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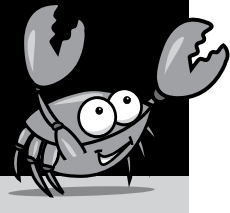
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Welcome to The Crab Cracker! We're Foolin' Around...

"Welcome to our 12th annual infamous April Fool's Edition! Some of the content within these pages is fictional, and some is not. Some photos you see inside are real...and some are not. Some of the facts inside this book are not actually facts and the real facts are hidden among the fake. Don't always believe what you see or read, especially in THIS edition. If what you read seems too absurd, then it probably is. If something offends you, please don't call us...it's just some April Foolery...we do not intend to harm anyone." – James Shipley, The Crab Cracker.

Cover image: "Don't be a fool, have a happy Easter."

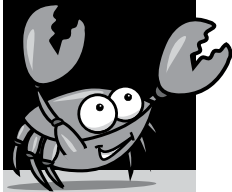


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Submission DEADLINE: APRIL 1 for Next Edition (April 9-22, 2021)

Calendar of Events



Knock Knock

Who's there?

Some bunny

Some bunny
who?

Some bunny has
been eating my
Easter candy!

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.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

FREE VIRTUAL LECTURE

How to Really Refuse/Reduce! with UW Recycling and Zero Waste Washington. 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM. Go to <https://www.campusce.net/uwoli/category/category.aspx> and scroll down to the Pre-Registration Link on the Osher web page.



FRIDAY, MARCH 26

ONLINE FAMILY TRIVIA - WONDERFUL TRIVIA OF DISNEY

5:00 PM – 6:00 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 a magical night of Disney Trivia. We will be covering everything! From the theme parks to films to the Disney channel, come and put your skills to the test! Family trivia is designed with young people in mind – we suggest a youth participant on each team. A link to join the event via Zoom will be sent to registered participants the day of the event. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

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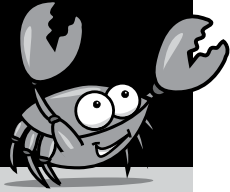
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NEED TO FIND FRESH CRAB?

An outdoor magazine rack filled with "fresh" Crab Crackers is located at the Terry's Corner Visitor's building (the small red building with the big stained glass window and artist Danny Koffman's posters).

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Boys Varsity Cross Country vs Lakewood. 3:30pm.

Varsity Football vs Kamiak. 7pm.

(Go to page 34 for viewing options).



SATURDAY, MARCH 27

SOUTH CAMANO GRANGE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

8am-11am. Pancakes, or French toast, or biscuits and gravy or a combo. Included with order: scrambled eggs, ham and sausage, served with juice, coffee, tea or cocoa. Come and visit with your neighbor. Masks are required, as well as social distancing. Call Pat for more information at 360 629-3276.



SATURDAY, MARCH 27

SPRING FLING

Local vendors at the Stillaguamish Grange 6521 Pioneer Hwy Stanwood (at the fairgrounds) Easter bunny will make an appearance from 10 to noon for socially distanced photos. Event Saturday March 28 from 9 to 4. One free raffle ticket with a food bank donation raffle proceeds go toward SHS scholarships. More information: 425 330 3038. Clarenicarte@gmail.com.

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*OLDE
PRICKLY*



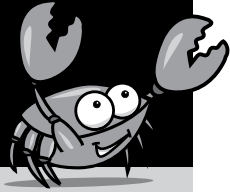
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the
Sting*

*Back
in
your
Spring*

*Kirby's Nettle
IPA*

Kirby's Nettle IPA

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What do you get
when you cross
a rabbit with an
oyster?

The oyster
bunny.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

ONLINE CRAFT & CHAT – UPCYCLED CRAFTS

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Join fellow crafters as we work on and share a variety of upcycled craft projects! What is upcycling? It's reusing items that might've been thrown away, to make something new! 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. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

MONDAY, MARCH 29

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Girls Soccer vs Everett. JV: 5:30pm. Varsity: 7pm.

Boys Varsity Tennis vs Everett. 3:30pm.

(Go to page 34 for viewing options).



MONDAY, MARCH 29

ONLINE CRAFT & CHAT – OPEN DRAWING

8:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Whether you like to draw from photos, create zentangles, or doodle on notepads, artists of all skill levels are welcome to come and draw while chatting with fellow artists. Having a project to work on during the program is highly encouraged. This event is not a class or tutorial and is geared towards adult artists of all skill levels. This takes place on Zoom! To get a Zoom invitation, please register. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

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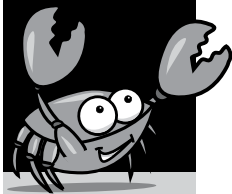


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Where does the
Easter bunny eat
breakfast?

IHOP

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

VIRTUAL PLAY & LEARN

with Wonderland Child & Family Services. 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Online event. Join Shelby, for a 30-minute virtual circle time on Zoom. These weekly sessions include engaging 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 information about Wonderland Child and Family Services, please visit their website: <https://wonderlandkids.org/>

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

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.



TUESDAY, MARCH 30

OPEN BOOK: JULIE MURPHY

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Online event. Join us for a virtual visit from Julie Murphy, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of the young adult novels *Dumplin'* (which is now a Netflix film), *Puddin'*, *Faith*, *Ramona Blue*, and *Side Effects May Vary*. *Pumpkin*, the new companion novel for *Dumplin'* and *Puddin'*, comes out in May. Murphy is a self-taught writer (and former librarian) who has earned popular and critical acclaim for her original storylines, unconventional characters, and authentic prose. Please register to ensure you receive a reminder the day before the event, and to help us get a head count. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

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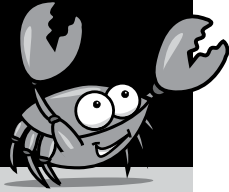


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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST

Camano Chapel's Chapelites will resume their Bible Study Breakfast starting March 31st, from 9-10:30 am on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month through May 2021. All adults ages 55+ are welcome. We meet in Saratoga Hall's Upper Room. Please join us!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

ONLINE CRAFT & CHAT – KNIT & CROCHET

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM. Calling all yarn crafters! 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. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

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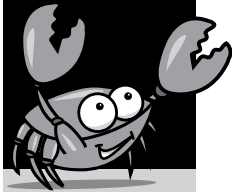
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DID YOU KNOW?

The population of New York City (8,419,000 in 2019) is over a thousand times larger than the population of Stanwood! (7,058 in 2019).



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

WHO'S GOING TO CLEAN UP THIS MESS?

