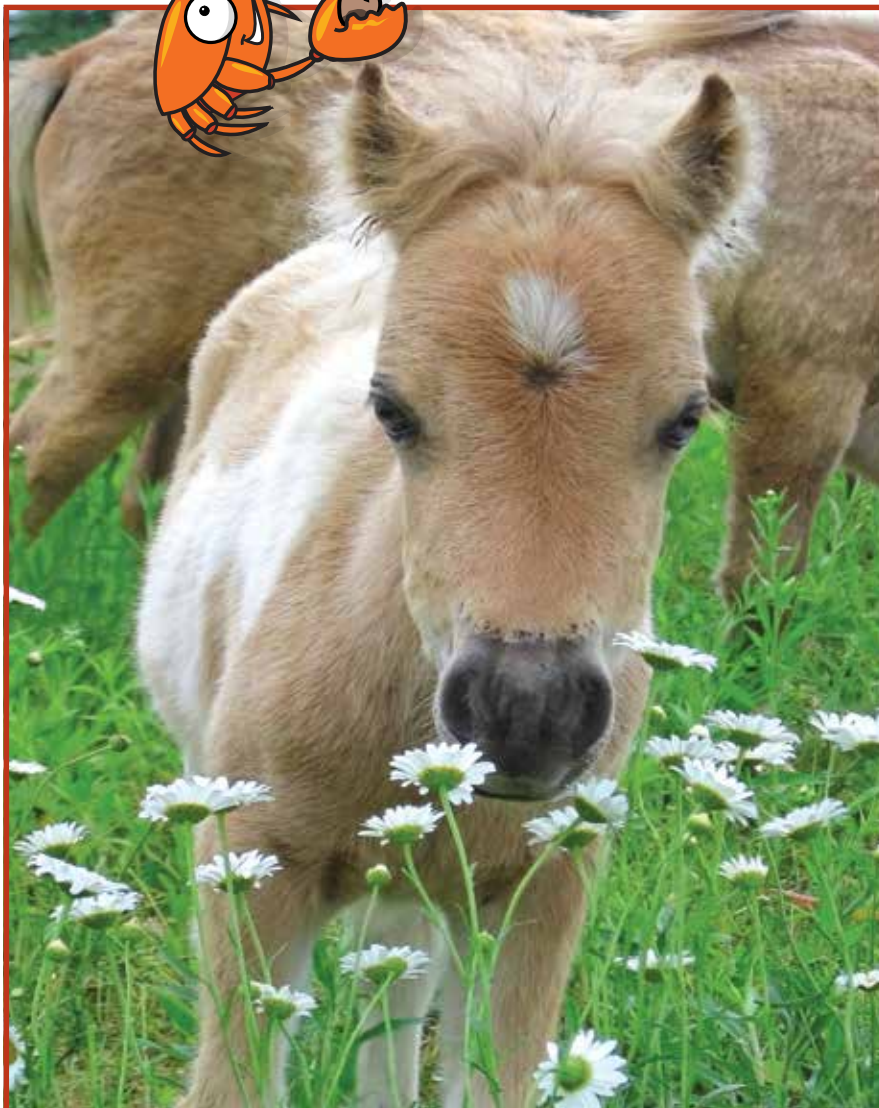


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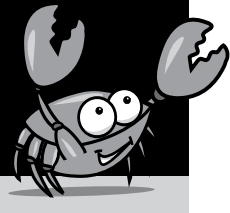
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## Welcome to The Crab Cracker! Here's What's Crackin'...

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.

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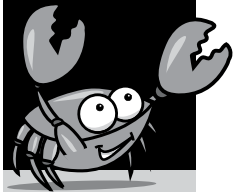


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**Submission DEADLINE: APRIL 29 for Next Edition (May 7-20, 2021)**

# Calendar of Events



## DID YOU KNOW?

On average, 46.1% of Americans have less than \$10,000 in assets when they die.

**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, APRIL 23

### STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Varsity Baseball vs Lake Stevens: 4pm.

Varsity Softball vs Marysville Pilchuck. 4pm.

Girls Varsity Tennis vs Monro. 3:30pm.



