldn't just abandon my Seahawks. I'm sure in time, my wife will eventually understand.... Eventually.... Or not.

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