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Online event. How do you clean up after a major volcanic eruption? Join Mount St. Helens Institute volunteer lecturer David Newcomb to discover how rangers and foresters worked to clear the debris from the the May 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens and its immediate aftermath. Please register to ensure you receive a reminder the day before the event, and to help us get a head count. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

ONLINE PUB TRIVIA - MUSICALS

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. Grab your favorite beverage, call your friends, and settle in for a night of pub trivia – the musical edition! Test your knowledge on musicals, from modern to classic, in a safe, socially-distanced environment! This trivia will feature an audio round. A link to join trivia via Zoom will be sent to registered participants the morning of the event. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

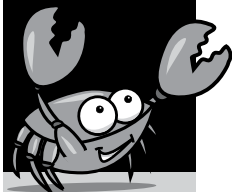


THURSDAY, APRIL 1

SILLY DAY AT FREEDOM PARK

4-6pm. 2020 was a stressful year. This is an opportunity for you to bring some happiness into your life and those driving past Terry's Corner on April Fool's Day afternoon. Wear some crazy or silly clothes, maybe a goofy hat, and possibly a fun sign of your making, hopefully something to put a smile on the faces of those driving past or stopped at the light. No political, religious, or serious signs, please. Social distancing and masks required. You can put a Halloween or other costume mask over your cotton mask, of course. Be prepared to laugh, wave at passing cars, make crazy faces, and have a great time. Gather on the grassy hill area at Freedom Park, within view of the passing traffic. This event is sponsored by Nobody at All.

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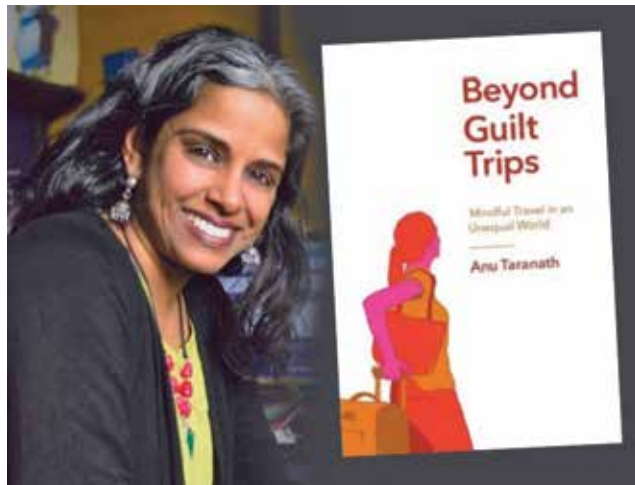
How do you
make Easter
easier?

Replace the t
with an i.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

READING WITH ROVER

online event. 4-4:15pm, 4:15-4:30pm, 4:45-5pm. 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. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>



THURSDAY, APRIL 1

OPEN BOOK: DR. ANU TARANATH

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Online event. Dr. Anu Taranath brings both passion and expertise to her work as a speaker, facilitator, author and educator. A University of Washington professor for the past 19 years, she teaches about race, gender, equity, and global literatures. Her book *Beyond Guilt Trips: Mindful Travel in an Unequal World* was named a Finalist for four book awards. Please visit www.anutaranath.com for more on Dr. Anu and her work. Please register to ensure you receive a reminder the day before the event, and to help us get a head count. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

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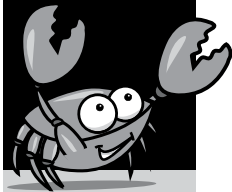
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APRIL FOOL PRANK:

Move the time on your parent's clock up an hour. Best done after your parents have gone to bed.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

VIRTUAL PLAY & LEARN

with Wonderland Child & Family Services. 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Online event. Join Shelby, for a 30-minute virtual circle time on Zoom. These weekly sessions include engaging 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 information about Wonderland Child and Family Services, please visit their website: <https://wonderlandkids.org/>

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

ONLINE FAMILY TRIVIA - MUSICALS

5:00 PM – 6:00 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 Musicals Trivia where we will sing, dance, and act our way through the trivia game! Family trivia is designed with young people in mind – we suggest a youth participant on each team. This trivia will have an audio round. A link to join trivia via Zoom will be sent to registered participants the morning of the event. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

ONLINE CRAFT & CHAT – CRAFTING FOR NIGHT OWLS

9:00 PM – 10:30 PM 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. 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. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

BEACH 1 GALLERY ARTISTS RECEPTION

5 to 7 PM. The Students of Michele Rushworth are filling the Gallery with oil paintings for the Month of April. Michael Martonick, Robina Lindsay, Karen Bakke, Anne Davenport, Jean Fike, Cheryl Severson, Barry Bogue, Karan Bush. Refreshments will be served. Masks and social distancing are required during the Celebration. The Gallery is open 7 days a week. Masks and social distancing are required in the Club House. 1243 Beach Drive, Camano Island 360-387-1655.

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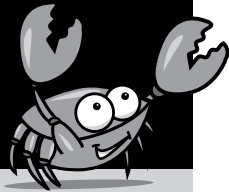
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EASTER FACT:

In the mid-20th century, it used to take as much as 27 hours to make a marshmallow peep. Today, the time has been reduced to six minutes.



SATURDAY, APRIL 3

EASTER STORY DRIVE-THRU FOR KIDS

at Camano Chapel. You're invited to drive through the story of Easter from 10:00 - 11:30 am! Join us to collect Easter Eggs from decorated cars and learn the real Story of Easter as you drive through our campus. All are welcomed to this fun-filled event! Camano Chapel 867 S West Camano Drive, Camano Island. For more info call 360-387-7202 or visit www.camanochapel.org/kids.



SATURDAY, APRIL 3

ROCK PAINTING

by Silver Kite Online Workshops. 1:30PM-2:30PM. FREE Online event. Create a masterpiece on a piece of nature! During this workshop, we'll explore various techniques participants can use to create images and patterns on rocks. What you'll need: Rocks (collected from nature, washed and dried beforehand), Paint, Permanent markers, Any items you'd like to use to decorate. Register on the Silver Kite website at least one hour before class starts. 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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APRIL FOOL PRANK:

Put a rubber band around the sink sprayer and let your parents wash their hands. Stand near by to watch their reaction. But beware of cleaning up the water that didn't get them!



SATURDAY, APRIL 3

CARS & COFFEE

7am-10am. Come out to The Baked Cafe at Camano Commons for cars and coffee! 848 N. Sunrise Blvd., Camano Island. You provide the cars, we provide the coffee! All cars welcome.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

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.

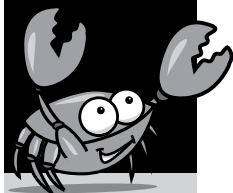


SATURDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 3-4

EASTER WEEKEND & EGG HUNTS!

Join Stanwood Foursquare Church rain or shine for epic egg hunts! We will have ONLINE & IN PERSON services for Good Friday & Easter and would love to have you join us! And don't forget the Easter Egg Hunts on Saturday AND Sunday...invite your friends & neighbors! Apr 3 • 4 & 6p, Egg Hunt at 5pm. Apr 4 • 8, 9:30, 11a, Egg Hunts 9 & 10:30a. RSVP for in-person services on the website at www.4sq.church.