SATURDAY, APRIL 24

### 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, APRIL 24

### VIRTUAL GEAR UP WORKSHOP FOR MARINE NATURALISTS

The Whale Museum (TWM) is holding an exciting virtual Gear Up Workshop for Marine Naturalists from 10am to 5pm and registrants will join sessions through Zoom. The "Gear Up" Workshop will focus on underwater noise and vessel traffic, issues which affect not only the endangered Southern Resident orcas but many other marine mammals as well. Registration fee is \$35 for non-members; \$25 for TWM/SSAMN members. For more information and/or to register, please visit <https://whalemuseum.org/products/virtuallgearupworkshop2021>.



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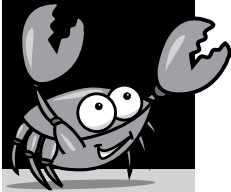
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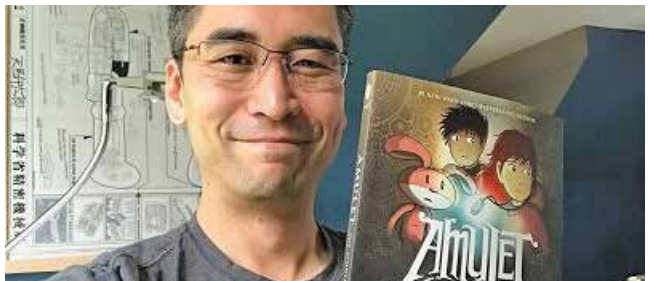
While shedding, geckos will eat their skin in order to prevent predators from finding and eating them more easily.



SATURDAY, APRIL 24

### THE GOOSE IS LOOSE FUN RUN

Stanwood Chamber The Goose is Loose 5K Fun Run. T-Shirts will be given to pre-registered runners only! There are a few T-shirts from prior years that will be given out day of but there's no guarantee unless runners pre-register! Start Time: 10am. End Time: 1pm. Price: \$30.00 Race Fee. Register at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/Events/WA/Stanwood/SnowGooseFunRun5k#event-480915>



SATURDAY, APRIL 24

### OPEN BOOK: KAZU KIBUISHI

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Online event. Join Kazu Kibuishi, bestselling author and illustrator of the graphic novel series Amulet as he discusses his current projects, offers a look at his studio, and demonstrates his art. 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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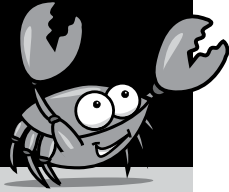
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## DID YOU KNOW?

On one slow news day on April 18th, 1930, a BBC radio announcer blatantly said "there is no news".

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

### ONLINE CRAFT & CHAT – OPEN CRAFTS

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Online event. Join us for social hour with other crafters! Open to all crafts and skill levels. My personal background includes sewing, drawing, painting, and sculpting, amongst many other crafts! 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, APRIL 26

### STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

JV Baseball vs Arlington. 4pm.



MONDAY, APRIL 26

### WHSLBA VARSITY LACROSSE GAME

Stanwood vs Snohomish. 6pm at Stanwood middle School.

MONDAY, APRIL 26

### 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 meeting takes place on Zoom! To get a Zoom invitation, please register. Email address is required. 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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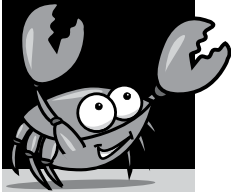
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## DID YOU KNOW?

Between North and South Korea lies 155 miles of no man's land where hundreds of rare animals species thrive.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

### STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Boys Soccer vs Glacier Peak. JV: 5:30pm. Varsity: 7:30pm.  
Girls JV Tennis vs Glacier Peak. 3:30pm.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

### 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.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

### MINUTE TO WIN IT EXTRAVAGANZA

A Davis Teen Program. 2:30pm-4:30pm at Community Resource Center of Stanwood Camano, 96122 271st St. NW, Stanwood. Come to see if you have what it takes to complete various challenges in under a minute! This fast-paced game is a great time for all and a perfect time to hang with friends. Open to students in 6-12th grade and RSVP required.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

### BIBLE STUDY BREAKFAST

Camano Chapel's Chapelites Bible Study Breakfast. 9-10:30 am. All adults ages 55+ are welcome. We meet in Saratoga Hall's Upper Room. Please join us!



