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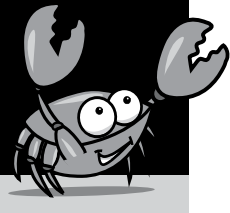
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Welcome to The Crab Cracker! Here's What's Crackin'...

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

Cover image: We can only hope that 2021 is better than 2020!

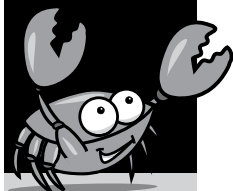


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Submission DEADLINE: JAN. 7 for Next Edition (January 15-28, 2021)

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

There is a correlation between pulling an all-nighter and snapping out of depression. This is because the brain gets more active the longer it goes without sleep.

NOTICE: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many events have been cancelled or postponed or rescheduled. Some of the following events are online and virtual. For all others, contact them directly to ensure they are happening.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

HAPPY NEW YEAR'S EVE!

New Year's Eve (also known as Old Year's Day or Saint Sylvester's Day in many countries). In many countries, New Year's Eve is celebrated at evening parties, where many people dance, eat, drink, and watch or light fireworks. Some Christians attend a watchnight service. The celebrations generally go on past midnight into New Year's Day, 1 January. The Line Islands (part of Kiribati) and Tonga, are examples of the first places to welcome the New Year, while Baker Island (an uninhabited atoll part of the United States Minor Outlying Islands) and American Samoa are among the last. – Wikipedia.

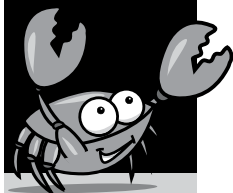


SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

E-CYCLE

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

Calendar of Events



FUN FACT:

There are more people in the U.K. than in Canada, Australia, Norway, and Iceland combined. The U.K population is over 65 million.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

ONLINE CRAFT & CHAT – UPCYCLED CRAFTS: PARTY LIKE IT'S 1999

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Stuck on what to do with party decorations after the celebration's done, but feel bad about just tossing them in the trash? Join us in sharing the projects you've made with your old party decor, favors and any other ideas for upcycled crafts! Seeking inspiration for materials? Our group has been using a variety of materials like toilet and paper towel tubes, scrap paper, and plastic bottle caps dressed up with acrylic paint. This is also the perfect opportunity to use up remnant fabric, craft materials, and yarn from past projects! Craft and Chat is an online social event that offers you the opportunity to skill share, learn about library resources and make connections with fellow crafters. A link to join the event via Zoom will be sent to registered participants the day of the event. You can access Zoom in your computer's browser, or download the app for free on an Apple or Android device. You do not need to have your own Zoom account in order to participate. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

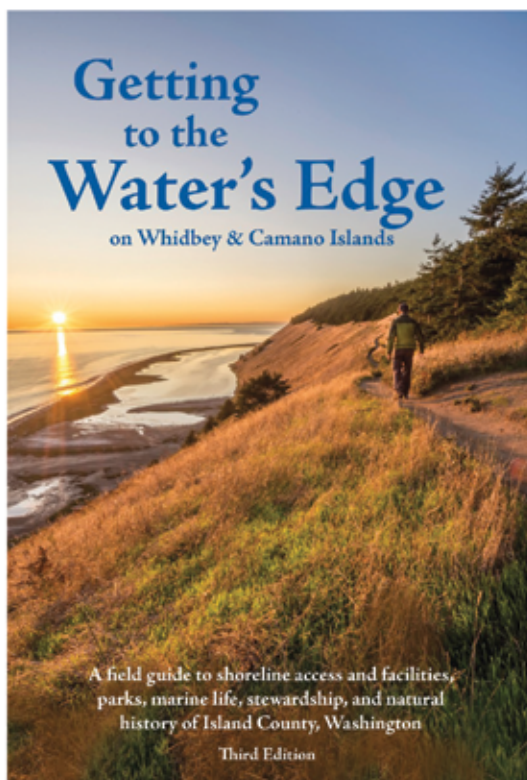


MONDAY, JANUARY 4

MAKING INDIAN SWEETS

Silver Kite Online Workshop. 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM. Travel to South India for a sweet taste of traditional Semiya Pysam. A warm rich noodle pudding that is a favorite on special occasions. It can be served warm or cold. Come learn how to make this tasty treat that involves very little prep!! Ingredients: 1 teaspoon Ghee or unsalted butter, plus 2 teaspoons unsalted butter; 1 cup angel hair pasta, broken into 3/4-inch pieces; 4 cups whole milk; 2 cups water; 3/4 cup sugar; 1/2 cup golden raisins (sultanas) or dark raisins; 1/2 cup broken raw cashew nuts; 1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Silver Kite Community Arts is offering FREE online intergenerational workshops, talks, social hours, and performances for the community. We hope that by offering these opportunities, we are providing stimulating creative engagement opportunities and social connection during this challenging time. Register on the Silver Kite website at least one hour before class starts. Use sil2020 as the password. Silver Kite will send you the link for your class one hour before it begins. If you have any questions about your registration, please contact Silver Kite by email: info@silverkite.us or by phone: (508) 812-0431

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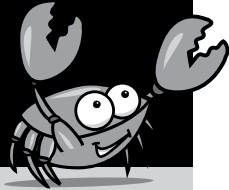
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Published by Sound Water Stewards of Island County, this book describes boat and kayak launches, birding, hiking, dog parks, natural history, legal rights and trail/beach accessibility. Includes intertidal identification, stewardship best practices, geology, history and maps.

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at SoundWaterStewards.org**



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FUN FACT:

The Hogwarts Express from the Harry Potter movies is a real train in Scotland.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

STAY-AT-HOME STORYTIME SNIPPETS

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM. Enjoy stories, sing along songs, rhymes and fun activities that prepare young minds for the adventures of reading. Presented by Sno-Isle Libraries staff from their homes for you and your little ones to join in from your home. To view, please visit the Sno-Isle Libraries Facebook or YouTube pages. Recordings will be available for later viewing.



TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

VIRTUAL PLAY & LEARN WITH WONDERLAND CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM. Online event. Join Wonderland Play & Learn facilitator, Shelby, for a 30-minute virtual circle time on Zoom on Tuesday mornings! We will have fun activities designed to foster your child's development, including a story time, singing, and simple crafts. Register online to receive your Zoom link and a list of materials you may need for the Play & Learn activities. For information about Wonderland Child and Family Services, please visit their website: <https://wonderlandkids.org/>. A link to join the event via Zoom will be sent to registered participants one day before the event. If you don't see the email by an hour before the event, check your spam folder. You can access Zoom in your computer's browser, or download the app for free on an Apple or Android device. You do not need to have your own Zoom account in order to participate.

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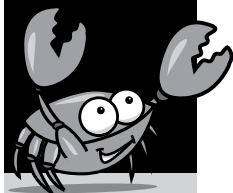
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FUN FACT:

All of the suits worn by Neil Patrick Harris on *How I Met Your Mother* were tailored especially for the actor. After the series finale, he took some of them home.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

ONLINE CRAFT & CHAT – KNIT & CROCHET

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM. Calling all yarn crafters! Whether you make garments, gifts, home décor, or amigurumi, you can use yarn to create a wide variety of beautiful and interesting objects. Bring your current knit or crochet project and connect with your fellow crafters. A link to join the event via Zoom will be sent to registered participants the day of the event. You can access Zoom in your computer's browser, or download the app for free on an Apple or Android device. You do not need to have your own Zoom account in order to participate. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

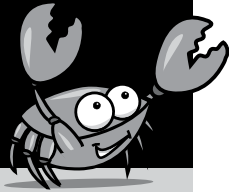


WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

ONLINE PUB TRIVIA - CHEERS TO THE NEW YEAR! BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TRIVIA

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. Online event. Join us for Beer, Wine, and Liquor Trivia to finish ringing in the New Year! Grab your favorite beverage, call your friends, and test your knowledge of hooch history, local breweries, cocktail recipes, drinks in pop-culture, liquor lore, and more – right in the comfort of your own home! A link to join trivia via Zoom will be sent to registered participants the morning of the event. You do not need to have your own Zoom account in order to participate. Team members are not required and teams of one are absolutely fine. If you are playing with team members who are sharing your screen/device, only one team member need register. If team members are located in different households, at least one member of each household should register for trivia. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

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FUN FACT:

Pure cocoa can help prevent tooth decay.

Naturally occurring chemicals in cocoa beans fight harmful bacteria in the mouth.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

SENIOR SOCIAL HOUR

Silver Kite Online Workshop. 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM. Seniors, join us for an hour of conversation, play, and connection! During the COVID-19 pandemic, Silver Kite Community Arts is offering FREE online inter-generational workshops, talks, social hours, and performances for the community. We hope that by offering these opportunities, we are providing stimulating creative engagement opportunities and social connection during this challenging time. Register on the Silver Kite website at least one hour before class starts. Use sil2020 as the password. Silver Kite will send you the link for your class one hour before it begins. If you have any questions about your registration, please contact Silver Kite by email: info@silverkite.us or by phone: (508) 812-0431. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

ONLINE CRAFT & CHAT – EARLY BIRD COFFEE AND CRAFTS

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM. Online event. Craft and Chat is an online social event that offers you the opportunity to skill share, learn about library resources and make connections with fellow crafters. Good morning early risers! This Craft and Chat is for those who know the best way to start the day is with conversation, coffee, and creativity. All crafts and all skill levels are welcome. This is a social event and not a tutorial. Registration is required, although being on camera is not. Hosted by Hattie, Library on Wheels. A link to join the event via Zoom will be sent to registered participants the day of the event. If you don't see the email by an hour before the event, check your spam folder. You can access Zoom in your computer's browser, or download the app for free on an Apple or Android device. You do not need to have your own Zoom account in order to participate. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>



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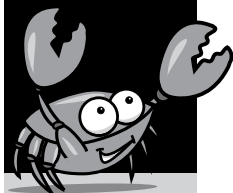
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

READING WITH ROVER

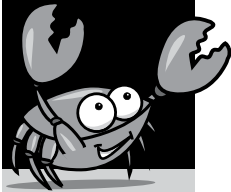
4pm-4:15pm, 4:15pm-4:30pm, 4:45-5pm. Online event. Children build reading skills and confidence by reading aloud to a certified therapy dog in a live video chat. For elementary students ages 6-12, with an adult. One registration required per student. Reading with Rover is a community-based literacy program working with schools and libraries. Prior to the event you will receive an email invitation for the Zoom event. If you don't see it by 3 p.m. the day of, please check your spam folder. Zoom can be downloaded for free on your computer or mobile device. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

VOICE OF EXPERIENCE: WRITING A PERSONAL ESSAY

Silver Kite Online Workshop online event. 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM. What sorts of newspaper or magazine articles compel you to grab a cup of your favorite beverage and hunker down for a read? For many, it's the personal story about working in a unique environment, caregiving, growing up in extraordinary circumstances, or traveling to a remote or difficult place. Readers are drawn to essays where the writer shares their experience in a way that either explodes a myth, gives a glimpse into an unfamiliar world, or offers solace because the reader can relate to the experience. In this workshop we will explore what a personal essay is, look at different examples, brainstorm ideas for your own piece, and get started on your own personal essay. Your experiences and insights are bound to be enlightening for others. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Silver Kite Community Arts is offering FREE online intergenerational workshops, talks, social hours, and performances for the community. Register on the Silver Kite website at least one hour before class starts. Use sil2020 as the password. Silver Kite will send you the link for your class one hour before it begins. If you have any questions about your registration, please contact Silver Kite by email: info@silverkite.us or by phone: (508) 812-0431. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

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FUN FACT:

In the Pokémon games, Poliwhag & Ditto have the same cry sounds.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