Calendar of Events



EASTER FACT:

In Switzerland, the magical egg-laying rabbit doesn't receive much love as an Easter tradition. Instead of the Easter Bunny, the Easter Cuckoo is credited by the Swiss for bringing the colorful Easter eggs. Chocolate bunnies, however, are sold in most stores along with traditional Easter cakes, dyed eggs, and, of course, chocolate cuckoos.



SUNDAY, APRIL 4

EASTER

Easter, also called Pascha (Aramaic, Greek, Latin) or Resurrection Sunday, is a Christian festival and holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day after his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD. Additional customs that have become associated with Easter and are observed by both Christians and some non-Christians include egg hunting, the Easter Bunny, and Easter parades. There are also various traditional Easter foods that vary regionally.

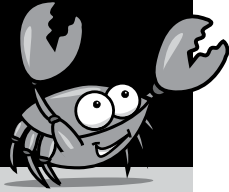


SUNDAY, APRIL 4

EASTER, SNACKS, EGG HUNT, AND PHOTOS

at Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Stanwood. 8:00 AM Festival Traditional Worship of Holy Communion Sanctuary (masks and social distancing). Hot Cross Buns and Coffee served between services. 9:45 AM Festival Contemporary Worship of Holy Communion Fellowship Hall - Parking lot Drive-in also available. Easter egg Hunt and free photos with Amos following 2nd Service (5th Grade and Under).

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EASTER FACT:

The rarest date for Easter is March 22, the last time Easter fell on that date was 1818, it will not occur again until 2285.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

VIRTUAL PLAY & LEARN

with Wonderland Child & Family Services. 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Online event. Join Shelby, for a 30-minute virtual circle time on Zoom. These weekly sessions include engaging 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 information about Wonderland Child and Family Services, please visit their website: <https://wonderland-kids.org/>



TUESDAY, APRIL 6

THE BURKE MUSEUM PRESENTS: DINOSAURS!

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Online event. Join us for a very special presentation from the Burke Museum on everyone's favorite prehistoric pals: dinosaurs! Learn how to tell if an ancient creature is a dinosaur or not a dinosaur. See casts of real fossils that come from dinosaurs, then move like a dinosaur and show us your best dinosaur impressions! This program is designed for preK-1st grade, but all young learners are welcome to participate! A link to join the program via Zoom will be sent to registered participants the morning of the event. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>



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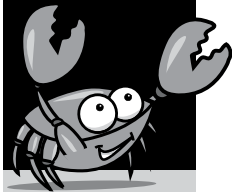
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Calendar of Events



APRIL FOOL PRANK:

Set parent's alarm clock for the middle of the night and hide it somewhere in the room where they will have to get up and scramble around to turn it off.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

KEEPING AN EYE ON CASCADE VOLCANOES:

What the Ground Moving Under Our Feet Can Tell Us About Volcanoes and Their Hazards. 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM Online event. Learn about how different kinds of sensors and signals can tell us what is going on both above and below the Earth's surface at volcanoes. CVO continues to overcome the challenges of Pacific Northwest weather to keep important data available year-round and there are lots of current and future projects planned to improve our ability to monitor the volcanoes in our backyard. Register to ensure you receive a reminder the day before the event & to help us get a head count. Contact us with questions: www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

ONLINE PUB TRIVIA - FOOD & DRINK

7:00 PM – 8:30 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 as we discuss all things edible in Food & Drink trivia. This trivia contains an audio round. A link to join the event via Zoom will be sent to registered participants the day of the event. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

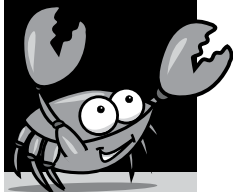
THURSDAY, APRIL 8

THE BURKE MUSEUM PRESENTS: DINOSAURS!

3-4 PM Online event. Join us for a very special presentation from the Burke Museum on everyone's favorite prehistoric pals: dinosaurs! Learn how to tell if an ancient creature is a dinosaur or not a dinosaur. See casts of real fossils that come from dinosaurs, then move like a dinosaur and show us your best dinosaur impressions! This program is designed for preK-1st grade, but all young learners are welcome to participate! A link to join the program via Zoom will be sent to registered participants the morning of the event. Contact us with questions: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>



Senior Scoop



"Senior Scoop"

Short articles on older adult issues from Camano Island resident, Brooke Knight. Brooke is also a certified Seniors Real Estate Specialist.



IS ROVER RIGHT FOR YOU?

There is a good reason why dogs are often called "Mans (or woman's) best friend." Dogs, and cats, are wonderful companions. They are generally happy to see us, they do silly things that make us laugh, and they can be great to snuggle with on a cold winter night. Science has shown that, in fact, spending as little as 15 minutes with an animal sets off a series of chemical reactions in your body, lowering your stress hormones, and stimulating the production of serotonin, the "feel good" chemical that your body also releases when you eat chocolate or you exercise. Besides that, almost immediately your blood pressure and heart rate decrease. Over the long term, spending time with an animal can lower cholesterol levels, fight depression and even reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke.

On top of these health benefits, people who own pets can benefit from getting more physical activity, having companionship, having opportunities to engage with others, and even having a greater sense of purpose. If you have a dog, you might even have more security in your home. But, there are also real drawbacks to consider before jumping into pet ownership. Pets can be expensive, costing \$500 or more each year. And, over 86,000 visits to the emergency room each year are due to falls caused by pets. And of course, if your golden years are filled with travel plans, pets make that a lot more complicated.

Ultimately, most doctors agree that the health benefits of owning a pet as older person outweigh the risks. For those on the fence, you may even consider a sharing a pet with a family member or friend, giving you both some of the benefits without the responsibility.

If you are considering a pet, adoption of older pet from a local shelter may be the way to go. Not only are these wonderful pets who need a home, but their lower energy may be a good match for you. Check with your local animal shelter to find your next furry friend.

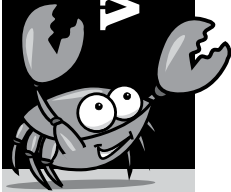
SPRING FAIR 2021

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Local vendors at the Stillaguamish Grange, 6521 Pioneer Highway, Stanwood (at the fairgrounds). THE EASTER BUNNY will make an appearance (10am-noon) for socially distanced photos. One free raffle ticket with a food bank donation. Raffle proceeds go toward SHS scholarships. More info: 425-330-3038

Moonshine Wisdom & Wit



Story by Jack Archibald.

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


The Crab Cracker asked if I could maybe whip up an April Fool's sketch again this year. You know, something in the line of the new Amazon Distribution Center down just south of the South End Diner or maybe Two Toke Tom's Cannabis Emporium Grand Opening's free edibles. Course, we already did something on this order. The editors got angry calls from some of their readers who had driven clear down to our remote regions here only to find ... well, an empty storefront half lost to encroaching blackberry vines. Half of em ran out of gas before they could find their way back to the Colton Harris-Moore Memorial Bridge. I seriously doubt they'll be back to this sunny end of the island, I don't care how many of those glass balls we hide down here in the backwash we're sprucing up for our Annual Spring Nettle Festival.

