

THE CRAB CRACKER
COMMUNITY MAGAZINE

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All proceeds go to the Master Gardener Foundation of
Snohomish County, a 501(c)(3) organization, which
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January 9 | Mike Everett
"USDA Zones & Climate Change"

January 16 | Jamie McAuliffe
"Balled & Burlap Trees"

February 6 | Cindy Funes
*"Contained Brilliance: How to
Container Garden Like a Pro"*

February 13 | Sam Benowitz
"Successfully Growing Fruit Trees in the PNW"

February 27 | Lorë Sampson
"Every Plant has a Story"

March 13 | Mary Marshall & Andrew Tuttle
*"Edible Landscapes for a Healthy Body
and Planet"*

March 27 | Bess Bronstein
"Plant This, Not That"

April 3 | Ross Bayton, PhD
*"Heronswood Evolves:
The Traveler's Garden"*



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

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

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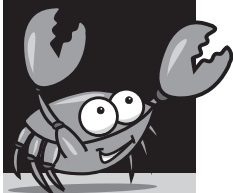


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Submission DEADLINE: DECEMBER 4 for Next Edition (December 12-25)

Calendar of Events



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

AWESOME 80'S MOVIE NIGHT AND PIZZA PARTY!

5pm-7pm at the Camano Island Library. Join us for a fun-filled night of nostalgia! We are rocking out to the 80s with retro snacks and delicious pizza while watching the beloved 1986 film Jim Henson's Labyrinth. This event is open to all ages.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28-30

FESTIVE FINE CRAFTS & ART

Unique handmade gifts and collectibles. 9 artists at 3 locations. Windy Ridge Clay & Friends (113 Lawson Road, Camano Island), featuring Bob Causey - Ceramics, Pat Causey - Ceramics, Roger Cocke - Ceramics, Opal Cocke - Fabric Art. Erika Posey Ceramics & Friends (145 Arborcrest Place, Camano Island) featuring Erika Posey - Ceramics, Meriaten Long - Ceramics, Katie Trent - Glass Art. Stanwood House Gallery (9915 270th St NW, Stanwood) featuring Yonnah Ben Levy - Ceramics, Painting, Multi-Media, Chaim Bezael - Ceramics, Painting, Multi-Media. 10am-4pm.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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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DID YOU KNOW?

Bees can fly high as high as 30,000 feet above sea level.

That's higher than Mount Everest, the tallest mountain in the world.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29 PICTURES WITH SANTA



11-2pm at Camano Commons Marketplace (in the Loft). We will be taking food bank donations, this is a Free event.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29 HOLIDAY MARKET IN THE BARN

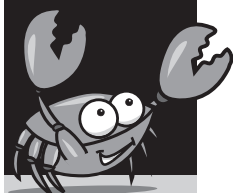


10am-4pm at Kristoferson Farm, 398 NE Camano Dr, Camano Island. Step into the warmth and festive spirit of the season as you explore local arts and crafts, farm-made products, fresh wreaths, and special zipline gift certificate deals. Gather around the fire bowl with friends and family. Take a Unimog tour of the farm and forest. Visit with Santa and soak up the holiday cheer.

**NATIVE
AMERICAN
HERITAGE DAY
NOVEMBER 29, 2024**



Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

Humans aren't
the only ani-
mals that dream

Studies have
indicated rats
dream about
getting to food
or running
through mazes.
Most mammals
go through
REM sleep, the
cycle in which
dreams occur,
so scientists
think there's a
good chance
they all dream.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

"THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS" HOLIDAY LIGHTING



Help us FLIP THE BIG SWITCH at 6pm as we illuminate the historic 1906 Camano City Schoolhouse and the HUGE official schoolhouse Christmas tree with THOUSANDS OF LIGHTS! 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. www.camanoschoolhouse.org.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

THE ORNAMENT TREE

Businesses along Stanwood's historic Brick Road (10008 270th Street NW) invite residents, families, and visitors to celebrate Small Business Saturday and the start of the holiday season with "The Ornament Tree" event from 4 to 6 p.m. Hundreds of community members have been creating their own handmade ornaments at workshops and through local partners. These ornaments will be collected and hung on the Ornament Tree, creating a community-made display for everyone to enjoy. Event highlights include: Live music by the Band of Friends; Hot cocoa; Temporary tattoos; Mobile coffee company; Tree lighting at 5 p.m. to reveal the Ornament Tree display; Scandinavian cookies, apple cider and coffee; Extended hours and business specials from local shops on the Brick Road. All ages are welcome, and attendance is free.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

"WONDERS OF NATURE"

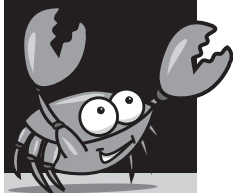
Join us for an inspiring evening as we explore the wonders of nature through photography and music, celebrating the connections that weave our world together. Following the program refreshments will be served and a social time for connecting with our community. 7-9pm at the Camano Island Library. Sponsored by the Bahais of Camano Island. More info, email Bahaisofcamanoisland@gmail.com

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

SANTA GRANDMA'S SATURDAY MARKET

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SATURDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29-30 CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR



at the Stanwood Camano Fairgrounds. Presented by Pac NW Vendors. Holiday Decor Holiday Sweets Arts N Crafts Plus: Hot Chocolate Espresso Mini Donuts Freeze Dried Candy. Saturday: 10-5. Sunday: 10-4. FREE ENTRY. 50+ Vendors.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29-30

HOLIDAY GLASS ART SHOW

10am-3pm at Camano Island Art Glass, 797B Smith Road, Camano Island. Tami's Sea and Recycled Glass, Mary's Fused Glass.

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ART HOP



1 *LB Art Glass*
679 Awa Lane

2 *Matzke Fine Art
& Sculpture Park*
2345 Blanche Way

3 *Dragon's Gate Studios*
2296 S Camano Dr

4 *South Camano Grange
'Winter Market' (Sat. only)*
2227 S Camano Dr

5 *The Compound*
159 E Dry Lake Rd

Dec 6 & 7
10 am - 4 pm

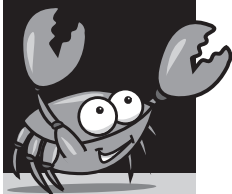
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

GAME DAY WATCH PARTY

1pm at Pub 282, 370 N East Camano Dr, Camano Island. Come watch the Seahawks take on the Vikings on the big screen! We will have raffles, prizes, Jell-O shots, food and drink specials and a whole lot of fun! Don't forget to wear your gameday gear for extra perks.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

SANTA PHOTOS AT THE BARN ON SUNDAY LAKE

10am-4pm at The Barn on Sunday Lake, Stanwood. Join us for a magical weekend with Santa at The Barn! Bring your family (and those Christmas smiles!) for photos with Santa surrounded by festive backdrops and cozy holiday cheer. \$30 per family (up to 6 people per time slot) when you pre-register for a time. \$40 for walk-ins day of — both welcome! Pre-registered guests get priority access, while walk-ins may have a short wait. We'll have hot cocoa, coffee, crafts, and holiday fun to make your wait merry and bright! Bring your own device for us to capture your Santa moment — no professional photographers, just simple and sweet memories! Santa can't wait to see all the smiling faces at The Barn! Reserve at <https://thebarnonsundaylake.pixieset.com/booking>

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

SINGER SONGWRITER SHOWCASE

3 PM at The Arcadian Public House, 18444 Spruce Street, Conway. Stewart Woods will bring another beautifully crafted Singer Songwriter Showcase to the Arcadian Public House. The show will feature: -Stewart Woods -Savanna Woods -Casey Freedom -Wes Jones -Sommer Carter & Andrew Velin from the Enthusiasts. Doors at 2 PM Show at 3 PM Tickets:\$15 (online and at the door) You are welcome to bring food in with you but we will have charcuterie plates available for purchase as well. 21+. Seating is first come, first served.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

2026 STANWOOD SPARTAN WOMEN'S FOOTBALL SEASON



Stanwood Spartan Women's Football is actively looking for players for their 2026 season. Are you an 18+ woman? Looking for friendship? Looking to improve your physical and mental strength? Looking to unleash all your potential? Interested in playing football? Consider joining us! We are having an info "night" from 1-3pm at Tapped on Camano! Come meet some returning team members and talk to us! We are looking forward to seeing you!