ONLINE FAMILY TRIVIA - TRULY TRIVIAL TIDBITS

5:00 PM – 6:15 PM. Go it solo or grab a family member (or a few!) to test your trivia skills, right from the comfort of your own home. Join us for an evening of questions about truly random trivia about unimportant things. Wear your goofiest hat as we start the new year off with a lighthearted game that is sure to bring a smile to your face. Family trivia is designed with young people in mind – we suggest a youth participant on each team. A link to join trivia via Zoom will be sent to registered participants the morning of the event. If you don't see the email by 12:00 noon the day of your trivia event, check your spam folder. You can access Zoom in your computer's browser, or download the app for free on an Apple or Android device. You do not need to have your own Zoom account in order to participate. If you are playing with team members who are sharing your screen/device, only one team member need register. If team members are located in different households, at least one member of each household should register for trivia. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

ONLINE CRAFT & CHAT – CRAFTING FOR NIGHT OWLS

9:00 PM – 10:30 PM. Craft and Chat is an online social event that offers you the opportunity to skill share, learn about library resources and make connections with fellow crafters. This Craft and Chat is for those of you whose creative juices get flowing after the sun goes down. All types of crafts welcome. A link to join the event via Zoom will be sent to registered participants the day of the event. If you don't see the email by an hour before the event, check your spam folder. You can access Zoom in your computer's browser, or download the app for free on an Apple or Android device. You do not need to have your own Zoom account in order to participate. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

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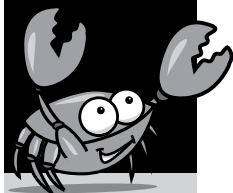
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DID YOU KNOW?

The costume designers for The Lord of the Rings worked for two straight years making custom armor.

Just one Orc suit had 13,000 rings and took 3 days to make.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

INTRO TO PASTELS

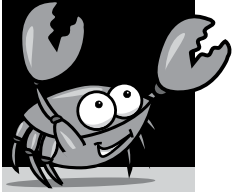
Silver Kite Online Workshop online event. 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM. During this hands-on workshop we'll learn how to use pastels to draw a simple still life. You will need: Chalk Pastels, Paper, Pencil, Eraser, Paper Towels. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Silver Kite Community Arts is offering FREE online intergenerational workshops, talks, social hours, and performances for the community. We hope that by offering these opportunities, we are providing stimulating creative engagement opportunities and social connection during this challenging time. Register on the Silver Kite website at least one hour before class starts. Use sil2020 as the password. Silver Kite will send you the link for your class one hour before it begins. If you have any questions about your registration, please contact Silver Kite by email: info@silverkite.us or by phone: (508) 812-0431. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

MINDFULNESS AND CREATIVITY

Silver Kite Online Workshop. 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM. Online event. In this workshop, participants are guided through a series of mindful creative prompts with the focus on attending to the present moment with tenderness and joy. We will get to know one another a little while we draw, move and write poetry. Ages 15 and up. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Silver Kite Community Arts is offering FREE online intergenerational workshops, talks, social hours, and performances for the community. We hope that by offering these opportunities, we are providing stimulating creative engagement opportunities and social connection during this challenging time. Register on the Silver Kite website at least one hour before class starts. Use sil2020 as the password. Silver Kite will send you the link for your class one hour before it begins. If you have any questions about your registration, please contact Silver Kite by email: info@silverkite.us or by phone: (508) 812-0431. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

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TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

STAY-AT-HOME STORYTIME SNIPPETS

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM Online event. Enjoy stories, sing along songs, rhymes and fun activities that prepare young minds for the adventures of reading. Presented by Sno-Isle Libraries staff from their homes for you and your little ones to join in from your home. To view, please visit the Sno-Isle Libraries Facebook or YouTube pages. Recordings will be available for later viewing.

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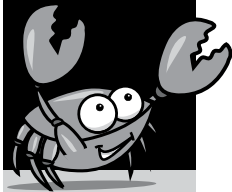
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DID YOU KNOW?

The goliath frog is the largest frog in the world and can grow up to 12.5inch (32cm) in length, and weigh up to 7.2 pounds (3.3kg).



TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

THE COOKBOOK CONNECTION ONLINE BOOK GROUP - COMFORT FOOD

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Online event. It's just what we want to eat during January's blustery, dark days....comfort food. Join us for some inspiration, new dishes to satisfy old hungers, the foods you grew up with, or wish you had! If you have a favorite comfort food, cook up a pot and share it with us on Zoom! A link to join the event via Zoom will be sent to registered participants the day of the event. You do not need to have your own Zoom account in order to participate. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

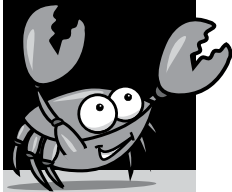


WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

BOLLYWOOD DANCE

Silver Kite Online Workshop. 10:30-11:30 AM. Online event. Come learn the dances that are part of the largest moviemaking capital in the world – India. Traditionally, Bollywood dancing has been heavily influenced by Asian cultures, Hindu art, music and culture. Today, Bollywood music and dancing is also influenced by other cultures and forms of dance including salsa and hip hop. Come join us for a fun class where we will dance to Bollywood hits songs from different eras and learn about the inspiration behind the songs. Register on the Silver Kite website at least one hour before class starts. Use sil2020 as the password. Silver Kite will send you the link for your class one hour before it begins. If you have any questions about your registration, please contact Silver Kite by email: info@silverkite.us or by phone: (508) 812-0431

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FUN FACT:

Albert Einstein was married to his distant cousin; Elsa Einstein.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

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3:00 PM – 5:00 PM. Calling all yarn crafters! Whether you make garments, gifts, home décor, or amigurumi, you can use yarn to create a wide variety of beautiful and interesting objects. Bring your current knit or crochet project and connect with your fellow crafters. A link to join the event via Zoom will be sent to registered participants the day of the event. You do not need to have your own Zoom account in order to participate. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