Folks apparently believe what they read. When the Cracker ran the issue on the new Alpaca Hunting season regulations, holy moly, you might suppose it would be fairly obvious only a Fiend of the Worst Sort (or the figment of a very sick writer's imagination) could think he could purchase a license down at Elger Bay Store, dress up in llama camouflage and crawl on his beer belly across blackberry razor wire to sneak up on these poor cute defenseless little critters, I don't care HOW good they taste on the grill.

The Cracker could photoshop Big Foot behind the plaza, Colton in a Cessna over Mabana, Donald Trump quaffing a pint of nettle IPA at the Tyeew Brewery, the South End String Band playing Benaroya --- and folks would just naturally believe their eyes. Not simply because the Cracker is a bastion of journalistic professionalism with all their sources checked and double checked, but we've just become folks who either believe everything or believe nothing.

On the internet April Fool is everyday. The political e-mails and pundits' blogs that spread faster than Covid variants are more and more outrageous, most of them outright lies if anyone bothered to fact-check. You either buy it hook line and stinker before calling the editor to complain or you walk away shaking your fist vowing never to believe ANY of this stuff.

So in all honesty I just can't be a party anymore to the Crab Cracker's misguided (even if humorously intended) attempt at public deception this last issue before their sale to the Stanwood/Camano News. And when the new owners vow complete journalistic integrity, I hope you know Skeeter's going to be 100% honest in his reporting. And it won't have one iota to do with my new raise from these really great new editors. You have my word. As any who know me can attest, my word is my bond. And I'm not talking bail.



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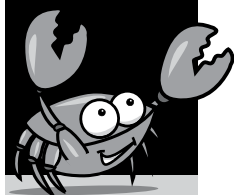
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APRIL FOOL PRANK:

Put a rubber band around the push button of the spray nozzle (the kind with a hose) so the button stays down. Point it forward. When your parent uses the sink they will get a wet surprise!



PAINT YOUR EASTER EGGS TO LOOK LIKE HAMBURGERS THIS YEAR

Turning your eggs into tiny burgers is relatively simple. Start with brown eggs that already have the color of a bun. From there, some marker work, a bit of yellow paper for cheese and a ring of green streamers for lettuce complete the project.

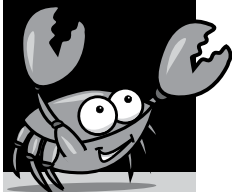


CACTUS EASTER EGGS Source: www.deliacreates.com
Just a little green egg dye and a fine black marker and voila...Cactus Easter Eggs! I also glued on a few pink tissue paper flowers to the barrel cacti.

MATERIALS: eggs; green egg dye; fine tip black marker; small terracotta pots; decorative gravel; pink or yellow tissue paper and glue (optional)

STEP ONE: Dye eggs. I used two different shades of green. **STEP TWO:** Draw thorns. Make sure the eggs are completely dry. Pat with a paper towel first, if needed. Using a fine tip black marker, draw on thorns. You can draw lines, a line of x's, or little free form prickly pear thorns. It's up to you! **Optional:** Cut squares of tissue paper. Scrunch them up and glue them to the top with kid's school/Elmer's glue. **STEP THREE:** Nestle in pots. Pour decorative gravel into small terracotta pots.

Kid's Korner



APRIL FOOL PRANK:

Stuff some cotton into the toes of your parents' shoes. They will think their feet grew or their shoes shrank.

APRIL FOOL JOKE

Cut out bug shapes from paper (black construction paper works best) and tape them inside a lamp shade.



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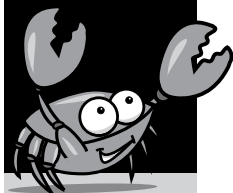
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Classified Listings



EASTER FACT:

Easter has been named after Eastre, an Anglo-Saxon goddess. The symbols of the goddess were the hare and the egg. Apart from English and German, the name of 'Easter' has been derived from Pesach, the Hebrew name of Passover festival.

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CASA'S PET OF THE WEEK:

DAYTONA is an energetic kitten who loves to play. She is very curious and vocal. She enjoys talking to people and being center of attention. Daytona would love an indoor only home where she can explore and play. If Daytona looks like the cat for you, then please send us an application via email.

Camano Animal Shelter Association (CASA):

198 Can Ku Road, Camano Island.
360-387-1902. camanoanimalshelter.org



NOAH'S PET OF THE WEEK:

SPICE takes a little time to warm up, but loves being pet! She is the type of kitty who likes attention on her terms! She is very beautiful, confident, independent, and excited to go to her furrever home! She is 17 pounds and will need a little help with some weight management :)

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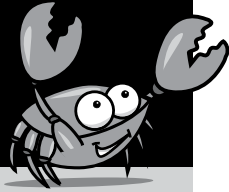


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Classes and Workshops



EASTER FACT:

The origin of the Easter bunny is not clear, though there are mentions in Germany of the Easter bunny dating back to the 17th century. The Eastern bunny plays the role of Santa Clause but for the Easter season. The bunny comes the eve before Easter and hides eggs for the kids in the garden and inside the house.

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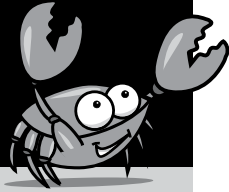
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FAMILY HISTORY CENTER: Closed until further notice.

YOGA CLASSES IN-STUDIO & ONLINE at Movement Arts, Camano Island. Keep moving, keep breathing, keep practicing! IN-STUDIO – View our schedule at movementarts.com/schedule week to week to monitor our status for in-person classes or join us online! Follow us on Facebook or visit movementarts.com for updates. LIVE STREAM – book classes in advance at movementarts.com/schedule and receive an email prior to class to attend our live studio class from the comfort of your own home (no mask required). See your friends before class for live chat. ONLINE VIDEO LIBRARY – practice anytime, anywhere – just practice! Go to www.movementarts.com & follow the links to view our video library of online classes. View sample videos FREE on our media page at www.movementarts.com/media. Book your class thru movementarts.com or call 360-629-9100.

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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.

John Larson concludes with his story about Capt. Drake and his 37-foot boat "Progress" were lost at sea after leaving San Francisco for Hawaii. Besides a wife, who didn't share his love of the sea, the little captain had a daughter and two sons.

He began sailing in England as a cabin boy at the age of 12 and had built several boats here. Despite shipwrecks and capture by pirates in the West Indies, he had sailed most of the seven seas. He headquartered here for many years and wrote a story of his adventures.

To all a salute!

Change was the password in Stanwood 1937. The pioneer era was fading...a new era was on the way.

The forest, logged off to hinterlands, soon were to cease providing fodder for the town's payrolls. The spotlight was turning to the fertile fields for grist for the community's future. Stanwood, long known for logging and lumber activities, was becoming a new kind of town.

The change had been slowly and quietly emerging since 1928, when Bozeman Canning Co. of Mount Vernon pioneered trial lots of peas here, and when a vegetable cannery was established on the Stanwood waterfront by Lien Bros. The next step was purchase of the former Carnation plant on the hill by Bozeman, for conversion into a pea canning operation.