Calendar of Events



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2
SC GIVE 2025



Stanwood-Camano's local Giving Tuesday event presented by the Stanwood-Camano Area Foundation with support from Lenz Enterprises and the Donna & Charles Cole Charitable Foundation. When you give on #GivingTuesday, you're not giving to a faraway cause - you're strengthening home. Every dollar given through SC Give stays right here in the Stanwood-Camano area, funding the nonprofits that feed families, care for animals, and create opportunities for neighbors in need. Make generosity local again. www.scgive.org



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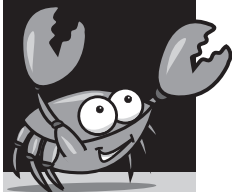
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DID YOU KNOW?

In the 18th century, pigeon poop was used to make gunpowder, so King George I declared the droppings to be the property of the Crown.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

3D PRINT & PAINT: HOLIDAY EDITION

3-5pm at the Stanwood Library. Join us for a relaxing afternoon of painting winter themed 3D-printed models at the library! We'll have a variety of 3D-printed items to paint, including creatures, useful items like pencil holders, ornaments and more. Each participant will get to take home at least one painted item. Items will be printed ahead of time, but more will be printed while you paint so you can see the 3D printer in action. (If you attended November's Make a 3D-Printed Ornament event, you are welcome to bring your creations to paint!).

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

JINGLE BASH

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at Twin City Elementary. Crafts, holiday store, hot cocoa bar, and concessions!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Boys Basketball vs Mount Vernon. C Team & JV: 5:30pm. Varsity: 7:15pm.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

YOUR MONEY YOUR LIFE: LONG TERM CARE

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM at the Stanwood Library. Join New York Life Insurance Agents Sarah and Brandon to learn how a long-term care strategy can help safeguard family, savings, and retirement as well as peace of mind. No obligation necessary. Bring your questions!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

READ WITH A THERAPY DOG

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

GATHERING PLACE DINNER

5-6pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Stanwood. A weekly free meal, provided by 10 area churches. This is a ministry to those in need. All are welcome.



International
Day of
Persons with
Disabilities

DECEMBER 3

Santa Grandma's HOLIDAY MARKET

November 22, 29 and December 6, 13, 20

You're invited To share in the FUN here at our Produce Stand
11am-5pm (or until sold out) at 24008 Valde Rd, Stanwood

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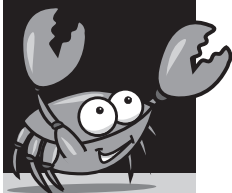
For more information, maps, and videos,
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and enter East Stanwood by the
train station. Stops #1 and #5
have open restaurants.



1. People's Union
2. S. A. Thompson House
3. I.O.O.F. Public Hall
4. D.O. Pearson House
5. Stanwood Volunteer Fire Dept
6. Camano Lutheran Church
7. Camano Lutheran Cemetery
8. Kristoferson Farm
9. Barnum Point Preserve
10. Camano Island State Park
11. Cama Beach Historical State Park
12. Camano City Schoolhouse
13. Camano Island American Legion
14. Utsalady Ladies Aid
15. Camano Pioneer Cemetery

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

Many Disney characters wear gloves to keep animation simple.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

BUILDING THRIVING COMMUNITIES

Visionary developer Ron Sher—the mind behind Seabrook, Crossroads Mall, and Third Place Books—is coming to Arrowhead Ranch! 4-6pm. Join Island County Economic Development Council for Building Thriving Communities, an inspiring evening as Ron shares how intentional design and strategy turn real estate into thriving, connected communities. Free to attend—registration required! Register now at <https://www.arrowheadranchcamano.com/events>

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Varsity Boys Swimming vs Cascade. 3pm at YMCA.

Girls Wrestling - GWR Double Dual: SC/SW vs STAN/MON at SHS. 6pm: Stanwood vs Shorewood. Shorecrest vs Monroe. 7pm: Stanwood vs Shorecrest. Shorewood vs Monroe.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

LIT LAB

December will be open subject. Plan to read something about 5 minutes long; practice beforehand. We will be meeting at Camano Lutheran Church, off SR532 at 850 Heichel Road at 6 pm in Pioneer Hall.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING



3-5pm. Bring in the holiday cheer with Christmas carols and community at our Annual Tree lighting event at Camano Commons.



Calendar of Events



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

BEACH 1 GALLERY ARTIST RECEPTION



for "The Friday Art Girls" Jane Morris, Sherri Hall, Margie Ridley & Linda Hendry Boyd. 5-7pm. Mixed Media, Abstracts, Collage & Watercolor
Handcrafted seasonal gifts will also be available. There will be door prize drawings at 6:15. Their 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. Beach 1 Gallery in Camano Country Club, 1243 Beach Drive.



*"A dazzling song-and-dance celebration,
don't miss this heartwarming story of
love, laughter, and holiday magic!"*

Holiday INN

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The Broadway Musical

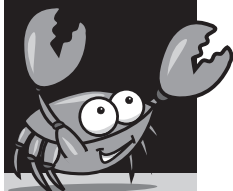
December 5th - 20th
at The Lincoln Theatre

lincolnthatre.org 360.336.8955 Mount Vernon, WA

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Tickets!**



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DID YOU KNOW?

Dogs start sniffing with their right nostril, then keep it there if the smell is danger, but they'll shift to the left side for something pleasant,

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

COOKIE DECORATING AND COCOA BAR

3:30-5pm at the Camano Island Library. It's Cookies and Cocoa time! Join us to decorate some cookies and then enjoy a hot drink (that you design) from the cocoa bar and a family board game. Event is free and all materials are provided; no registration required.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5

EBE STUDENT MAKER'S MARKET AND BAKE SALE

6-7pm at Elger Bay Elementary gym, 1810 Elger Bay Rd, Camano Island. Join us for a festive evening celebrating young creators. Local students in grades K-5 will be showcasing and selling their hand-made creations— everything from crafts and art to baked goods and unique gifts. The 5th Grade Bake Sale table will also be open with a variety of treats. All bake sale proceeds support the 5th Grade Camp Fund. Bring your family, shop local (and shop "small!"), and support the next generation of makers and entrepreneurs. We can't wait to see you there! CASH ONLY.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

FRITJOV LODGE LUTEFISK DINNER



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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

STILL - A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

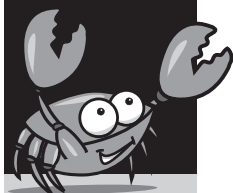
with Jeff Johnson (keys and vocal), Eliot Grasso (flute, whistle, and pipes), and Brandon Vance (violin). 5pm at St Aidan's Episcopal Church, Camano Island. \$20 (suggested donation).

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

SANTA GRANDMA'S SATURDAY MARKET

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DID YOU KNOW?

Europeans were scared of eating tomatoes when they were introduced. By the 1700s, aristocrats started eating tomatoes, but they were convinced the fruits were poisonous because people would die after eating them. In reality, the acidity from the tomatoes brought out the lead in pewter plates, and they actually died of lead poisoning.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

9am-2pm at Lincoln Hill Retirement Community Center, 7430 276th St NW, Stanwood. Gifts, crafts, food.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

"WHAT THE ELF?"



Lost Lake Camano Island Elf-Stravaganza Holiday Bazaar. 9 am to 4pm. Vendor tables, silent auctions, raffles, chilli dog lunch, bake sale. 1469 Lake Drive. More info: llpoa@lostlakepoa.org.

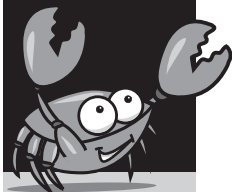
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

WINTER FESTIVAL & MAKER'S MARKET



11am-4pm. Get ready for a magical day at Arrowhead Ranch. Admission is FREE! Enjoy an all-day Maker's Market, and the fun really kicks into gear with Afternoon With Santa from 12:00PM - 3:00 PM. The kids 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!

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

Poet
T.S. Eliot wore
green makeup

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

WINTER MARKET AND HOLIDAY CELEBRATION



at the South Camano Grange, 10-4pm. Join local farmers and artisans for a holiday market at the South Camano Grange. Do your holiday shopping and stay for complimentary soup, cookies, hot cider, and live music. 2227 S. Camano Dr.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

JOIN THE STANWOOD LACROSSE FAMILY

Come try it out 10am-noon at Stanwood Aux high school field. Girls Youth "Try LAX" this weekend, and it's free! If you've been curious, now's the perfect time to check it out. Open to all K-12 girls in Stanwood, Arlington, Lakewood, and surrounding areas! Come see why lacrosse might just become your child's new favorite sport. We'll provide the gear; you bring the enthusiasm. Just show up, try it out, and discover why so many girls are falling in love with the game.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

WINTER LAUNCH PARTY

10am-5pm at The Camano Shop, 913 WA-532, Camano Island. Join us at the shop as we kick off the winter season! Launch of our FREE Winter Mini Magazine (issue 2). New Arrivals - perfectly cozy! FREE Hot Cocoa + Toppings. Build a wreath (wreath + hair bows). ONLINE winter capsule release

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS AT THE FLOYD



10 am to 2 pm. The 24th 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. Ed Pearson will play festive holiday music. The museum will also be open for tours.