ONLINE PUB TRIVIA - SIMPLY THE BEST: SCHITT'S CREEK

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Grab your favorite beverage, call your friends, and settle in for a night of pub trivia – right in the comfort of your own home! Join us for Online Pub Trivia - Simply the Best: Schitt's Creek! A link to join trivia via Zoom will be sent to registered participants the morning of the event. You do not need to have your own Zoom account in order to participate. Team members are not required and accounts of one are absolutely fine. If you are playing with team members who are sharing your screen/device, only one team member need register. If team members are located in different households, at least one member of each household should register for trivia. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

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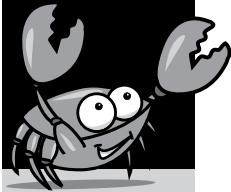


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The age of the Universe is estimated to be 13.7 billion years. The oldest stars in the Milky Way, found in globular clusters, are 13.6 billion years old.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

ONLINE CRAFT & CHAT – OPEN SEW

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM. Online event. Craft and Chat is an online social event that offers you the opportunity to skill share, learn about library resources and make connections with fellow crafters. All sewing enthusiasts are invited to gather and chat! Bring your quilting, machine-sewing, hand-stitching or any sewing-related project, and a mug of your favorite morning beverage. I'm looking forward to lots of show and share! A link to join the event via Zoom will be sent to registered participants the day of the event. If you don't see the email by an hour before the event, check your spam folder. You can access Zoom in your computer's browser, or download the app for free on an Apple or Android device. You do not need to have your own Zoom account in order to participate. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

READING WITH ROVER

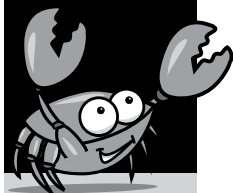
4pm-4:15pm, 4:15pm-4:30pm, 4:45-5pm. Online event. Children build reading skills and confidence by reading aloud to a certified therapy dog in a live video chat. For elementary students ages 6-12, with an adult. One registration required per student. Reading with Rover is a community-based literacy program working with schools and libraries. Prior to the event you will receive an email invitation for the Zoom event. If you don't see it by 3 p.m. the day of, please check your spam folder. Zoom can be downloaded for free on your computer or mobile device. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

ISSUES THAT MATTER: WELLNESS IN UNCERTAINTY

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. Online event. Join us for the inaugural event of Issues That Matter 2021, "Pandemic Pressures: Supporting Community and Family Mental Health." The uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has affected everyone's mental health. Learn if your feelings are normal or if they're a sign to seek help. Panelists will talk about how to identify warning signs in yourself and loved ones, and share information about available resources. Creating healthy connections and finding hope will help us all get through this unprecedented time. Please register to ensure you receive a reminder the day before the event, and to help us get a head count. On the day of the event, return here for the Zoom link to access the program. We recommend signing in a few minutes early to give yourself time to settle in and make sure everything is working. You can access Zoom in your computer's browser, or download the app for free on an Apple or Android device. You do not need to have your own Zoom account in order to participate. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

Kid's Korner



FUN FACT:

Another term for your nieces or nephews would be "nibblings".



WINTER CRAFT: MAKE ICE CRYSTALS IN YOUR KITCHEN

You probably already have all the ingredients you need for this easy at-home science experiment! By Lacie Dooley publisher of Macaroni Kid Athens, Ga., Feb 5, 2019. Photo by Lacie Dooley

Growing your own ice crystal at home is super easy -- and is sure to wow your kids, no matter how old they are. Plus, you're sneaking in a science lesson! You need just a few common household ingredients in order to grow your own ice crystals: 6 Tbsp borax powder, 2 cups water, A pot (to boil water), Glass jar, Pipe cleaners, Clothespin

Instructions: Put the water on to boil. While you're waiting, make a snowflake by cutting two pieces of pipe cleaners approximately 2 inches long and then twisting them together. Then twist the rest of the pipe cleaners on in any kind of shape you'd like. Make sure to leave one piece of the pipe cleaner longer than the rest. Attach the clothespin to the longest piece of pipe cleaner and trim the edges of the remaining pipe cleaner, if needed, to make them even. Add the borax powder to the jar. Pour the boiling water into the jar (This is a job for the adult!). Lower the snowflake into the solution, using the clothespin across the top of the jar to keep it from falling in. (You don't want the water to cool down before the pipe cleaner is added to the solution.) The water should cover the snowflake. Have your kids observe the crystal every few hours to see how it is changing, or even consider making a time-lapse video! Your crystal will be "done" in about six hours. (The longer you let the snowflake sit in the solution, the more crystals will form.).



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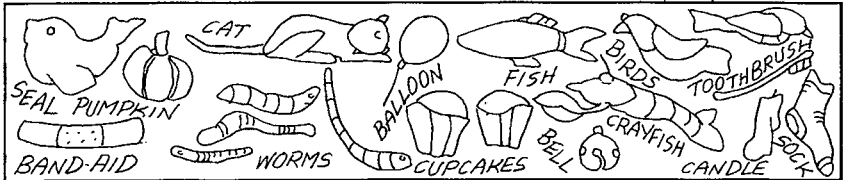
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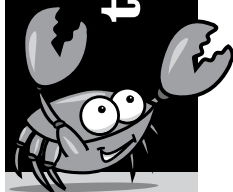
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IF YOU NEED A LAWYER, I FOUND JUST THE GUY

[Author's note: For maximum effect, this article is ideally read with a thick New Jersey mobster accent.]

THE FOLLOWING IS A PAID COMMERCIAL FROM MARVIN GUERKIN, ATTORNEY AT LAW

Hi, friend. I'm Marvin Guerkin. And I want to be YOUR lawyer. In a pickle? Guerkin is your man!