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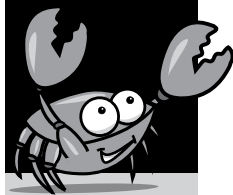
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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

## STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Varsity Baseball vs Arlington, 4pm.

Varsity Softball vs Arlington. 4pm.



THURSDAY, APRIL 29

## 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/>

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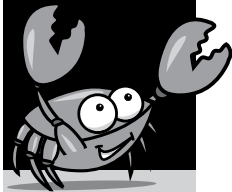
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# Calendar of Events



## 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).

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

## STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Girls Tennis vs Jackson. 3:30pm.



THURSDAY, APRIL 29

## HUMAN TRAFFICKING

What is Human Trafficking and How Does it Affect Our Communities? The journey of a human trafficking victim begins long before he or she is rescued. In almost every case, it starts long before the abuse or trafficking began. Human trafficking is the result of years - sometimes generations - of vulnerabilities that have been unnoticed, un-addressed, unreported, or under-resourced. All it takes is for someone to maliciously exploit the vulnerabilities of a person and start the trafficking process. Hope Unlimited is involved in building public awareness through outreach and education. Their 'Anti-Human Trafficking Initiative' is focused on partnering with the community, reaching out to parents, and offering free seminars to area organizations and schools. Locally led, Hope Unlimited uses knowledgeable, trained presenters, including a former local trafficking expert and a former educator, to present to interested groups. We plan on starting with HT level 101 which will be Zoom based free to public today at 7pm. Please register at [www.clesfoundation.org](http://www.clesfoundation.org) as space is limited.

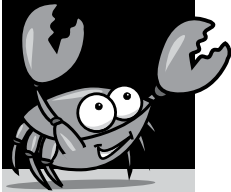


THURSDAY, APRIL 29

## MEET AUTHOR STEVE OLSON

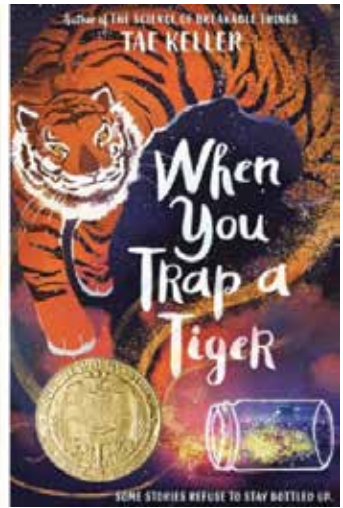
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Online event. Meet Steve Olson, award-winning author of *Eruption: The Untold Story of Mount St. Helens*, and 2017 winner of the Washington State Book Award for history and nonfiction. *Eruption* examines the history and science behind the 1980 eruption with page-turning accounts of what happened to those who lived and those who died. 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/>

# Calendar of Events



## DID YOU KNOW?

Bees actually have knees. The expression comes from the fact that they store large build ups of pollen in hairy baskets on their knees.



FRIDAY, APRIL 30

### DÍA CELEBRATION WITH TAE KELLER

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM Online event. Please join us for a conversation with author Tae Keller, winner of the 2021 Newbery Medal for her book, “When You Trap A Tiger,” described as a “masterpiece of magical realism” and one that “brings Korean folklore to life.” The Newbery Medal recognizes the best in children’s literature for the previous year and is presented by the American Library Association. Tae’s visit is in observance of Día de los Niños Día de los Libros/Children’s Day Book Day (also known simply as Día), a celebration of children, the love of reading, and families of all backgrounds that takes place annually on April 30th. Please register to ensure you receive a courtesy 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/>

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

### STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Varsity Baseball vs Monroe. 4pm.

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Varsity Softball vs Monroe. 4pm.

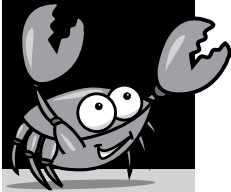
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## DID YOU KNOW?

The line, "Born and raised in South Detroit" in Journey's "Don't Stop Believin" actually refers to Canada, not Michigan.