Saturday
December 20th
12n - 4pm

Art and Other Liquidation Fundraiser

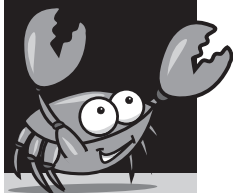
1283 Elger Bay Road, Suite A

Upper level of the Port Susan Professional Building

Intersection of E. Monticello, Elger Bay, and SE Camano

Proceeds benefit
Camano Island Health System

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

LIGHT UP YOUR HOLIDAYS AND TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION



Watch the magic of the season come alive during Stanwood's beloved tree lighting and holiday celebration. Gather downtown with family, friends, and neighbors for an unforgettable evening as we light the tree and celebrate. Get ready to enjoy: Holiday shopping; Live music and performances; Falling snow in the streets; Food trucks and local bites; Santa meet and greets; Festive activities at every turn. Bundle up, bring your holiday spirit, and create hallmark-worthy memories. Let's come together and make Stanwood shine bright this season! 4-7pm.



A special thanks to the Stanwood and Camano Island communities, and our surrounding neighbors, for supporting my small business. Our team has decked out the store and we are ready to show off all the fun items we have for day-to-day life and the upcoming holidays.
Happy Holiday's - Tami

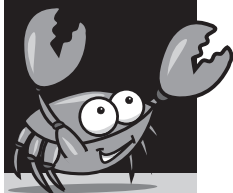


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DID YOU KNOW?

Baseball umpires used to sit in rocking chairs 20 feet behind home plate.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

ENCHANTRIX

performing live at 7pm at Conway's Pub & Eatery.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

CITY OF PINES + WALKER & THE STARDUST RANGERS + TIM MECHLING

8 PM - Arcadian Public House, 18444 Spruce Street, Conway. 21+ Outside food is welcome, but no beverages please.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

FOCIP ANNUAL HOSTED WINTER WALK PROGRAM



Today's walk: ELGER BAY PRESERVE. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at the Elger Bay Elementary School parking lot. This is a fairly level walk with one 50 ft gain going up the South Hill section of the park. The walk includes the North Forest and Nature Trails and a side trip to the beaver marsh platform as a highlight of the walk. The walk is 2.5 miles round trip. Please no dogs.

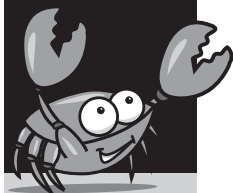
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

SPARTAN WINTER WRESTLEFEST



2nd year of our tourney and will have about 24 teams from all over the state. Many are ranked in the top 5 of their classification. Spartan tourney will start at 9am on Saturday and entry is Adult & Student w/o ASB: \$7, Students w/ ASB & Seniors: \$5

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

A woman called the police when her ice cream didn't have enough sprinkles in 2014, the West Midlands in England.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

GREENER HOLIDAYS WORKSHOP

10am-noon at the Camano library. Celebrate the Holidays Sustainably! Discover creative ways to celebrate sustainably—from thoughtful gift-giving to eco-friendly decorating. Dive into fun DIY holiday crafts using reused, recycled, and compostable materials. Leave inspired with practical tips and festive ideas that reduce waste without sacrificing joy.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

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, DECEMBER 6

ART RECEPTION - "HONEY, I SHRUNK THE ART"

4:30 to 8:00. Art reception for 36th Annual Small Artworks Group Show. Local Artists: Jack Gunter, Barbara Noonan, Susan Cohen Thompson, Molly LeMaster, Janie Olsen, Gina Holt and many, Many more! At Matzke Fine Art Gallery and Sculpture Park, 2345 Blanche Way, Camano Island. Open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11 to 5:00. More info: 360-387-2759 or email matzke@camano.net.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

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-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6-7

ART HOP - GIFTS OF FINE ART & CRAFT

Holiday gifts, art, crafts, and more from local artists and makers. Visit five local studios, galleries, creative spaces, and a winter market, all on Camano Island. 10am-4pm. Along a short, 2.5 mile route look for white ART HOP A-boards marking the 5 participating venues: LB Art Glass, Matzke Fine Art Gallery, Dragon's Gate Studios, South Camano Grange, and The Compound. Shop for every possible kind of hand-made/drawn/built/grown gift under the sun! camanoarthop.com



CAMANO HELPING HANDS: SUPPORT FOR OLDER ADULTS

Give a hand to older adults on Camano Island! Your donation on 12/2/25 funds supplies, volunteer mileage, and program support for our neighbors in need. Camano Helping Hands is a new volunteer-powered program that keeps neighbors safe, independent, and connected at home. Fund a hand to help a neighbor!

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 UTSALADY LADIES AID HOLIDAY SUPPER



All community members are invited to the Utsalady Ladies Aid soup and bread dinner at the Utsalady Ladies Aid building, 78 Utsalady Road, Camano from 4-6 pm. A variety of soups will be served with the Utsalady Ladies Aid special bread pudding for dessert. Join us for friendship, carols and the possibility of a surprise visit by Santa.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 PAINT YOUR OWN ORNAMENTS

2:00 pm to 04:00 pm at Pub 282, 370 N East Camano Dr., Camano Island. Bring the whole family down to paint ornaments! \$20 includes one kids meal and one ornament. Add additional ornaments for \$5 each. Call to reserve your spot!

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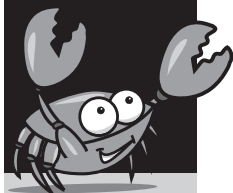
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DID YOU KNOW?

The French have their own name for a French kiss

Something extra interesting about this kissing fact? The word hasn't been around for long—well, not officially, anyway. In 2014, *galocher* (meaning to kiss with tongues) was added to the *Le Petit Robert French dictionary*.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 HOLLY JOLLY VENDOR FAIR



9:00 AM – 2:00 PM at The Dance Project NW Studio, 7009 265th St NW, Stanwood. A festive day of local shopping, holiday treats, and community cheer. The event will feature local makers, small businesses, and youth vendors offering handcrafted gifts and seasonal goods. Visitors can also enjoy a Foundation-hosted bake sale, along with photo opportunities during a special appearance by Santa and The Holiday Grump from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. All proceeds support TDPNW Foundation's Dance The Magic dancers. Admission: Free to attend. More info: info@tdpnwfoundation.org

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 STANWOOD WKKWL



The WKKWL is the Western Washington Kids Wrestling League. It's designed for wrestler with 2yrs or less experience and the get to have 3 matches and go home with a medal. Basically a beginner league. It serves the greater Puget Sound area. About 24 Wrestling Clubs from No. Seattle to Whatcom County. Free for spectators. 9am at Stanwood High School.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 SAVIOR WAS BORN

6:30-8pm at Cedarhome Baptist Church. You are invited to come and see the Christmas choir and poetic story-telling performances by the students of the Stanwood/Camano Christian Co-op. Our children are excited to sing and perform their hard work for you!



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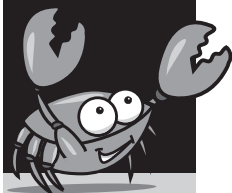
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DID YOU KNOW?

The sound of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's iconic lion roaring at the audience was trademarked as the "sound mark".

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Boys Basketball vs Lake Stevens. C Team & JV: 5:30pm. Varsity: 7:15pm.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

GINGERBREAD BASH!



A sweet celebration of Jesus' birth - we're celebrating in the sweetest way! Join us for a fun, hands-on family experience where we'll build gingerbread nativities, hear the Christmas story, sing songs, and enjoy a festive evening together. 6:00-7:30 PM at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 27201 99th Ave NW, Stanwood. Don't miss out on this joyful Christmas event for the whole family!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Boys Wrestling vs Arlington. JV: 5:45pm. Varsity: 7pm.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

TEEN ART DROP IN

3-4:30pm at the Stanwood Library. We will provide everything you need. No registration necessary, just arrive ready to be creative! For teens ages 12-18. This series of classes is FREE! Visit Sno-Isle Libraries for more library classes and events.