Here's a question: Has this ever happened to you? You notice your garbage disposal isn't working, so you call a plumber. He takes a look and, wiping his hands on your wife's favorite dish towel, says it'll cost ya' \$1,800 to replace the defective disposal. You start stressin' out about the cost, so you light up a cigarette, nervously flicking the ashes to the floor. Suddenly, ashes from your cigarette set that dish towel (which the plumber carelessly tossed on the floor) on fire, which triggers the smoke detector. That freaks out your German Shepherd Hercules, who then bolts out the front door, which you forgot to close when you let the plumber in.

You chase after Hercules, bumping into a stone table in the foyer, knocking over your priceless heirloom lamp dating back to the Ming Dynasty, which you had appraised on Antiques Roadshow for \$9,700, but which now is just a pile of shattered ceramic. Your toddler, Marvin Junior, grabs a broken piece and scarfs it down, because, well, he's a two-year-old, and all two-year-olds are idiots.

You remember that the lamp had lead paint, so you rush Junior to the ER to have his stomach pumped. In your panic, you run a stop sign, and get pulled over by a cop who looks like he hasn't done a push-up since the Nixon administration. Anyhoo, he issues you a ticket for reckless driving, having an expired license, and not strapping your kid into the child seat. You tell him to "Have a good day" and he thinks you're being flip, so he orders you out of the car. You swear up and down that you haven't been drinking, but your nervous tick and sudden stuttering (which you haven't done since speech therapy at age 8) tell the cop otherwise. He runs your license plate and discovers four unpaid violations, which you never told your wife about.

Before you know it, you're in the back of a cop car, headed for the 9th Precinct Station. Your phone rings and you see it's your wife. With your hands cuffed, you fumble to answer the call. Immediately, your better half starts shouting, "Where the heck is Marvin Junior?"

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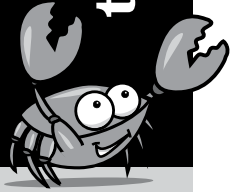
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– which is when you realize that he’s still crawling around in the back of your car, which is parked in an abandoned lot on 36th and Broadway. Your wife is now screaming that the kitchen has gone up in flames and her beloved dish towel is gone – GONE! And the fire department is desperately trying to douse the flames which have now engulfed your entire house. Meanwhile nobody can locate your cat Buttons, not to mention Hercules.

If this sounds like the kind of innocent mix-ups you sometimes stumble into, then call me, Marvin Guerkin, Attorney at Law. No lawyer is better at springing you out of the joint and suing your neighbor into bankruptcy than me.

So, what are you waiting for? Call me, MARVIN GUERKIN – the lawyer to call when ethical attorneys just aren’t up to the job!

[Disclaimer: Marvin Guerkin has been disbarred from practicing law in the following jurisdictions: Nevada, California, Florida, and Puerto Rico – oh, and Guam. He currently has a restraining order preventing him from being within 500 feet of anyone under the age of 21 or over 70. But he expects it to be thrown out on appeal. Please do not google “lawsuits against Marvin Guerkin” unless you plan to stay up all night. Mr. Guerkin requires payment in full upfront, cash, no checks. Payment in the form of luxury suite stays at Caesar’s Vegas is also acceptable.]

[Read more of Tim Jones’ humor every week at www.ViewFromTheBleachers.net.]

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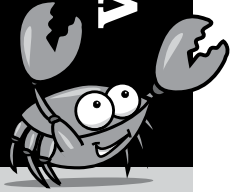
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SOUTH END ART COUNCIL REDUX

A pandemic is probably the worst time in the world to attempt, one more time, to create an art council down here in the cultural barrens of the South End. But Brenda Bodice, she of local watercolor fame, was bound and determined to bring us artists together for one more whack at it. She rented the Grange Hall and strong armed every oil painter, sculptress, glass blower, fabric weaver, photographer, cake decorator, potter, stained glass breaker, woodcarver, luthier, calligrapher and pointillist she could intimidate into showing up for the summit meeting to create an artist group. The assembled aesthetes looked as ragged as you might expect. Some seemed a bit peeved, some just curious, a few had visions of grants and loans, Dan the Woodcarver Man came with a six pack of mood elevators. This wasn't his first art meeting. He'd been holed up down here since the '70's, long before the island started drawing other social misfits. He had come, he liked to say, before being a misfit was cool. As if being an artist was now cool....

Brenda was a bit disappointed at the small turnout, less than a dozen of us misanthropes in attendance, all wearing masks, most of them colorful and artistic. After all, we're artists, not likely we'll buy hospital grade blue gauze plague masks. I sat six feet away from Dan the Woodcarver Man, hoping he'd offer up one of his mood elevators, which he did. Brenda frowned at the two of us but called the meeting to order, gave a nice speech how the sum of our parts would be greater than us working in our studios alone, fairly convincing math, but maybe not to loners like ourselves. Fred, a sculptor locked into his 1960's cast resin bird art, wanted to create bylaws right off the bat, set up membership dues, pick a jury system for new members and ... before Dan waved his nearly empty beer bottle in the air and said Screw that, Fred.

Fred turned purple in the puss but before he could finish sputtering out a retort, some slur regarding chainsaw carving, Brenda intervened, saying let's not get ahead of ourselves here now. Rita Jensen wanted to know if we'd be starting a cooperative of artists and Randy Miller wondered if a gallery might be considered. Art shows, Judy Brankowski, practically yelled, we could have art shows right here in the Grange. Fred made a motion that we start drawing up bylaws but nobody seconded it, maybe out of lack of interest but more likely none of us were interested in Robert's Rules of Order except Fred. When that motion died on his vine, he insisted we elect officers and board members. Randy wondered if we had that many folks.

By the time the six pack was gone, we had heard more than enough. Brenda implored, Brenda gesticulated wildly, Brenda would write grants, Brenda tried best as she could to convince us a South End Art Council would be a path to everything from performance centers to fine art galleries if we just pooled our talents. Dan took one last sip, looked around the Hall at the others spaced appropriately distanced and said loud enough for everyone to hear, good luck with that. I got up with Dan and said I second the motion, it's time to go home. Where, I knew as sure as the sun would come up, Brenda would be calling....