FRIDAY, APRIL 30

## ONLINE FAMILY TRIVIA - DINOSAURS: THE JURASSIC PARK EXPERIENCE

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 Jurassic Experience with Family Trivia focused on Dinosaurs. 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/>

SATURDAY, MAY 1

## PAPER FLOWERS

A Silver Kite free online workshop. 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM. April showers bring May flowers - even if you don't have a garden! In this workshop, you'll learn some basic techniques to transform paper into a beautiful blossoms. Here are some suggested supplies. See what you have around your house! An assortment of paper: construction paper, card stock, magazines, tissue paper, crepe paper, paper streamers, etc.; An assortment of adhesives: Tacky Glue or other craft glue, double stick tape, glue stick, hot glue or floral tape; Stem materials: could include floral wire, sculpture wire, pipe cleaners, straws or sticks; Scissor; Something to score (crease) paper, it could be a bone folder, popsicle stick or a dried out ballpoint pen. 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](mailto:info@silverkite.us) or by phone: (508) 812-0431

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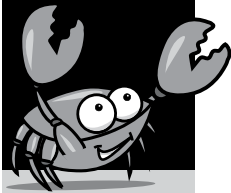
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## DID YOU KNOW?

Over 290 people have died climbing Mount Everest since 1922. Most deaths occur because of avalanches, and not all bodies have been recovered.



SATURDAY, MAY 1

### **CARS AND COFFEE**

7am-10am. Free Event by The Baked Cafe at Camano Commons Marketplace. You provide the cars, we provide the coffee! All cars welcome. Lets fill this place up!

SATURDAY, MAY 1

### **ASK A MASTER GARDENER**

Are you thinking about working in your yard? You are in luck. Today is Island County Master Gardener Clinic day. Join us at 2 PM and ask your garden questions or just listen in as we talk about what is going on in our gardens this month. Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS, or Android:

Zoom Link <https://wsu.zoom.us/j/92586177662>. Meeting ID: 925 8617 7662. Password: 509241.

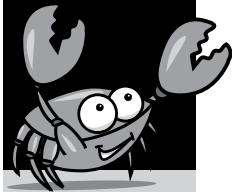


SATURDAY, MAY 1

### **VOLCANOES IN OUR BACKYARD**

To kick off Volcano Preparedness Month, the Camano Preparedness Group will present "Volcanoes in Our Backyard" at 6:00pm. We will discuss the volcanoes in Washington, their history, what to expect on Camano Island if they erupt and how to prepare. This program will be held on Zoom. To log-in use ID# 969 4562 8910 and password: CPG (all caps). We hope to see you there!

# Calendar of Events



## TUESDAY, MAY 4 STAR WARS DAY

"May the 4th be with you." The 1977 release of "Star Wars" changed Hollywood forever. Four decades later we're still enthralled.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

### 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.

MONDAY, MAY 3

### STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

JV Baseball vs Monroe. 4pm.

Girls Varsity Tennis vs Everett. 3:30pm.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

### 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.



TUESDAY, MAY 4

### WILD EDIBLES FORAGING

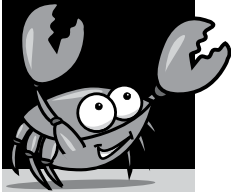
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM Online event. Learn plant identification and ethnobotany skills that will help you use a diversity of native wild plants for food and medicine in the wilderness or at home. Presented by Jason Knight of Alderleaf Wilderness College. Please register to ensure you receive a courtesy reminder 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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## DID YOU KNOW?

When Shakira was in second grade, she was rejected for the school choir because her vibrato was too strong. The music teacher told her that she sounded like a goat.

TUESDAY, MAY 4

### WHSLBA VARSITY LACROSSE GAME

Stanwood vs Cascade-Jackson. 6pm at Stanwood Middle School.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

### CINCO DE MAYO

Cinco de Mayo is an annual celebration held on May 5. The date is observed to commemorate the Mexican Army's victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla, on May 5, 1862, under the leadership of General Ignacio Zaragoza.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

### ONLINE PUB TRIVIA - BRAINS & HOME BREWS

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Grab your favorite beverage, call your friends, and settle in for a night of general pub trivia – right in the comfort of your own home. Topics include history, geography, animals, movies and popular culture, and more. Make sure you've got headphones or speakers for the 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/>

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

### STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Varsity Baseball vs Marysville Pilchuck. 4pm.

Girls Varsity Tennis vs Lakewood. 3:30pm.