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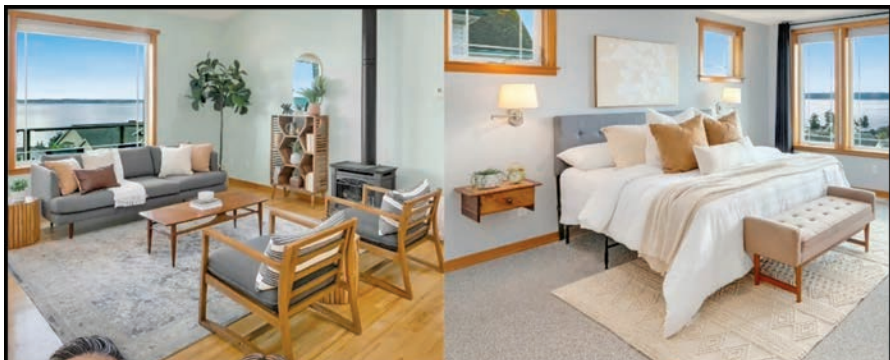
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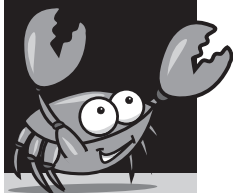
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DID YOU KNOW?

Nikola Tesla hated pearls. He refused to talk to women who were wearing them.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

K-2 WINTER CONCERT

6:30pm at Twin City Elementary School.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

MATH NIGHT

2:30 to 3:30 pm in the SHS Commons! Maintain the momentum from the 2nd Quarter! Join us for math help on assignments from peer tutors and teachers!

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN- HOLIDAY MUSIC CONCERT

3:30 PM - 4:00 PM at Cedarhome Elementary School.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

OPEN HOUSE: CELEBRATE THE ART OF TEACHING

Please join us from 5:30-7:30pm. The theme for the evening is the Art of Teaching! Join us to celebrate the fantastic artists who make our classes and education programs possible! We will have artwork on display from six SCAAC instructors: Gaylynn Beuthien, Beth Erickson, Shogo Ota, Bobbi Samples, Tasha Smith and Lael Williams. The evening will also include music, hands-on art making experiences for all ages, a raffle, food from Island Girls Catering, and more! We look forward to a festive evening of art, music, and community connection. RSVP at <https://www.scaacwa.org/event-details/scaac-open-house-2025>

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

EXPLORE YOUR CREATIVITY

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Girls Basketball vs Mount Vernon Christian. JV: 5:40pm. Varsity: 7:15pm.

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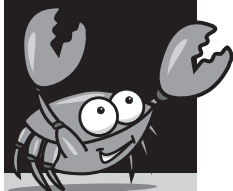


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DID YOU KNOW?

Brad Pitt injured his Achilles tendon—while playing Achilles, in the movie “Troy”.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

WINTER HOLIDAY CONCERT

at Cedarhome Elementary School. Last names A-K : 5:30pm. Last names L-Z: 7:00pm.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

JOIN US FOR CONNECT OVER COFFEE

An informal gathering open to everyone where we regularly meet to share perspectives and explore ideas that spark positive change within ourselves and our communities. 1:00 pm-3:00 pm at the Camano Island Library Community room. Hosted by Baha'is, who believe in the oneness of humanity and strive to build unified, vibrant communities that promote spiritual and material well-being.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

CAMANO ISLAND LIBRARY FRIENDS GENERAL MEETING & WINTER SOCIAL

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM at the Camano Island Library. Join us for the Camano Island Library Friends meeting and then stay afterwards to share cookies and chat. All community members are invited to attend.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

RIBBON CUTTING

North Camano Substation and Reliability Improvement. Event by Snohomish County PUD. Noon at 531 E. Camano Dr. (Across from Freedom Park). Join us to celebrate the completion of reliability projects benefiting the Stanwood and Camano communities! Ribbon cutting ceremony will begin promptly at noon. Tours of the substation will follow. This event will happen rain or shine, but it could be cancelled if a winter storm occurs or if there are significant outages due to winter weather.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

WINTER CONCERT

Grades 3-5. 6:30pm at Twin City Elementary School.

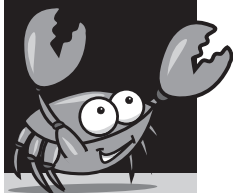
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

GATHERING PLACE DINNER

5-6pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Stanwood. A weekly free meal, provided by 10 area churches. This is a ministry to those in need. All are welcome.



Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 CASA HOLIDAY MINI MARKET



Shop with CASA this holiday season! We will have gifts for pets and pet lovers alike! Do not miss our Holiday Mini Market Thursday December 11th 4:30PM-8:00PM.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

MUSIC BINGO

6-8pm at Event by Pub 282, 370 N East Camano Dr, Camano Island. Bring the whole family down to play music bingo! It will be a night full of good drinks, great food, and fun times. And yes... there will be prizes!

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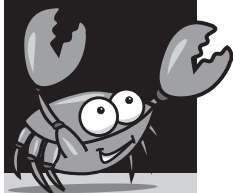
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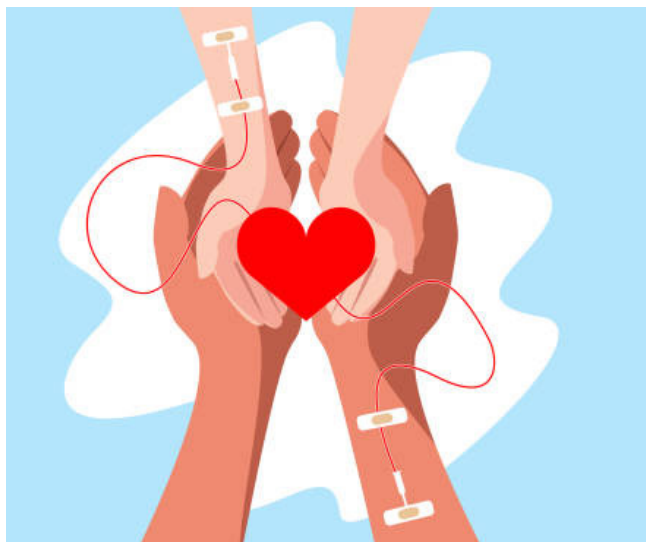
WE CHALLENGE YOU

This is a new feature page where we challenge the community (and ourselves) to strengthen our community bonds by participating or donating or volunteering or contributing to a local cause.

Each edition will be a new challenge with a new benefactor.

Join us in making our Community a better place and making us all better people.

WE CHALLENGE YOU...



Request from Bloodworks NW: Bloodworks NW is looking forward to the upcoming blood drives in Stanwood / Camano! We have quite a few opportunities over the next few weeks. It's that time of the year where our blood supply starts to struggle. Blood donations are needed year-round, but they're most critical during holidays when donations drop and fewer people have time to donate. Make blood donation with @bloodworksnw part of your holiday giving. It only takes an hour to make a difference. Your donation is the perfect gift for a patient in need. The blood supply never takes a snow day. Book your appointment to give blood before we experience snow.

Upcoming locations: December 4th & 5th: St Cecelia Catholic Church - Stanwood. December 8th: St. Aidan's - Camano. December 15th: Camano Center Mobile Bus. December 16th: Stanwood Country Store Mobile Bus. Times vary. Call Bloodworks NW at 800-398-7888 or click this link Bloodworksnw.org/giveblood for more information and to schedule an appointment. Appointments are required for the best possible donation experience. Same-day appointments available at most locations. Photo ID required. For safety, we kindly request no visitors under 16 at our donation sites. Eat a hearty meal and drink plenty of fluids prior to donation.

OUR CHALLENGE: Go to [www. Bloodworksnw.org/giveblood](http://www.Bloodworksnw.org/giveblood) or call and sign up for a day and time to donate. I booked December 16th at Stanwood Country Store, will I see you there? - James Shipley, The Crab Cracker magazine.



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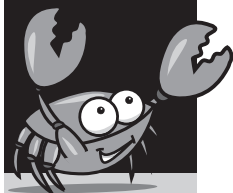


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CUPCAKE CHRISTMAS TREES



Use Christmas colored cupcake liners to make these Christmas trees. Put the Christmas trees on cards or in a garland and decorate away! It's so easy... flatten the cupcake liners and place these on top of each other. Glue together before adding your choice of embellishments and then hot glue these onto a length of twine or string to hang up.
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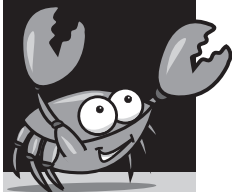
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Materials: cardboard, twigs, evergreen clippings, felt balls, leaf “confetti” or sequins, elmer’s glue, jeweled stars, twine, hot glue, anything else you want to use for decorations!