Classes and Workshops



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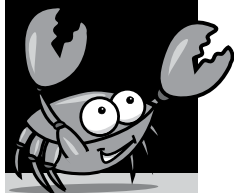
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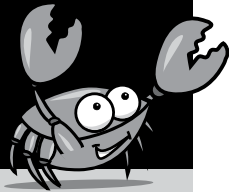
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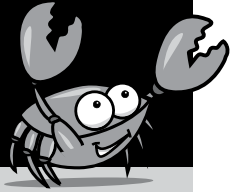


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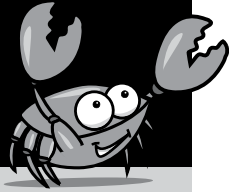
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Dear students, parents and educators, how would you like to be a part of history for our new Saratoga building? Last year we started the process of interviewing artists to create a piece of art for our new building. We have chosen a Washington artist by the name of Scott Fife. He creates sculptures using cardboard and bronze castings. This may be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to talk with the artist and have an influence on a piece of art that will be part of our building forever! What a great learning experience! This meeting will take place on January 13th at 4pm through a Zoom call. This is a chance to see his vision for a piece he is creating for our building. We need your voice to help represent our program and our families. We will have a chance to ask questions and offer feedback. We are looking for volunteers, (students, parents, and teachers) who would be willing to join in this meeting at 4pm on January 13th through Zoom. Register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfVIWOagGRGd008m-JtnayFIZjdc8wLdPwsy6K9ZojCK-JDVw/viewform>

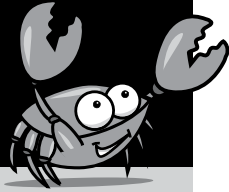
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Snohomish Conservation District is hosting its 4th Annual Youth Art Contest virtually in conjunction with their 36th Annual Plant Sale. The special theme is Nature Journaling. Students and residents of Snohomish County and Camano Island from pre-K to Grade 12 are eligible to enter. Seeing the description, image, and characteristics of nature through journaling - capturing your own observations - is a wonderful way to learn and educate others! Learn more and submit your entries by February 10, 2021 at <http://www.snohomishcd.org/art-contest>. Winners will be chosen for the following grade categories: preK-K | 1-2 | 3-5 | 6-8 | 9-12. Questions may be directed to education@snohomishcd.org or 425-335-5634.

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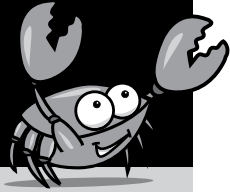
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FUN FACT:

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HOLIDAY LIGHTS, COMPUTER AND ELECTRICAL CORDS RECYCLING DRIVE

What do you do with holiday light strings and old electric and computer cords that no longer work? Instead of throwing them in the trash, bring them to the Camano Transfer Station for recycling! A drop box will be available now through the end of January. WSU Extension Island County Waste Wise volunteers and local Boy Scout Troop 46 will make sure the strings and cords are recycled responsibly. The Transfer Station is located at 75 E Camano Hill Road and is open daily from 9:30-5:00. Questions? Email sarah.bergquist@wsu.edu or call (360) 639-6062.



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Disney World is the second-largest purchaser of explosives in the United States, the first being the U.S. Department of Defense.



PLASTIC BAG BAN

Responding to growing plastic bag pollution, the Legislature in 2020 passed a statewide ban on single-use plastic bags. This new law bans single-use plastic bags to reduce marine plastic pollution, litter, and waste. The law will: Reduce contamination in commingled recycling and compost systems. Promote reuse and recycled content. Build consistency in policy and enforcement across the state. Support the recycled paper manufacturing industry. We are currently collaborating on outreach materials with local governments, retailers, associations, and NGOs. We will offer technical assistance, customizable education, and outreach material to businesses working to educate customers and comply with the ban. You'll also be able to submit a report, starting in 2021, if you observe a business still using prohibited bags. We will use this information to help businesses follow the state's plastic bag ban. Why ban plastic bags? Every year Washingtonians use 2 billion single-use plastic bags. Plastic bags are a big problem in the recycling system. Plastic bags contain toxic chemicals. Plastic bags cost retailers money. Plastic pollution poses both physical and chemical threats to the marine environment. Reusable bags or recyclable paper bags are a better alternative. The ban details: (delayed one month, now effective February 1, 2021 due to Covid), Washington state will: Prohibit single-use plastic carryout bags in all retail and grocery stores, restaurants, takeout establishments, festivals, and markets. Require an 8-cent charge for all recycled content paper carryout bags and reusable carryout bags made of film plastic. The fee may not be collected from anyone using a voucher or electronic benefits card issued under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or Food Assistance Program (FAP). Require a minimum of 40 percent post-consumer recycled content and meet composting requirements in all retail-provided paper bags. Require that a reusable bag made of plastic film contain 20 percent post-consumer recycled content and be at least 2.25 mil thick. Require compliant paper and reusable plastic film bags to be labeled with the above specifications. Create consistent policy and fees across the state. This ban does not apply to food banks and food assistance programs, however, those programs are encouraged to take actions to reduce the use of single-use plastic carryout bags.

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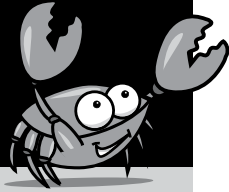
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WIDOWED WOMEN-

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FREE EXTERIOR PAINT JOB

His Biz Painting has been dedicated to serving the Stanwood/Camano community for the past 20 years. We live here. We buy here. And we are staying here. We sincerely appreciate our community and customers for keeping us in business...especially during this trying time! In an effort to give back we, at HIS BIZ, are giving away a FREE exterior paint job to a local family. This would be a homeowner that has been planning on painting their home in the coming season but has been affected by the recent pandemic being forced to put their plans on hold due to financial difficulties. Please use this form to nominate yourself or someone that would benefit from this opportunity. Please give a short explanation as to how and why this individual would be a good candidate for this opportunity. Please include appropriate contact information and be assured that all the information provided will be completely confidential. If chosen, the nominee as well as the individual making the nomination will be contacted by a member of the staff at His Biz Painting. The awardee will be chosen and contacted on Valentine's Day 2021. If you have any questions please feel free to call us at (360) 387-3344. To make a nomination please complete this form: <https://forms.gle/uAFWQBUw4Z2A4jm59>.