That same spring Lien's added peas to their product line, and four years later, spring 1937, S.A. Moffett & Co. of Seattle introduced the frozen vegetable process. During Moffett's first season at their new Hatt Slough plant, preparation of peas, spinach, corn and broccoli was done for final processing in Seattle, but that was soon to change.

Timed perfectly for the processing industry 1937 was a bumper year for crops. Bozeman had a rosy season, from which thousands of dollars went into the pockets of growers and workers. Lien Bros. also hit the jackpot as it were, pouring \$74,000 into the local economy from their pack of 160,000 cases of peas, carrots, beets, beans and cabbage. During the peak of the harvest, 150 men and women were employed and 11 remained for a time during the winter labeling the pack for shipment about the United States, Hawaii and Alaska.

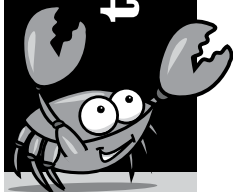
Moffett was so pleased with its four-month run, that it announced plans to enlarge its plant and at the fall meeting of Snohomish County Pea Growers Association the Twin Cities were lauded as top-flight pea growing country.

Before the end of the year this edict was verified, when R.D. Bodle of Ballard, and T.H. Hogue, of Kent, bid for pea acreage and got it. Come spring 1938, Bodle established headquarters in the plant on the west side which had been occupied by Camano Blue Point Oyster Co. There, peas and corn were prepared for freezing in Ballard, while Hogue chilled its harvest on the farms for shipment to Kent.

The 1938 season looked so promising that "Peas that Please," the Bozeman slogan, was adopted for all peas grown in the Twin City area. A second-story addition to the Lien cannery was completed in time for the harvest. The town welcomed the sight of four carloads of unassembled viners, plus three carloads of seed peas, at the depot. Anticipation, however, was greater than realization, because of a prolonged drought in June. Despite this, all plants finished with good tonnage, though less than expected and less than the previous year.

Signaling the coming of the new era, was the October announcement by Stanwood Mills Inc. that it was closing its plant. The mill was the first to manufacture lumber in Stanwood and had been in operation for 48 years, since its founding in 1889 by A.S. Howard. Market and other conditions prompted the closure and sale of the stock to retail yards. More Next Time

View from the Bleachers



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

IMPORTANT HEALTH SAFETY WARNING: THESE FOODS WILL KILL YOU!

Every week there is a new study about yet another popular food staple that has been linked to cancer or heart disease. As one of the nation's leading nutrition experts, I have compiled a comprehensive list of unhealthy foods. Avoid these foods and you should be able to lead a long and healthy life – assuming, of course, you don't live in Afghanistan, Somalia or Detroit, in which case all bets are off. Here are some FOODS TO AVOID!

Cake, cookies, candy and ice cream. When I first discovered that these foods were considered unhealthy, it came as quite a blow. For years I had considered these to be the four basic food groups. But apparently no longer. They are all high in sugar, carbohydrates, and polyunsaturated fat. Avoid these at all costs – unless you prefer to be happy.

Red meat. Are you kidding me? Deadly! All that saturated fat and cholesterol choking up your arteries will turn you into a ticking time bomb. Not to mention that most processed meat is riddled with sodium, which increases blood pressure. Avoid red meat completely. While we're on the subject, avoid meat in any of the following colors as well: green, blue, fuchsia or plaid.

Fish and seafood. Thought when you switched from eating red meat to fish you were out of danger, didn't you? You were DEAD WRONG. According to recent research, "there is absolutely no safe fish on this planet anymore," because almost all fish are contaminated with heavy metals like mercury. Well, how about seafood then? Are you insane? Do you want to die this instant? Seafood is even more deadly than fish. Critters like lobsters, oysters and crabs are the sea's garbage disposals. They live off the excrement and waste on the ocean floor, making them (and I quote), "some of the most contaminated foods on this planet."

Wheat. Do I have to explain this one to you? Wheat, or as I like to call it, the death sandwich, is one of the very worst foods you can consume, according to many studies – right up there with sugar. Wheat is the biggest source of gluten in most people's diets. Gluten consumption can lead to obesity, a breakdown of the immune system, spikes in sugar levels, and damage to your intestinal lining. So go ahead, have another PB&J sandwich. I'll go measure your coffin.

Vegetables. Well, technically I couldn't find any research that indicated vegetables are bad for you; however I did find one study that cautioned against eating too much carrot cake. So I think it's safe to

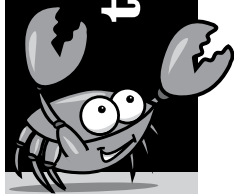
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conclude any vegetables eaten with cake or other flour-based products are deadly and should be avoided. I'm looking at you, zucchini bread.

Water. Surely, drinking bottled water from the French Alps can't be a bad thing, can it? Wrong. First of all, that French alpine water is actually from Cleveland. And second, yes, water can kill you. Drinking a glass or two a month probably won't jeopardize your safety. But if you drink too much water, studies show it can result in an imbalance of the body's electrolytes and lead to something called water intoxication, which can lead to severe vomiting, seizures, brain swelling and yes, even death. If you must drink water, mix it with Country Time lemonade powder, just to be safe.

There are scores of other foods which may kill you simply by your making direct eye contact: any form of pasta, tomato sauce, peanuts, sunflower seeds, or anything that tastes even vaguely enjoyable. The bottom line: If you want to lead a long, healthy and excruciatingly boring life, your safest bet is to avoid anything resembling food – unless it's plastic.

But there is one item that research has found is actually healthy: Beer. According to a study published in Men's Health News, moderate daily beer drinking makes you "30% less likely than nondrinkers to suffer from cardiovascular events like strokes, heart attacks and heart disease." My advice: Improve these health benefits by quadrupling your daily beer intake. Bottoms up.

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



In which country
did April Fool's
Day originate?

April Foolery!

Unscramble the letters below to make 5 words related to April Fool's Day. Then unscramble the letters in the red squares to answer the question at left.