Prep: 1. Flatten your cardboard boxes and draw the outline of a Christmas tree. We used a variety of sizes and shapes! Make as many or as few trees as you’d like depending on how long you want the garland to be. 2. Cut out your Christmas trees. (If you have young kids, do step 1-2 before involving them.). 3. Head outside with your kids and have them help trim some cedar, gather small twigs, and collect colorful leaves. 4. Make your leaf confetti by cutting out several small circles with a hole punch. (If you don’t have access to any colorful leaves, sequins can be substituted!). 5. Bring everything inside and lay out all the decorating supplies on your workspace. Decorate your trees: 1. Cover the cardboard trees with a squiggle of glue and layer with cedar. 2. Next, trim your twigs to fit the tree stump and glue them on. 3. Put random dots of glue on top of the cedar and decorate with the pom balls, stars, and confetti, then let dry completely. 4. Once the trees are dry, glue them to a strand of twine with a dab of hot glue on the back. 5. Hang up your Christmas tree garland and enjoy!

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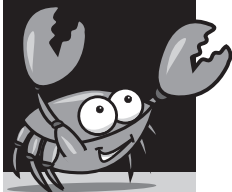
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YONNAH BEN-LEVY AND CHAIM BEZALEL



Yonnah and Chaim can be described in three pronouns: her, him, and them. They are each individual artists working in both two and three dimensions, but they also have collaborated for 36 years on mixed media paintings and ceramics, some of which are in local hospitals, courthouses, and museums. They are longtime members of the Camano Artists Association and also several ceramics groups. Stanwood House, their gallery and teaching center, will be one of three venues for an open studios event scheduled for Friday, November 28 through Sunday the 31st from 10 – 5 pm. The other two venues are Windy Ridge Clay and Erika Posey Ceramics, all three hosting nine different ceramic artists. Also, the Gateway Gallery is featuring ceramics as well as small paintings Yonnah studied ceramics with a Japanese Zen master at the Corcoran Gallery in Washington, D.C., and received a Masters from U W in sculpture. She has been a lifelong artist and teacher for 60 years. Many of her students and former students have gone on to professional careers or second careers. Chaim came to ceramics late in life, only 25 years ago, but his work has been in several museum shows in Israel, and along with Yonnah's, at the Cambridge University Museums in England. Their work includes both functional ceramics and sculptures, and, in addition, Stanwood House has a collection of some important pieces from other artists, including Acoma Pueblo pottery, some of it more than 100 years old.



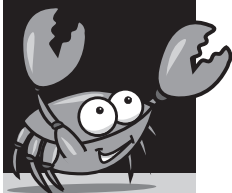
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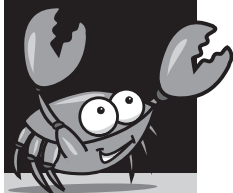
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THE HAVES AND THE HAVE YACHTS

A few years back while we were still living in our hundred year old shack, I was at a graduation dinner for a friend and her family. The seating arrangements worked out in a way that I was at the far end of the long table and even further down was my friend's aunt who was obviously peeved at the prospect of an evening with no one else to talk with than my miserable self. This lady had actually stayed a night many moons prior at my shack, before even the mizzus arrived some months later, and so she knew first hand what my socio-economic status was, somewhere near the bottom.

In the intervening years she had married a man closer to the top of that status, a high mucky-muck for a major corporation who sat on no fewer than 7 board of directors for other major corporations. And in full honesty, was a nice guy when I met him, despite being filthy rich. In the course of our shared exile from the rest of the dinner party we chatted amiably about this and that, talked about the divergent paths our lives had taken and eventually grew pretty comfortable with one another.

At some point past dessert she mentioned that her two high school boys had taken a vacation to some southeast Asian country I had never heard of, which they loved and which she suggested I make plans myself to go touring. At the time a trip to Wisconsin was about as far as our budget would extend, something she might have surmised but obviously didn't. Later she waxed nostalgically about the guided fishing trip to Alaska, a weeklong safari with their own chef and a fabulous lodge. Only cost about 10,000 for the week. She told me in all earnestness we needed to take that trip too. I said it sounded wonderful. She no doubt assumed I would be on the phone to my travel agent as soon as possible following a quick call to our broker.

My point in all this was how, in only a couple of decades, this woman who had stayed with me in a shack where the mice kept her awake all night gnawing on the walls, could lose sight of what it was like to be ... well ... poor. We can all drop what we're doing and jet over exotic lands. We can certainly afford a guided fishing excursion with our own chef in tow. The gulf between her wealth and our poverty had disappeared. We still stay in touch. She and her husband are very nice people and very generous to their niece. They just seem to have lost touch with us unwashed masses. Even though they had been here themselves once.

On a recent encounter at their niece's wedding, one catered by a restaurant hours away in Portland, I asked about the house they had bought in Pasadena and been restoring for the past few years. At some point I asked, gee, this is a long shot, but this isn't the Greene and Greene arts and craft house you see in all the architecture books, is it? No, they laughed, we're the house next door. Probably a modest neighborhood, I'm thinking. In a galaxy far far away....



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SANTA WISHES AND SANTA LETTERS



Santa mail wanted, Young and Old. Preview Properties NW in Stanwood has helped families with their Christmas list. This year they 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 all nominations please be sure to include contact information, All will be kept anonymous. For any further information call 360-629-3400 ask for Sue or Danica Head Elfs Or email thenorthpolemailbox@gmail.com.



DID YOU KNOW?

The inventor of the microwave appliance Percy Spencer was working as a researcher for the Raytheon Manufacturing Company when he noticed that radar sets emitting electromagnetic waves melted the candy bar in his pocket. He had the idea to make a metal box using microwaves to heat food.

STANWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDS BRIDGES WITH FIRST-EVER COMMUNITY ACADEMY



The Stanwood Police Department proudly celebrated the graduation of its first-ever Community Academy on Tuesday, November 18, marking the City's ongoing commitment to public safety, transparency, and community engagement. Held over several weeks, Community Academy offered participants a rare, behind-the-scenes look at local law enforcement. Through interactive classroom sessions, hands-on activities, and live demonstrations, community members learned what it's like to serve and protect in the City of Stanwood. "It was a great first Community Academy and another meaningful way for Stanwood Police to build bridges and connect with our community," said Police Chief Jason Toner. Approximately 22 residents took part in the inaugural program. Seven graduates have already signed up to join Stanwood Police's Citizens Patrol and will act as an extra set of "eyes and ears" for officers to help keep the community safe. Two additional Community Academy participants have since expressed interest in pursuing careers in law enforcement. Attendees represented a broad section of the community with about half residing in Stanwood and half from Camano Island. Each graduate received a challenge coin as a token of appreciation. Attendees also heard from Snohomish County Sheriff Susanna Johnson, along with other Snohomish County law enforcement leaders as part of the Academy's closing ceremony. Stanwood Police hopes to organize its next Community Academy in 2027. In the meantime, Chief Toner encourages community members to stay connected, get involved, and consider volunteering. "We are always seeking Citizens Patrol volunteers and are eager to partner with our community," he said. The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office—who the City of Stanwood contracts police services with—also offers a countywide Community Academy, with the next course planned for 2026. Visit their website for additional details at snohomishcountywa.gov/communityacademy.

LEFTOVER TURNOVER V

Disc Golf Tournament at Kayak Point Disc Golf Resort.. Friday, November 28. Registration closes November 25 at 8pm. Register at discgolfscore.com.

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Queen lead singer Freddie Mercury was born with four extra teeth in his upper jaw giving him his distinct smile.

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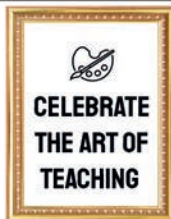


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DID YOU KNOW?

Some sloths have more neck bones than giraffes. Despite the difference in neck length, there are more bones in the neck of a three-fingered sloth than a giraffe. There are seven vertebrae in the neck of a giraffe, as in most mammals, but a three-fingered sloth can have eight or nine.

NORTH COUNTY FIRE & EMS SANTA RUN



December 5-16 Firefighters, their families and friends will be escorting Santa through Stanwood neighborhoods to collect non-perishable foods and monetary donations to benefit community members this holiday season. Make a lasting impact while seeing Santa and his helpers! December 14-16, Santa will be visiting Stanwood locations. Go to the website to find out where and when: <https://www.northcountyfireems.com/community-programs/annual-santa-run>.