MONDAY HELP GROUP

Want to make a plan to do more and stress less? If you've been feeling overwhelmed with distance learning and would like some help with making a plan, please attend the new Monday time management group "Do More and Stress Less: How to Manage Your Time and Improve Your Grades." Join this Google Meet from 2:30-3PM on Mondays with the code "Monday Help." We'll go over strategies for understanding your grade, making a weekly schedule, and getting caught up in your classes. Parents and students are invited to attend.

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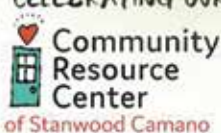


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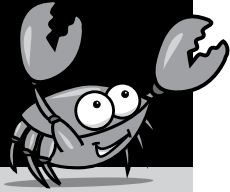


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Mountain Dew is slang for moonshine. It was originally created as a mixer for moonshine and whiskey in Tennessee.

MOONSHINE WARS VOL. 1, EP. 1

"What's the point of all this?" she said to the air in front her.

"Point of all what?" said a boy.

She dropped her calico sack. A boy had sneaked up behind her.

She took a breath to calm her heart and turned to see him.

"What are you doing up here?" she said.

"Same as you, I guess. There ain't a law is there?"

He looked down at his bare feet, his hands stuck in the pockets of his dirty overalls.

"This is my daddy's land, so, yeah, there is a law," she said.

"Shoot." He looked up from his feet and scanned the tree line. "Your daddy owns all this? I don't believe it. This is just forest, is all. Why, my people been hunting these woods forever."

"Maybe so, but my daddy owns it. The Fosters always owned this land."

She was starting to feel superior and looked him up and down like she didn't like the cut of him. "You can go on hunting here if you want. We ain't planning to build on this part, I don't think."

"Well thank you, ma'am," he said, and kicked a pinecone toward her. She pinched her face up and pulled the hem of her skirt off the ground.

"Point of all what?" asked the boy.

"What?"

"You said 'what's the point of all this?' when I walked up. I was curious what you were talking about."

"You shouldn't spy on people, you know. It ain't polite." She turned away, as if he were spying on her right then.

"You gonna tell me?"

"I don't even know who you are. Why should I tell you anything?"

"Alright, that's fair. My name is Andy. What's yours?"

He held out his hand. She looked it over, decided it was safe enough and put her hand in it and shook it like a man. "Elsbeth."

"How old are you, Elsbeth?"

"I'm fourteen. How old are you?"

"I don't know exactly. A little older, I'd guess."

"You don't know your own birthday?"

"Well we ain't all got servants to remind us our history when they bring us eggs in the morning," he said.

"The heck? I ain't got servants. You're crazy," she said.

"Don't call me crazy," he said, and the laughter went out of his eyes.

"Don't you dadgum call me crazy."

A cold wind blew across her. "Sorry. Jeez, I didn't mean nothing by it," she said.

"It's always the same with you Fosters, ain't it?" he stepped closer.

"You all get to laughing about how crazy and stupid them inbreds across the tracks is, how much dadgum better you are."

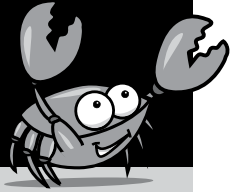
"I said I'm sorry. Jeez, we don't talk about anyone like that." She backed away a step.

"Maybe you'd like to see how crazy we are. Maybe you want me to show you some dadgum crazy right now."

"Don't you start anything with me," she said, standing tall. "My daddy will have you whipped you so much as touch me."

"Might get my dirt on you." His eyes were those of an old man now, glazed, and bitter, burning out from a child's dirty face. He lurched toward her, his hands bunching in front of him, itching to squeeze.

Local Stories and Poetry



She bolted into the woods, trailing a high-pitched scream behind her.

He did not give chase.

A sack of worn calico sat open on a log. He scooped it up and took a look:

A squirrel stiff like taxidermy, a napkin with three biscuits just as stiff, a rusted tin pan, and...here's something...a tiny leather poke with sparkly gold sand inside.

The rumors were true; the Fosters had gold up there.

He thought a moment about pocketing the dust and telling Pa the girl didn't have nothing on her, but there wasn't anywhere around he could trade dust on the sly. Word would get around, for sure. Pa would find out and peel the skin right off him.

He cinched the sack closed and set off back toward home.

– Microstory by Dan Ray, Camano Island

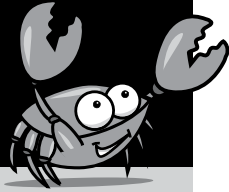


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Did You Know?



The Stanwood Area Historical Society asks, "Did You Know?"

Excerpts taken from the "Stanwood Story", written for the Stanwood News by Alice Essex.

June 6, 1935 the first applications blanks for old age assistance from the State Department of Welfare arrived and were available from Mayor Charles Dockendorf, and various offices. Eligibility requirements included...applicants must be in need, age 65 years or over, citizens of the United States, as well as residents of the State of Washington for at least five years within the 10 years immediately before making the application.

August 15, A tri-county meeting of delegates from Snohomish, Skagit, and Island Counties was held at LaConner to consider establishment of an airport. Arlington and a site between Mount Vernon and Anacortes were the suggested locations. Arlington got the endorsement. The local delegation came in for a bit of ribbing, as it happened, because many came in overalls to advertise the coming Harvest Jubilee.

Abel Glassberg, secretary of the Snohomish County Chamber refused to allow them to stand with the rest of the Stanwood delegates when he made the introductions. Subsequently he called upon J.H. McElroy, local commercial club president, to introduce the disreputable bunch, so said the report.