THURSDAY, MAY 6

### WHSLBA VARSITY LACROSSE GAME

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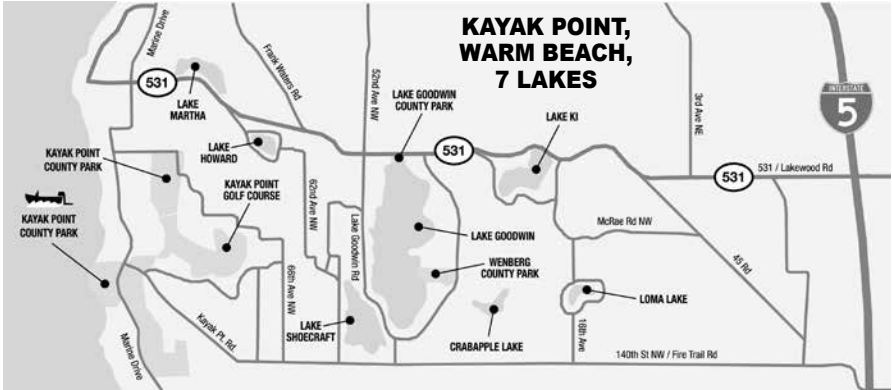
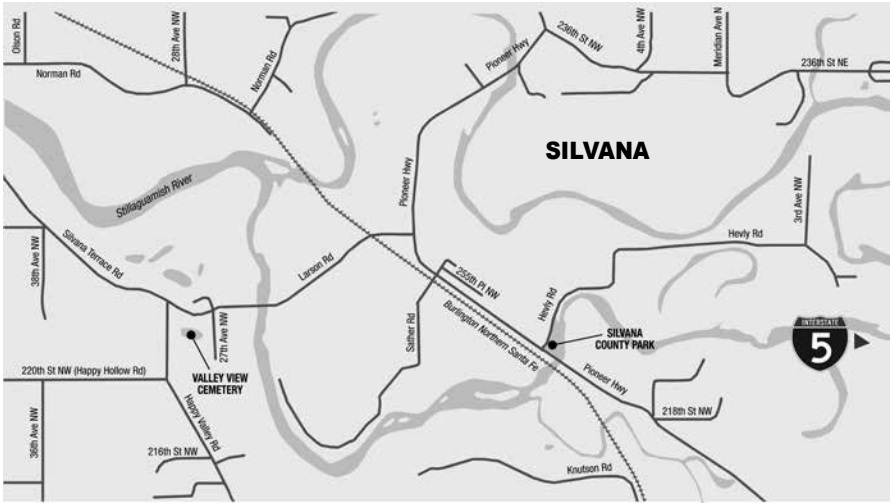
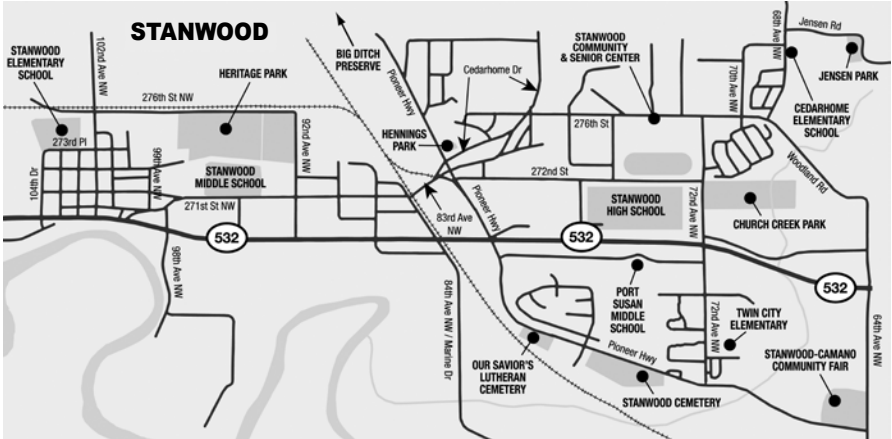
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The national day of prayer is Thursday May 6th 12 noon at Stanwood Haggens parking lot. The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May, designated by the United States Congress, when people are asked "to turn to God in prayer and meditation". The president is required by law to sign a proclamation each year, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. More info:360-631-0604.