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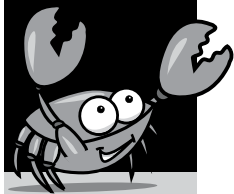
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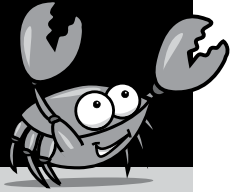
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HAPPY EASTER

FROM THE CRAB CRACKER



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EASTER FACT:

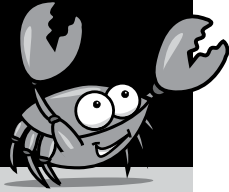
Hot cross buns, made by European monks, are counted amongst the earliest Easter treats. They were given to the poor people, during the month of Lent

WATCHING LOCAL SPORTS - LIVE STREAMING

Messages from the Athletic Department regarding spectators at home games: There is a lot of information out about spectators at games. We wanted to make sure parents are in the loop. The WESCO league voted to have only home spectators at sporting events. No visiting team spectators will be allowed into away games. Here is the process for athletes to invite parents to home games. 1) Each student will receive 2 vouchers from their coach (a split family can have 4 and this information will be verified with what we have in our system). 2) The coach will mark off on the provided roster which athletes took their vouchers. 3) The coach will turn the roster back into the athletic office. 4) The athlete will hand the vouchers out to their parents. 5) The only way into the game is by presenting the voucher. No exceptions. Student message: Next week we will begin allowing students to attend the remaining varsity home games. Football on March 26th @ 7:00 pm, and Soccer on March 29th @ 7:30 pm. Students will need to sign up for the game/games they want to attend on a Google Form. Seniors will have the first hour for priority sign-up before the link will be open for all other students. There will be a limited amount of seating due to COVID guidelines. Vouchers for the games must be picked up at the athletic office window on the day of the contest. Seniors will receive an email from Mrs. Wark in their school email account with the link to signup at 10:00 AM on Monday. All other students will receive their link at 11:00 AM. The picking up of the voucher will be the student's agreement to follow all COVID protocols with the understanding that they will be asked to leave the game if they are not adhering to the protocols. Spectators must turn in a voucher for admittance into the event. No exceptions. Spectators will be required to follow all screening procedures, wear masks, and maintain social distance with individuals who do not live in their households. There will be no concessions, and no food or beverages allowed in the gym/stadium. Spectators will be asked to leave the contest immediately following the conclusion of the event. There will be no social gatherings of spectators and athletes in the gym or stadium at the completion of the event. Parents/guardians who are providing transportation home to their students will pick up their student outside the gym or stadium. If the spectator does not follow these expectations, they will be asked to leave.

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EASTER FACT:

The Easter Lily symbolizes purity, life, and renewal. Because it is shaped like a trumpet, it is to remind us of the heralding of Jesus Christ upon returning triumphant to Jerusalem.



WATCH YOUR STEP!

Speculation is running wild regarding the recently discovered bottomless pit, aptly named “Hell’s Hole.” Located in the forest due west of Highland trail in the Barnum Point trail system, the pit was discovered by local hikers Mariam and Travis Beckle in mid-January. The apparently bottomless pit is drawing attention and unwanted crowds. The last thing our peaceful quiet community wants is to be brought into the spotlight especially for something as attention grabbing as a natural phenomenon. And this is just the kind of phenomenon that demands investigation from experts far and wide.

In a recent interview, hiker Travis Beckle said, “Why did this have to happen out here? We don’t want all the attention this will bring.” But attention we will have!

Many of us are familiar with Mel’s Hole near Manatash Ridge in Ellensburg, WA. Mel’s Hole is named after the farmer who discovered it decades ago. It is said anything (including a dead cow) can be thrown down the pit without any indication of hitting bottom. At certain times of the day, there is said to be a dark beam that shines from the mouth of the hole accompanied by a blast of freezing air. To this day, Mel’s Hole is unexplained.

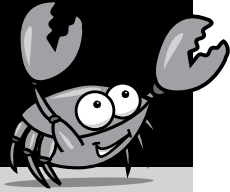
Likewise, in Woodinville, repair work on an extensive pothole was scheduled to be done a few years back. When the road crew showed up to do the work it was discovered to be more than a huge pothole; it was a bottomless pit. The police, fire department, and local geologists showed up and every news station around Seattle followed. As of today, the hole sits wide open, a frightening invitation for the brave and curious to explore middle earth. Although no dark beam has been reported shining from the mouth as happens with Mel’s Hole, the Woodinville Hole does emit a similar blast of frigid air several times a day.

Both holes are cylindrical in shape and apparently bottomless. All of this brings us back to our own bottomless pit, Hell’s Hole, named by renowned local geologist Digger Westover, because of the blast of scalding hot air emitted several times a day. There are still many questions to be answered such as why our hole emits hot air in contrast to the other two bottomless pits in our state. And then there’s the biggest question: how is a bottomless pit even possible and could it actually have an opening at another end somewhere? Does it truly pass through the planet, as is being speculated by Digger and his fellow geologists, hence explaining the extreme heat of the emitted air blasts?

Covid 19 has kept us all sheltering like moles. With better weather heading our way comes the urge to get outdoors and take a hike. Until we have some answers and a good safety fence with proper signage surrounding the pit, geologist Digger Westover’s advice to the community is to never wander off designated trails!

More information to come as the investigation unfolds.

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Boy 1: "How did you get that bruise on your arm?"

Boy 2: "I ate some Easter candy."

Boy 1: "Eating Easter candy won't give you a bruise."

Boy 2: "It will if it's your big brother's candy!"

AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FOR ISLAND COUNTY

The Camano Preparedness Group meets the second Thursday of each month. The April 8 meeting will be held via Zoom. The program will be "Amateur Radio Emergency Communications for Island County" with Bob Stephens and Ken Wolfe. When normal communications channels are compromised by a large scale disaster, amateur radio can provide emergency communications out of, in to, and across Island County assisting with damage assessment, health and welfare communications, and keeping residents informed of status. You can log-on to this meeting using ID:969 4562 8910 and password CPG (all caps). If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda at rspaulson.rp@gmail.com.



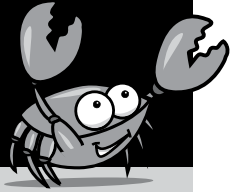
LOCAL TALENT

News of Stanwood's own Savannah Woods' performances on the NBC singing talent show, *The Voice*, these past few weeks has generated a lot of buzz around our community. What many people are unaware of, however, is that there was another singer from Camano Island who performed on the same stage – Chuck Marr. Chuck is well known as Chaplain within Hope Unlimited, but few people know that he is an active member of the Barbershop Harmony Society. It was this traditional genre of music that turned heads (or more accurately, chairs) on *The Voice* that was aired on NBC on March 12th. Chuck performed the classic song, "Patty Cake, Patty Cake, Bakers Man", and music icon, John Legend, enthusiastically turned his chair and proclaimed Chuck Marr as the "best singer of the competition." John Legend immediately offered Chuck to be on his team ("Team Legend"). Unfortunately, due to schedule conflicts, Chuck was unable to continue the competition and had to withdraw. But locals can still cheer on Savannah Woods. You can see her audition episode on *The Voice* at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xifes5b0g2k>.

VIRTUAL HOMEWORK HELP!

Homework got you down? Davis Teen Programs is offering free homework help every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30-10:30am on Zoom. Our volunteers are ready to help! Open to students in grades 6-12. RSVP is required contact our teen coordinator at teens@crc-sc.org or 360.629.5257 x1004 to save your place or to answer questions.

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EASTER FACT:

Ham come to be the traditional favorite for Easter dinner because in pre-refrigeration days, hogs were slaughtered in the fall and cured for six to seven months. Just in time for Easter dinner.