COMMUNITY COALITION OF STANWOOD-CAMANO UPDATES

Since 2017, the Community Coalition of Stanwood-Camano has been living out its motto, "Working together to cultivate a stronger community." What began as a grassroots collaboration among local leaders and organizations has grown into a driving force for community improvement across a wide range of local needs — from early learning to transportation and beyond. One of the Coalition's first major achievements was the creation of Snow Goose Transit, a community transit system that grew out of a two-year initiative in the organization's early days. The project connected residents to vital services and demonstrated how collaboration can turn ideas into long-term solutions. Over the past several years, the Coalition has turned its focus toward Kindergarten Readiness, a comprehensive initiative wrapping up by the end of 2025. Through partnerships with the Stanwood-Camano School District, YMCA, Community Resource Center, and local early learning programs, the initiative has expanded opportunities for young learners and families alike. "These projects represent what can happen when a community comes together with shared purpose and mutual support," said Coalition leadership. "We're proud of how collaboration has created real, lasting impact for families and children in our area." The Coalition continues to look ahead, with several projects in development and workgroups currently addressing unhoused needs, food insecurity, and disaster preparedness. Each effort embodies the Coalition's belief that collaboration strengthens resilience — and that when organizations share resources, the whole community benefits. Residents and organizations are encouraged to learn more or get involved by visiting www.coalitionstanwood-camano.org.

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SHS POINSETTIAS



Help support SHS Grad Night 2026 AND brighten your home for the holidays! We're selling beautiful poinsettias to raise funds for a safe, fun, unforgettable Grad Night for the Class of 2026. Grab yours and spread some holiday cheer! SHS Class of 2026 is selling gorgeous poinsettias to fund Grad Night. Perfect for decorating, gifting, or spreading some seasonal joy! If you'd like to support the kids and add a little red + green magic to your home, I'm taking orders now! LINK TO SALES PAGE: <https://vwfundraiser.com/org/shs-boosters?>



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DID YOU KNOW?

About two-thirds of people have experienced déjà vu—the eerie feeling of having already experienced a current situation.

IT'S TOUGH TO BE HUNGRY ANY TIME OF THE YEAR especially during the holidays. Camano Island Fire & Rescue want to make sure everyone in our community has enough to eat. Even a small donation can make a big difference. The Stanwood Camano Food Bank & Thrift Store tell us these items help the most: Hearty soups and stews, Pasta and pasta sauce, Hot beverages (coffee, tea, cocoa, cider), Diapers (sizes 5 & 6), Toilet paper. Drop off items at any Camano Fire station or our Admin Office at 811 N. Sunrise Rd and help our friends and neighbors this holiday season!

SANTA AND HIS ELVES ARE BACK FOR CAMANO ISLAND'S 2025 SANTA RUN



Events kick off Monday, Dec. 8, and run through Thursday, Dec. 11. Santa starts his rounds at 6 p.m. each night and wraps up around 8 p.m. Santa's elves will collect donations for Camano Fire's annual food and gift card drive each night during the Santa Run. Last year, residents donated 2,000 lbs of food during the four-day Santa Run. We will publish a special Santa Tracker link each night so you can follow Santa's progress. Look for more details on our News page in early December. 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 joined by a parade of Camano Fire engines and ambulances. 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. More info: <https://camanofire.com/news/>

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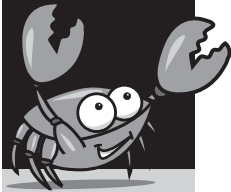
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DID YOU KNOW?

The first time the word period was used on TV in reference to menstruation was in 1985. It came via a line in a Tampax commercial: "Feeling cleaner is more comfortable. It can actually change the way you feel about your period." And the actor who made pop culture history was Courteney Cox of Friends fame.

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED



The West Camano Little Free Pantry received so many wonderful donations to prepare for SNAP benefit cuts. We were all amazed how our Camano community rallied together to fight food insecurity together. We thank you so much for your contributions! Together as collective we can make a huge impact. We have been checking on the pantry and it has been getting lots of visitors. That being said we are in need of continuous donations to keep the shelves stocked and bellies fed. I have created a group for our community to come together to communicate, find volunteers and create a space for additional questions. If you would like to join us on our mission please find our group West Camano Little Free Pantry. If you would like to make a donation we have a drop off site: 1563 S West Camano Drive. Additionally online donation options are available. Non-perishables would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

DIAPERS AND WIPES DRIVE

presented by Stanwood Cannons Baseball and Softball. Head to Hagen in Stanwood from 3-5pm on these dates: December 5, 12, 20, and 21 to see some of our players and drop off some diapers or wipes. All items collected will be delivered to The Caring Place in Stanwood. Collection sites: NAPA Stilly Auto Parts and your favorite Cannons player. Please consider purchasing diapers, pull-ups, wipes, any baby necessities to provide for families in need.

HOLIDAY HOPE DRIVE

Support the Stanwood Camano Food Bank Holiday House! Tis' the Holiday season and Sound Resilience Health teamed with Anytime Fitness Stanwood (and a few other wonderful friends) are ready to give back. We have multiple locations to drop off gifts and non-perishable food items. Every donation is a reminder that hope grows stronger when our community shows up for one another! This season can be tough for many so let's make it a little brighter together. 13-18 year old gifts preferred. Donation period: November 6-December 20. Locations: Sound Resilience Health, Anytime Fitness Stanwood, Merry Little Baker (Karens Place). Please check out our website for more updates! <https://www.soundresiliencehealth.com/holidayhope2025>

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DID YOU KNOW?

In 1937, Hormel, the company that makes Spam, sponsored a naming contest for the new product. Kenneth Daigneau, a New York actor, who was also the brother of a Hormel VP, won \$100 for coming up with "Spam."

HOLIDAY HOUSE VINTAGE SHOPPE



Event by The Historic Lady Florence, 24124 Marine Dr, Stanwood. We are so excited to invite you to come shop our 2nd annual Holiday House Vintage Shoppe! NOVEMBER 29TH-DECEMBER 10TH, 10AM-6PM DAILY! Come explore the Historic Lady Florence annual Holiday House Vintage Shoppe featuring home goods from our sister company Bespoke Home's vintage, handmade and locally sourced home goods, furniture, clothing, and stemware along with other select crafting vendors. With highly curated one of a kind holiday gifts - you will be sure to find the perfect gift for a loved one! Warm cookies and sipping cider served daily.

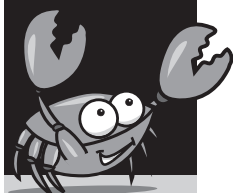
CAMANO ISLAND YACHT CLUB DONATION EVENT

Saturday, December 6th, from 10am to 1pm, Camano Island Yacht Club First Mates will be collecting non-perishable food items, hearty soups, toilet paper, paper towels, and \$25 gift cards (IGA or Walmart). Donations will support those in need through His Pantry Food Bank, right here on the island. We invite you to drop off your donations at the Yacht Club, 129 N. Sunset Drive.

DEAR FOLKS AT THE CRAB CRACKER MAGAZINE:

"I have owned a home on Camano for over 30 years (a summer/weekend home). I just discovered your little magazine today, for the first time, quite by accident while visiting Elger Bay grocery store. I just had to write to tell you that I read your little magazine cover-to-cover and really LOVED it! Great job keeping us informed of community news! I especially liked the tide tables and the inclusion of the recipe for green beans. I signed up for your newsletters by email so I can keep up with local news. Thank you so much for this sweet little publication. Happy Thanksgiving!" - Nannette. From us at The Crab Cracker, thank you Nannette. We are happy you discovered us and we are happy to continuously provide you and the rest of our community neighbors with relevant news, stories, events, and entertainment.

Band-Aid Bulletin



*A new monthly
message from
the Stanwood
Camano School
District Health
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Department*



The Band-Aid Bulletin

November in the Northwest brings dark mornings, early sunsets, and plenty of reasons to cozy up indoors. Families gather after long days at work and school to unwind with kids, pets, and often, screens. In some ways, that end-of-day routine looks the same as it did generations ago — but in others, it's completely transformed by the presence of mobile devices and constant connectivity. In the 1980s, a newsletter like this would have been printed on paper and sent home in a backpack. Now, like so much else, it's read on a screen. Students today spending more time in front of devices has prompted growing research into the effects of screen time on learning, attention, sleep, and mental health. The findings suggest that too much time on screens can take a toll — but the encouraging news is that balance can be restored. Health professionals are reminding families that it's never too late to rethink how technology fits into daily life. The goal isn't to banish screens but to use them intentionally — for learning, connecting, and creating — while keeping space for life offline. That means getting back to basics: spending more time outside in the daylight, playing, riding bikes, being silly, reading together, drawing, painting, making or listening to music, or even just gazing out the window and daydreaming. These simple, screen-free moments are powerful. They help build sharper minds, stronger relationships, and the kinds of memories that stick.

Stanwood-Camano families now have free access to Qustodio, a digital safety and wellness tool that helps parents set screen time limits, pause internet access, schedule device "bedtimes," and view daily reports. It also adds after-hours filtering on district Chromebooks to support safe and balanced tech use at home. Qustodio is private, COPPA-compliant, and fully supported by Qustodio — not managed by the district.