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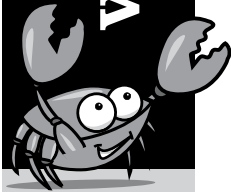
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I've known some folks on the South End who didn't own a car, incredible as that seems. And this was back before the Island Transit free buses plied the highways. They'd hitchhike or walk, they'd ask for rides at Elger Bay Store. Some rode bicycles. They weren't making some ecological, enviro 'green' statement --- they were just poor. And without transportation, they kept getting poorer since there weren't many local jobs.

A lot of us South Enders commute. Seriously commute. After my one night at the Twin City Food assembly lines and a mangled arm, I quit and found myself in a familiar predicament: unemployed with no prospects for work. Just about when I hit rock bottom and figured I'd need to move to Seattle just to keep my homestead, I got a graveyard job at Everett General Hospital as an orderly two nights every weekend. 40 miles one way. I thought it was a trip to Oregon every week, an adventure in my old '60 Chevy Apache pickup that needed constant mechanical attention, often on the side of the road.

Maybe it's an indication of just how paradisaical the South End is that we'll drive to Hell and back just to live here. The missuz drove 75 miles to the University of Washington Library in Seattle for her job. I knew folks who drove to Tacoma, over 100 miles away, to find work that paid enough to keep their piece of Shangri-La-La. Course, they probably never saw it in the light of day ---- mostly just imaginary real estate, sort of exactly like Heaven. Maybe without the streets of gold.

My own commuting days are about over. Walk down the hill to the workshop, fire up the woodstove on cold days, go back up for the third cup of coffee and wait for the place to warm up. Sure I miss those drives through the farmlands, the tulip fields, over the rivers and past all those Puget Sound views and the volcanoes and the mountain ranges. But my truck's gonna last a decade or two longer and if I get real nostalgic about the good old days of commuting, I just take a road trip, you know, without the 8 hour shifts at the end.



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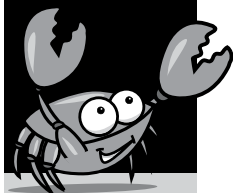
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What you need: circle paper punch – we recommend extra large if this craft will be done by a younger kid; yellow paper; paper in a variety of colors (we used regular print paper); paper cutter or scissors; stick glue; green paper drinking straws; clear tape (or patterned for some fun)

Directions: 1. First punch a few circles out of yellow paper. You will need one circle for 1 flower. We recommend you use larger punch if you are working with small children as it will be easier for them to handle. 2. Cut strips of paper. There is some trial and error with the next step. Depending on your circle size, different lengths (and widths) of paper strips will work. We recommend you first make one strip of paper and make a loop (as seen in the next step) and see if it works with your circle size. Once you are happy with the size of the loop in relation to your yellow circle, start cutting strips of paper in that size. We recommend you do the cutting if you are working with younger kids. If you will be making this a classroom project and want the kids to make the cutting by their own, we recommend you use the largest circle punch, as then cutting strips across the width of a letter sized paper works out nicely. 3. Glue the ends of paper strips together, making a paper loop. You will need quite a few (the number depends on the size of the flower you are making). 4. Glue the loops on one side of the paper circle. We started by sticking 4 at a 90° angle, then another 4 in between and another 8 in between those. 5. Once you are happy with how full your paper flower craft is looking, apply some glue onto the green paper straw and press it in the middle of the flower. 6. Secure with clear tape. Your paper flower craft is complete.

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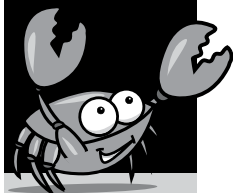
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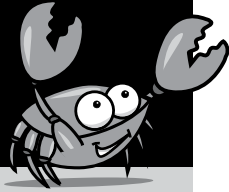
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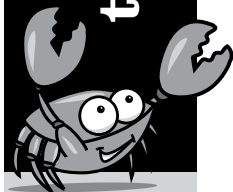
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## SWINGIN' IN THE RAIN

Recently, I played a round of golf with my longtime golfing buddy Kevin. The forecast called for rain, but when we met at the course, it was clear and dry. But the skies looked really threatening. Kevin and I have been playing golf together for 20 years. It has evolved into something of a one-sided rivalry. That's because Kevin a really good golfer, and I barely remember which end of the club to hold. He ALWAYS wins.