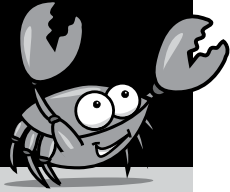
SCAT'S PET OF THE WEEK

This is POGO, who was brought in to us as a baby after his mom tried crossing Highway 532. Pogo is a gentle little guy who loves just hanging around all day. He would do best in a home without any cats or dogs, who would only be confused by his pretending he is dead when they try to get him to play. Loves to cuddle, making contented hissing sounds as you look into his beady black eyes. His diet is varied, and he enjoys worms, rodents, birds, vegetables, slugs, and about anything you have in your garbage can. Possums generally live 2-4 years, and at the end of their lifespan make a tasty stew, popular in the American South. Come see him at the Stanwood-Camano Animal Team (SCAT).

ART COMPETITION

Calling All H.S. Students: Enter the 2021 Congressional Art Competition! Are you a creative high school student in Washington's Second Congressional District? Do you know someone who is? Showcase your artwork in the 2021 Congressional Art Competition! The deadline to submit a piece of art to my office is Friday, April 30, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. PDT. The winning artist will have their piece displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year. For a full list of guidelines, visit my website (<https://larsen.house.gov/helping-you/art-competition-zip.htm>). If you have any questions or would like more information about the 2021 Congressional Art Competition, please visit my website or call Kevin Phan in my district office at 425.252.3188. I am excited to see this year's submissions and highlight the creative talent Washington's Second Congressional District has to offer.

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Now's the time to take advantage of your kids. Candy rules...and 75 percent of kids report they are willing to do extra chores for more Easter candy.

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ZOOM MEETING FILTER FUN

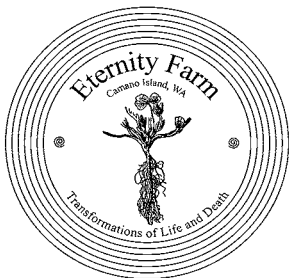
You've all seen or heard of the recent Zoom meeting where a lawyer in the meeting could not turn off the filter that made him appear with a cat face throughout the meeting. Why not have fun at your next family zoom meeting by having everyone appear as the animal of their choice? Or put some giggles in your kid's virtual birthday party by letting every kid at the online party show up as their favorite type of dog? Host an evening masquerade party for adults by letting your guests use a themed character (pirate, alien, cartoon / anime character, celebrity, etc.), which would not only be fun, but spare you of the time and expense of cleaning your house and providing food and drink. Just send everyone instructions on how to use a filter to alter their appearance, and let the fun begin!

"SEEDS OF CHANGE" AUCTION

Join us for our annual Stilly Valley Youth Dynamics Fundraiser and Auction. This year we are going online. Our auction will be live on April 19 at 9am and will culminate on Saturday, April 24 at 6:00PM with our Live event via Facebook Live and Youtube. Learn more about Stilly Valley Youth Dynamics, how we have been working with students during the pandemic and how we are building lifelong relationships, sharing the love of Christ and the beauty of adventure. Visit our website at <http://bit.ly/seedschangeYD2021> to register

MONDAY HELP GROUP

If you've been feeling overwhelmed with distance learning and would like some help, please attend the 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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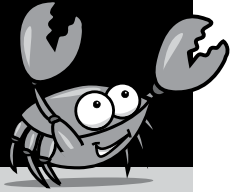


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APRIL FOOL PRANK:

Take a piece of tape and place it over the eye of your parent's optical mouse. When they try to use their computer, the cursor won't move. (Note if they have a standard mouse, you can perform the same trick by taping a piece of paper over the ball underneath the mouse.)



NEW COMMUNITY BEACH ON CAMANO ISLAND

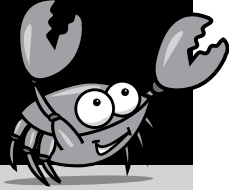
The Friends of Island County Parks (FOICP) had recently acquired a small beach property, generously donated by Bernie Leaf in August, 2020. After months of clearing and landscaping, the park is now scheduled to open on April 1st. The clothing optional beach, the first of its kind in the county, is located in a hidden alcove on the south end of the island. It is an area that will provide privacy to the guests. Sandra Heaphy, president of FOICP, said, "This announcement in The Crab Cracker will hopefully generate awareness of this park to the community, as a sanctuary for naturalists to come together in fellowship."



REMAINS OF THE FIRST ISLAND COUNTY FAIR

The Island County Fair is currently located on Whidbey Island, but it started on Camano Island in the early 1900s. The history of the Camano Island fair had been forgotten until recently with the rediscovery of the old ferris wheel. Jack Archibald was cutting down nettles near his home on The South End for his famous Nettle Ale and uncovered the remains of the old metal and wood ferris wheel from thick overgrowth. He spent an entire day removing the thick foliage and took this photograph (above). The carnival was moved to Whidbey Island in 1922. The ferris wheel is the only relic left behind on Camano Island because it was too costly to transport. Jack Archibald plans to renovate the wheel and offer rides to tourists and locals. "It offers amazing views of the nudist beach," says Jack.

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THE LITTLE CRABITAT

You've seen the Little Libraries and the Little Free Pantries on Camano and in Stanwood. When crabbing season begins, look for the Little Free Crabitats in a neighborhood near you. If you've had a time during crabbing season when you and a family member or members each get your legal crab limit, then find you have more than you can possibly eat due to your invited dinner guests not showing up, drop off your extra crabs at your local Little Crabitat! A large tub will be there and waiting. Leave off your crab and maybe a bag or two of ice to keep the crab cool. No need to worry about the crab spoiling; pickup by a grateful recipient will be likely within 10 minutes if not sooner. All crabs must be legal size and sex, and caught legally under WDFW regulations.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule 2021

Palm Sunday – March 28

9:45 AM Traditional Worship

Fellowship Hall—Parking Lot Drive-In Also Available

Maundy Thursday – April 1

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion

Sanctuary (masks and social distancing)

Good Friday – April 2

7:00 PM Good Friday Worship Service

Sanctuary (masks and social distancing)

Easter Sunday – April 4

8:00 AM Festival Traditional Worship

Sanctuary (masks and social distancing)

Hot Cross Buns and Coffee served between services!

9:45 AM Festival Contemporary Worship

Fellowship Hall—Parking Lot Drive-In Also Available

MS/HS Students meet upstairs during Contemporary Service

Easter Egg Hunt and free photos with Amos following 2nd Service (5th Grade and Under)

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APRIL FOOL PRANK:

Take the top sheet off parents' bed, and tuck the bottom end under the top end of the mattress. Pull it down and then fold it back up so that the top end is where it would be if the bed was made normally. Replace the pillow, blanket, etc., and make up the bed like it was before. When your parents get into bed, they'll be surprised when they can't slide their feet all the way down to the bottom of the bed!