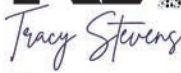




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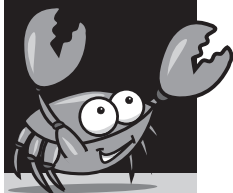
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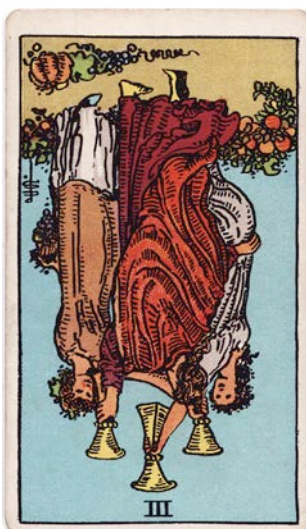
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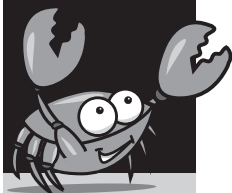
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November 28th – December 4th : Three of Cups Reversed. Chagrin after merriment. Many aim to temporarily lose themselves in the holiday spirit, tucking away conflicting emotion that resists being boxed up. Joy, gratitude, celebration, family tradition, now uncomfortably share space with the inability to not bear witness to the disproportionate suffering of others, and often, the callousness our own loved ones feel toward the inequality. Part of us longs for how merry gatherings used to be, while part of us feels compelled to honor the grief that exists alongside what and how we celebrate. The commercialism feels less generous this year, and more pressurized and depletive, having us question how can we alter course without our cherished ones feeling slighted, or leaving us feeling judged or judging ourselves. Give from love not obligation, shop local, gift memories from experiences, allow yourself to question tradition, and sit curiously with what your emotions may be trying to convey to you.

December 5th – December 11th : Temperance. There is no one size fits all instruction manual for self-governance. Self-discipline is by definition subjective and illusively unclear, because one cannot be told they are in balance, but can only self-reflect on if one feels balanced internally. It calls for being truthful with yourself, as well as summoning the courage to face yourself, preferably with grace rather than shame. You're encouraged to remember to pour into your own cup and prioritize your peace of mind, so that you can better pour into others from a stance of abundance rather than sapped scarcity. You're invited to come into awareness of your own energy which engulfs your spaces and those within. Are you fumigating, sullying, or infusing, uplifting? Find your love for others, breathe it in for yourself, breathe it out to elevate your energetic ripples.



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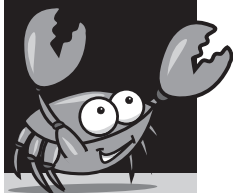
Delicious almond shortbread tarts filled with sweet raspberry preserves dusted with confectioners' sugar, Enjoy!



INGREDIENTS: 1 c. all-purpose flour, 1/2 c. almond flour, 1/3 c. granulated sugar, 1/4 tsp. baking powder, 1/4 tsp. kosher salt, 1/2 c. unsalted butter, cubed, 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract, 1/4 tsp. almond extract, 1/2 c. raspberry preserves, Confectioners' sugar for dusting

DIRECTIONS: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a mini muffin pan with paper liners to ensure the tarts can be removed with ease. In a medium bowl, whisk together the all-purpose flour, almond flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Add the flour mixture to a food processor. Add the cubed butter along with the vanilla and almond extracts. Pulse the mixture until it begins to form a dough when squeezed in your hand. Once the desired consistency has been achieved, pour the dough back into the bowl, gently knead until smooth. Using a small cookie scoop portion out the dough and roll into balls and place them into the prepared muffin liners. Use the end of a wooden spoon to create an indentation atop each dough ball, approximately 1/4-inch deep to accommodate the raspberry preserves. Fill a plastic zip-top bag with the raspberry preserves, expelling any air before sealing. Snip off a small corner of the bag and carefully pipe the preserves into the indentation in the dough. Place the tarts into the oven and bake for 13-15 minutes or until they are golden brown and fully set. Allow the tarts to cool in the pan for 20 minutes to prevent them from crumbling when removed. (To ensure they didn't crumble, I placed them in the refrigerator for 30 minutes. Once cooled, use a thin sharp paring knife to help lift the tarts out of the pan. To serve, gently remove the liners and garnish with a dusting of confectioners' sugar and more preserves if desired. Store in an airtight container for up to 5 days. Enjoy!

Classes and Workshops



DID YOU KNOW?

The year before Toy Story 2 came out, someone accidentally erased 90% of the film was erased. And their backup system wasn't working correctly. It would have taken a year to recreate what was deleted, but luckily another employee had a second backup of the entire film on her laptop at home.

Meditation for Beginners November 11-December 2. 4 week series, one hour every Tuesday morning 7:30 to 8:30. Great for anyone new to the practice or current practitioners looking for more options to add to their toolkit. Sign Up at movementarts.com/events or call 360-629-9100. \$80 or \$25 Drop In.

Healing Through Nature offers live classes at the Mother Earth Temple, the foundational Seven Phases Practice, an indoor 90-minute class with gentle movement-sounding meditation, a form of complementary healing and vibrational medicine, followed by optional practice together in nearby mature Cedar-Fir Forest, with practice-video library, online courses, and books. 9AM Tues Thurs Sat. RSVP ellahope@HealingThroughNature.com www.7Phases.com

Free Macbook and iPad / iPhone Tutoring 3 / 30-minute sessions in the Camano Center Library (1pm, 1:30pm, 2pm) the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Email Joyce to sign up at fact@ms-deadlines.com

Zumba classes - Mondays at 11am at Pathways to Wellness in Stanwood and Thursdays at 5:30pm at Camano Country Club. Sessions run from Monday, July 7th to Thursday, December 18th. For more information: www.zumba.com (Instructor: Jennifer Anderson).

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).

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.

Guitar Lessons with Ford Geisbrecht. All ages, levels & styles. Learn at your own pace. Ukelele & Bass also available. Serving Camano/Stanwood since 2002. 360-631-0661.

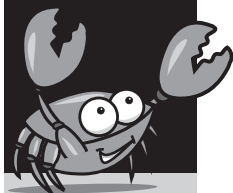
Line Dance Lessons at the Camano Center with Kari — every Wednesday 3:00pm-3:45pm. Fun and exercise! socialdancesimplified.com.

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: Forte Music Dance Ar, 1095 Essex St. A-1 Camano Island WA 98282 for more info or to register please contact: Chris Tuohy @ 360.572.9262 or jazzman2e@mac.com

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.

12/01/2025 SAIL CLASS @ CAMANO COUNTRY CLUB starts! Mondays & Wednesdays at 12pm. Only \$26.25 for all 6 classes. Pre-Register by email: camanocountryclub@frontier.com

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The word "lunatic" originates from the belief that mental illnesses were influenced by changes in the moon's phases.

High Fitness Saturdays: Join us for a FREE high-intensity (or low intensity, you choose) group exercise class 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!

Yoga classes - Beginner, gentle (plus 2, 40 minute chair yoga classes to choose from) and intermediate classes @ Z's Body & Soul, 9504 271st, Stanwood. 360-629-5040. www.zsremedies.com.

Yoga for Beginners January 6-Feb 3, 2026 Tuesdays 6-7:15pm. Give the gift of Yoga in the New Year! 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. This session is offered in-studio only. \$95 Register in advance at movementarts.com/events or call 360-629-9100

The Medicine Wheel - Parts 3 and 4 - Healing the Self and the Collective: January 10 and February 28, 12-4 pm. January 10: Part 3 The Journey North; the Hummingbird and the Way of the Seer: Fly with this potent archetype as we explore the attributes of the North including dreaming, co-creating, divination, meditation, journeying and more. February 28: Part 4 The Journey East; the Eagle and the Way of the Sage: Fly wing to wing with Spirit! In this lofty direction we study time mastery, focus and freedom. \$105 or \$199 for both workshops. Sign up at movementarts.com/events or call 360-629-9100. PLEASE NOTE: Open to all who have completed parts 1 and 2.

YogaTone Sundays January 11, 18 and 25. 10:30-11:30am. Drop-In! Welcome! Join us for a fantastic, 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. \$75 or \$35 drop in register at movementarts.com/events or call 360-629-9100.

Intro to Fascia Rolling: the Benefits of Myofascial Release. January 17, 2-4pm. Myofascial release is a self-care practice that utilizes soft, pliable massage therapy balls to roll and knead the body's fascial connective tissue to help increase our mobility and relieve aches and pains. \$65 p/p includes 2 sets of MFR balls, yours to keep, or without MFR balls if you already have your own at \$35 (workshop only). Reserve now at movementarts.com/events or call 360-629-9100.