October 17 a fine exhibit of pioneer relics was shown at the second annual Gyi Gyi Hault, held to commemorate the 71st anniversary of white man's arrival on the Stilly. The affair, again sponsored by the Pioneer Historical Society of the Stillaguamish Valley, attracted numerous pioneer residents including Dr. and Mrs. O.R. Allen, formerly of Stanwood, and Mrs. Mercer, age 91 and one of Seattle's pioneer women.

A similar affair, commemorating the 75th Diamond Jubilee of Snohomish County, was held at the Everett Elks Club in December. An all-day open house, cafeteria lunch, heirloom exhibit and 6:30 dinner was on the program, during which C.J. Gunderson was named permanent chairman and J.H. McElroy permanent secretary; both were from Stanwood.

December 26 H.L. Thurmond, Iver Thomle and Joe Danielson, all of Stanwood, were elected president and secretary, respectively, of the Snohomish County Pea Growers' Association, which had been formed earlier in the year. John Ness of Silvana was named to the five-man board.

Citizens' meetings concerning flood control were held throughout the year and included groups from 23 townships in the watershed, bordered by Chelan County on the east, Skagit on the north, the Sound on the west and the northern border of the Tulalip Reservation on the south. Engineers recommended that control begin with work on the streams way back in the mountains of the area. In December, the much-contested issue was put to vote. Locally-Florence, Warm Beach, and Cedarhome were against it. The vote elsewhere was not given, nor were the results announced here in 1935.

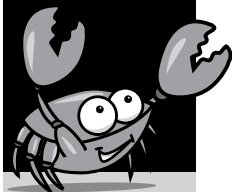
The pulse of the community is reflected in a classified ad which read-"WANTED-Carpenter work. Experienced carpenter will work for \$3 a day. Call at NEWS office"-and also in these quips from Editor Brown's column:

"With the passing of razor straps and woodsheds, child morals are declining" and again...," Best foods are the cheapest. The trouble is never the high cost of living, but the cost of high living."

Stanwood was where the action was in 1936. The business community was buzzing with changes...new names appeared on the east side and west side, old landmarks were given a new look, roads and utilities were extended, even a new city hall was dedicated.

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Winter chickadee. Photo by Peter Lewis.



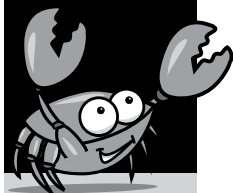
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“Senior Scoop”

*Short articles
on older adult
issues from
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COVID VACCINATIONS—WHERE DO YOU FALL?

The moment we've all been dreaming about for the past several months is here. There is a COVID vaccination that has been approved by the FDA and as of this writing is now being rolled out to some of our first responders. While it will be some time before it is widely available, this is most certainly a positive step towards a return to normal.

Older adults have been determined to be more vulnerable to negative outcomes as a result of COVID 19, and therefore are being prioritized ahead of some other groups for the vaccinations. If you live in a senior congregate care facility (like an assisted living facility, retirement home or nursing home) you are likely to have access to the vaccination even earlier than other older adults. The New York Times has published a free online tool to help you assess approximately where you might fall in the priority for vaccinations. You can check it out here. <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/12/03/opinion/covid-19-vaccine-timeline.html>

Some of our older generations may remember some initial missteps in the roll out of the polio vaccination in the 1950's and have concerns about the speed at which this vaccination has been produced. But, there is good evidence to suggest that the vaccinations are safe. The two vaccinations that are furthest along in approval process have been tested on tens of thousands of people already and have been demonstrated to be nearly 95% effective. Some individuals receiving the vaccination have reported some mild side effects like fatigue and soreness at the injection site which have generally resolved within 2 days of the vaccination. And, while the vaccination itself is new, the technology used to deliver the vaccination—modified RNA—has been studied and in development for more than 20 years.

It will likely be some time before we can gather in groups again, and enjoy our daily activities without a mask, but there is a light at the end of the tunnel and a promise of the return to normal we've all been hoping for if enough people get the vaccination. Between 75% and 85% of the population need to be vaccinated before we can reach so called “herd immunity” where the spread of the disease in our community has been halted. If you live in a senior living facility, you can expect the vaccination to come to you likely in early spring. It is expected that vaccinations for other older adults might be available in late spring via your primary care physician or your local pharmacy. Together we can put a halt to COVID and a return to life as we know it.

Dining Guide



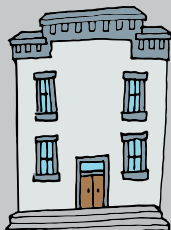
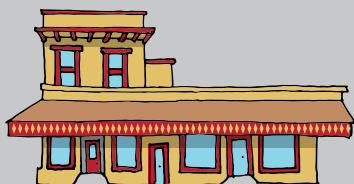
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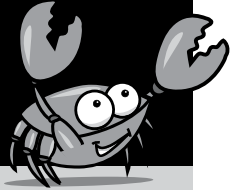


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DIRECTIONS: Cut bacon into 1/2-inch pieces. In a large skillet over medium-high heat cook bacon for about 8-10 minutes, stirring frequently until the bacon begins to brown, but is still chewy. Using a slotted spoon, remove cooked bacon to a paper towel lined plate; set aside. Pour off all but 1 tablespoon of the bacon drippings. Add the onions to the skillet with the drippings, cook for about 8-10 minutes then reduce the heat to low. Add brown sugar and stir. Continue to cook until the onions have caramelized, about 18-20 minutes. Add the coffee, 1/2 cup of water and the reserved bacon; increase the heat to medium. Continue to cook, stirring about every five minutes, until the onions are thick and jam-like, about 25-30 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in balsamic vinegar. Use immediately or refrigerate for up to a week. **Cook's Note:** Bring jam to room temperature or reheat before serving.



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

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

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	High	11:05 PM	8.1	
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