THE EASTER BUNNY - DURING COVID

The Easter Bunny, like the majority of the world, has been struggling to make ends meet during the Pandemic. Last year, at the start of the Pandemic, local egg hunts were cancelled across the globe. Egg hiding and egg-decorating services were no longer required for the Easter Bunny. Because the Easter Bunny was primarily non-profit, and a volunteer undertaking, the Easter Bunny was never granted unemployment or Stimulus checks. He has since resorted to panhandling. He was lately spotted at the corner of Pioneer Highway and Ole Larson Road in Silvana, filthy, and clutching a bottle of Carrot Liqueur. When confronted by a concerned citizen who wanted to know if there will be egg hunts this year, the Easter Bunny replied, "I don't egg-sactly know. I would dye to decorate eggs this year. But don't worry, be hoppy." As it turns out, the Easter Bunny did get hired for a couple hunts this year that will generate just enough revenue to get him back in his bunny hole and off the streets.



NEW ISLAND IN ISLAND COUNTY

Due to high temperatures surrounding the Puget Sound, a new island has "risen from the deep", said marine geologist, Bill Keller. Over the past ten years, the water level in the Salish Sea has been evaporating at an alarming rate. The recent weather conditions were substantial enough to expose a small undersea mountain, called Shiplee Mountain. Hundreds of thousands of years ago, Shiplee Mountain and Hat Mountain were both underwater, just outside of Camano Island. About three thousand years ago, Hat Mountain surfaced and it is now known as "Hat Island". Now that Shiplee Mountain has also surfaced, it will now be titled "Shiplee Island". It is located just off the southwest side of Camano Island.

What's Up?



*Astronomy and
the night sky
by William
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*His astro
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LIGHT

Talk to a visual artist and they can tell you much about the character of light. Different times of day, different seasons, soft, harsh, the glow of light in clouds.. all changing the light we perceive.

Launch yourself outside the atmosphere and those subtleties disappear. Light is either on or its off. There are stories of astronauts stepping outside for a space walk in darkness and experiencing the almost instantaneous blast of Sun as the orbit brought them back into day. After realizing the flash was normal would follow a disorienting sense of being suspended above the Earth. Before there were the lights of the ship with maybe a twinkle of a few lights below. In a flash the reference changes and the ground becomes frighteningly distant.

On Earth, a porch-light can expand its influence long past the bulb. Light reflects in moisture, whether dense fog or a fine haze, in dust, smoke- think of car headlights in fog. In space, though, its either on or off. Put your hand between you and the light and the unlit side of your hand will be absolute black.

Astronomers on Earth are keenly aware of "transparency" and its balancing act with "seeing". Transparency measures anything between you and the stars. Seeing measures the stability of the atmosphere. Often the clearest nights have the worst seeing, like looking through clear running water. Sometimes those with a slight haze have the best. Deep sky objects require the best transparency or they are lost in the scattering of all those porch-lights (or worse!). Solar system viewing requires the best seeing and can deal with a bit of haze.

For the hardcore with scopes on planet Earth, those rare perfect nights are the stuff of legends. If you want to engage a fisherman, ask about the one that got away. Want to engage an astronomer? Ask about that perfect night.

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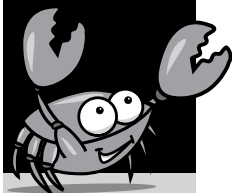
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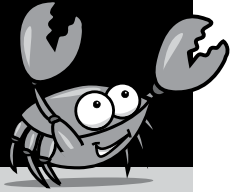


The new Stanwood High School mascot. Photo by April Fewl.



Unusual figure spotted in the Stanwood train tunnel. Photo by Ima Jokeeng.

Local Stories and Poetry



“I AM A SPIDER”

I am a spider
And am rather gross,
I will not hurt you
Even if you're close.
But please don't squish me
I am just doing my job,
I function better
When I'm not a blob.
I got in your home
By a total mistake,
I'd be eternally grateful
If you'd just give me a break.
Just scoop me up
In a jar if you may,
Bring me outside
And I'll be on my way.

– Ant Glizz



LAUGHTER is contagious; don't miss it!

The flowers are blooming and warmer weather gives us all a reason to enjoy beautiful spring days. This season, don't let hearing loss keep you from the laughter shared with loved ones. When you hear your best, you are able to live your best and enjoy every special moment!

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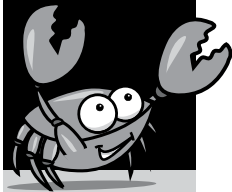
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LEMON CHEESECAKE TOPPED WITH LEMON CURD AND FRESH BERRIES

My signature Cheesecake with Ginger Snap cookie crust, decked out with homemade lemon curd, and fresh seasonal berries, Enjoy!

GINGER SNAP COOKIE CRUST: 2 c. Ginger Snap cookie crumbs; 1/4 c. granulated sugar; 6 T. butter, melted

CHEESECAKE: 3 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened; 3 lg. eggs; 1 1/3 c. granulated sugar; 3 T. lemon juice; 1 tsp. vanilla extract; 1 tsp. grated lemon zest

LEMON CURD: 8 lg. egg yolks; 2 T. finely grated zest (about 2 lemons); 1/2 c. plus 2 T. freshly squeezed lemon juice (about 3 lemons); 1 c. granulated sugar; 1/8 tsp. salt; 10 T. cold unsalted butter, cut into pieces; Fresh berries: strawberries, raspberries, and blueberries for garnish

DIRECTIONS: 1. **GINGER SNAP COOKIE CRUST:** In a large bowl, combine the cookie crumbs with 1/4 cup sugar and melted butter. Press into the bottom and slightly up the sides of a 10-inch Springform pan. Place in the refrigerator until ready to use. 2. **CHEESECAKE:** Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. 3. Using a stand mixer, fitted with a paddle attachment, beat cream cheese on high speed until completely smooth. Add eggs, one at a time, beating until smooth after each addition. Continue to beat, gradually adding 1 1/3 cups sugar, then lemon juice and vanilla. Stir in lemon zest. 4. Pour into prepared crust and bake for 35 minutes. Remove cheesecake from oven. Cool on a rack for 30 minutes. Meanwhile prepare Lemon Curd. 5. **LEMON CURD:** Combine yolks, lemon zest, lemon juice, and 1 cup sugar in a heavy-bottom saucepan, whisk to combine. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon (be sure to scrape the sides of the pan), until the mixture is thick enough to coat the back of the spoon, 8 to 10 minutes, and registers 160 degrees on an instant-read thermometer. 6. Remove saucepan from heat. Add salt and butter, one piece at a time, stirring until smooth. Strain mixture through a fine sieve into a medium bowl. 7. Cover with plastic wrap, pressing it directly onto the surface of the curd to prevent a skin from forming. Refrigerate until chilled and set, at least 1 hour or up to 1 day. 8. Spread lemon curd over the cheesecake. Refrigerate for at least 5 hours over overnight. Top with fresh berries before serving.

TIDE TABLES - SARATOGA PASSAGE / GREENBANK: MARCH 26 - APRIL 8, 2021

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Sa 3	Low	3:57 AM	7.0	☾
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