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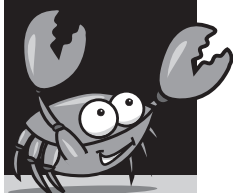


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**36th year
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thru Jan. 19th**

The gallery hours: Friday, Sat. & Sunday, 11 to 5:00
(Mon - Thurs. by appt.) **call** 360-387-2759 **email** matzke@camano.net
Matzke Gallery, 2345 Blanche Way, Camano Is., WA

Classified Listings



DID YOU KNOW?

The Guinness World Record for the longest human long jump is greater than the world record for longest horse long jump. Mike Powell set the record in the 1991 World Championships in Tokyo by jumping 8.95 meters, and the horse Something set the record in 1975 by jumping 8.40 meters.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Open House Dec 4th, 10 to 4 at Zs, 9504 271st St NW, Stanwood. 20% all gifts and gift certificates. Healing, locally made products. Light House Coaching. Reflexologists. Facials. Yoga, all levels

Does anyone have a mobility van with wheelchair ramp that is not being used right now? I am interested in purchasing a used one without too many miles on it. call (206) 465-5566 (Camano)

End of Year Deal Celebrate the New Year at Anytime Fitness with Free Enrollment and ½ off training! 360-939-9593.

Seeking private mother-in-law unit or similar for quiet older woman in Stanwood-Camano area for around \$1,000/month 425-367-3128.

Looking for childcare for your preschooler? Stay-at-home dad with playful 2-year-old daughter looking to provide care for one more child, preferably under 4 years old. My wife is an RN of 15 years who works from home and is available for any CPR/first-aid support. References available. Contact Jon for details: jnren@hotmail.com

"Do you want to turn your place into an Airbnb, but not sure where to start?" I have had an Airbnb on Camano Island for 10 years, with over 200 5 star reviews. I can help get your place ready and or co-host. 360-913-7675."

I buy vinyl record albums: Rock, Pop, Jazz and more. I'll buy a few or a collection. Call Mike @ 425-530-8021.

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Clubs and Meetings



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The Carolina Reaper holds the title for the world's hottest chili pepper, measuring over 2.2 million Scoville Heat Units.

Think Snow!!! Ski/Snowboard Stevens Pass on Tuesdays beginning January 6, 2026! The Merry Mountain Ski Club, a non-profit club, provides a luxury coach on Tuesdays with stops in Bellingham, Burlington, Stanwood and Everett. We have a Seattle, Kirkland and Monroe bus too! <https://merrymountain.com/> or 206-550-4908.

Friendship Tea - 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.

Social Gaming Club - This weekly club at the Stanwood YMCA will develop critical thinking, problem solving, and social skills through tech-free gaming. Board games, card games, RPGs and more will be on the table! No need to bring any supplies, come prepared to play! Questions? Email sleonardo@ymca-snoco.org

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

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

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

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!

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>.

Seas & Greetings

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CASA'S PET OF THE WEEK:

This big muscle head is **FRANKIE!** He is a sweet, lovable guy who adores people and getting affection. Frankie would make an excellent cuddle buddy as he thinks he's a lap dog and loves snuggles. Frankie is crate and potty trained and knows basic commands such as sit and stay. If Frankie sounds like the dog for you, please stop by to visit!

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



NOAH'S PET OF THE WEEK:

Hello! I'm **PETA**, a 2 year old kitty looking for my new FURever home! Could that be you? Come in and meet me today!

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



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

AUTUMN is a delicate little lady who is dreaming of a home for the holidays. She loves to be with her people and can usually be found nestled on a pile of cozy blankets or on a bed in front of the fireplace. Autumn enjoys going for walks while she explores her surroundings. She is a great little 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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THE JOYS OF RETIREMENT

I don't know about you, but for me, retirement has been an absolute delight. This stage of life is full of free time and endless opportunities to try new things for the first time – like cataract surgery.

Oh sure, there are the occasional creaks and pops when I bend down to tie my shoes (which I now approach like a cautious archaeologist uncovering an ancient ruin), but otherwise, it's all sunshine and rainbows (a side effect of the prescription eyedrops I'm using).

And not to brag, but at 70 years of age, people tell me I now have the strength of a man twice my age. The only body parts that have begun to fail are my knees (two total knee replacements), eyesight (two cataract surgeries), and pretty much any part that is supposed to bend.

My doctors told me two years ago I needed hearing aids (at least, I think that's what they said). But I always forget to wear them – mainly because my memory isn't what it used to be.... which is why I forgot to mention I've also been diagnosed with sleep apnea and an enlarged prostate.

Okay, so my body is a trainwreck. But I have to say, there are several benefits to getting old (besides the obvious alternative). First off, I have so much more free time now that I'm retired and unemployed. Gone are the days of scrambling to meet work deadlines or social obligations. Nowadays my calendar is wide open! I typically fill in much of this free time with fun activities like appointments with my eye doctor, dermatologist, pulmonologist, urologist, and physical therapist. I now know most of their kids' names.

Best of all, I now have all the time in the world to focus on self-improvement. Like exercise, for example. I've always been an active person – until my knees decided that walking downstairs was overrated. So, instead of running marathons like I once did back in my thirties, I work out in different ways. My new favorite move is called the Couch-to-Kitchen Shuffle. It involves attempting to get up from the couch without making noises resembling the snap of a tree branch. I'm proud to say that I can usually get up with just one thrust – unless I'm waking up from a nap, in which case it might take two or three attempts.

And let's not forget the importance of mental exercise. I've read that keeping the brain active is crucial to preventing dementia and Alzheimer's. So, I do a daily series of mind-bending puzzles, including the New York Times Wordle and Connections puzzles. But my favorite game is called Why Did I Come Into This Room?, which I play at least twice a day.

But the real thrill comes from a more high-stakes mental game: Did I Already Take My Blood Pressure Pills Today? I can't tell you how many times I've opened the pill box, stared at it for several minutes, and then mentally replayed my entire morning routine to figure out whether I've already taken my meds. It's like a puzzle with high consequences – kind of like Jenga but with the possibility of a stroke if I

View from the Bleachers



make the wrong move.

One of the true joys of getting old is taking naps. I don't mean to brag, but I'm really good at it. There's nothing more satisfying than curling up on the couch, letting your eyelids flutter shut, and instantly slipping into a deep, relaxing nap. And I usually won't wake up until at least 15 minutes later, when I need to pee.

Okay, sure, getting old has its challenges, but I try to stay optimistic. True, I spend half my day running from one doctor's appointment to the next, and yes, my knees sound like a bowl of Rice Krispies when I get up in the morning. But there's something special about this stage of life – although for the life of me, I can't seem to remember what that is at the moment. It will come to me later – when I lie awake at 3:00 a.m., deciding whether or not to pee.

But, hey, at least I'm still winning the game of What Day Is It? Or at least, I will be as soon as I take my pills and remember where I put my glasses.

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

Medicare Education Workshop

Attend our upcoming Medicare workshop and learn the essentials! This event will cover Medicare eligibility, Medicare Parts A, B, C & D.

This workshop is no-cost, no obligation and will give you the basics you need to understand your options.

Camano Center

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- Tuesday - 10/14/2025 @ - 1:00pm -2:00pm

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- Tuesday - 11/4/2025 @ - 1:00pm -2:00pm
- Tuesday - 11/18/2025 @ - 1:00pm -2:00pm

December:

- Tuesday - 12/09/2025 @ - 1:00pm -2:00pm
- Tuesday - 12/16/2025 @ - 1:00pm -2:00pm

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TIDE TABLES / SARATOGA PASSAGE / NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 11, 2025

Date	High /Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Moon Visible	Date	High /Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Moon Visible
F 28	Low	3:49 AM	1.8		F 5	High	5:53 AM	13.3	
28	High	11:10 AM	11.7		5	Low	10:54 AM	8.1	
28	High	5:52 PM	5.0		5	High	3:40 PM	12.0	
28	High	10:45 PM	7.1		5	Low	11:04 PM	-4.3	
Sa 29	Low	4:46 AM	2.9		Sa 6	High	6:44 AM	13.6	
29	High	11:45 AM	11.8		6	Low	11:50 AM	8.2	
29	High	6:37 PM	3.4		6	High	4:28 PM	11.6	
Su 30	High	12:25 AM	7.7		Su 7	High	7:33 AM	13.5	
30	Low	5:48 AM	4.2		7	Low	12:46 PM	8.1	
30	High	12:21 PM	11.9		7	High	5:19 PM	11.0	
30	Low	7:20 PM	1.5		M 8	Low	12:39 AM	-3.2	
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