We teed off at the first tee. Kevin hit a gorgeous drive 270 yards straight down the middle of the fairway. Then it was my turn. My ball landed eerily close to Kevin's – by which I mean 100 yards closer to the tee box and banana-sliced 40 yards into the right-side woods. Oh yeah, the game was officially on.

As we reached the second hole, I noticed a few gentle rain droplets. Kevin shook it off. He was sure it would pass. But soon, the clouds looked as foreboding as the skies over Mordor. As Kevin headed up the second fairway and I headed due east into the right-side forest, I noticed the raindrops were coming down harder.

By hole #4, the rain had become a steady downpour. By the 6th hole, the temperature, which had been 47 degrees when we began, plummeted to the mid-thirties. I was starting to lose feeling in my soaked, ice-cold hands. It was at this point that I suggested that maybe we should call it a day. Rain was beginning to create puddles on the greens. But Kevin would have none of it. It was an April shower. It would pass. So we kept going.

Kevin was not about to give up because he was having a great game and he's annoyingly competitive. But guess who else was having a great game? Me. Like Kevin, somehow I, too, was having a phenomenal round. After seven holes, Kevin was only leading by one stroke. Technically he should have been leading by five, but I refused to take penalty strokes for losing my golf ball in the woods on holes 1, 2, 4, and 6.

We had somehow endured the deluge and arrived at the 8th tee. The showers were now coming down so hard, I could not see through my glasses. I had no choice but to take them off and play the rest of the round half blind. Kevin offered his usual sympathetic concern about my vision impairment: "Stop your whining. That's why I got Lasik."

I no longer had feeling on the left side of my frozen, drenched body. The sand traps had become water hazards. The cups on the greens by now were completely filled with water. With just two holes left on the front nine, we were battling it out mano-a-mano. He drew his weapon: a brand new \$375 Callaway titanium-shaft driver. And I chose mine: A

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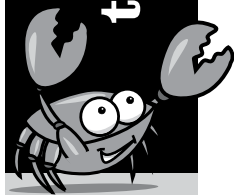


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# View from the Bleachers



knock-off, second-hand Carlaway driver I picked up at a garage sale for \$25 – a club I hit so wildly unpredictably that I affectionately call it The Wand of Satan.

We were on the ninth tee. Amazingly, somehow we were tied. I got ready to tee off. I could barely hold onto my driver, as every inch of the club shaft resembled a miniature Niagara Falls, with gushing water cascading down its length. Shockingly, I hooked my drive into the left rough. I say “shockingly” because normally I have a wicked slice. But my ball hit a tree before miraculously ricocheting back into the fairway. Kevin hit his drive straight down the fairway. His ball rooster tailed another 20 feet before coming to a halt.

We both got to the water-soaked green in two strokes. Kevin had a 10-foot putt for par through an inch of standing water. My ball was 30 feet away. I estimated I could easily get up and down – in four putts for a double bogey. But incredibly I two-putted for par, and Kevin’s second putt rimmed the cup for a three-putt – putting me ahead by one stroke.

Kevin was determined to overtake me on the back nine – until they closed the course due to torrential flooding. And lightning. And the fact that any human being with a brain larger than a golf ball had left the course an hour ago.

So we had to stop after nine holes. But the key takeaway I need to emphasize is that I won. I DEFEATED KEVIN. I only share this because oddly enough, it is the truth – and in no way to annoy Kevin by sharing my amazing feat publicly.

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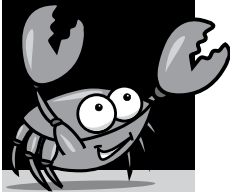


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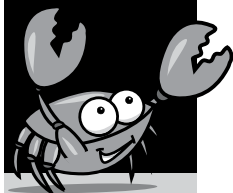
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Meet Your Farmers: Kimmy (Emily Kim) grew up in western Washington with four siblings and Korean-born parents. She has been fascinated with the natural world since she can remember. For her, farming is a passionate expression of care, creation, and revolution; a magical manifestation of love, life, and death. Emma is a white, queer, cis womxn hailing from the occupied traditional lands of Leni-Lenape people, currently known as Philadelphia, PA. Food has always fueled her spirit, bringing her from one coast to the other, and now to a new adventure farming with love and care on unseeded Coast Salish land of Camano Island. She is dedicated to building a just world that centers food sovereignty and youth empowerment.

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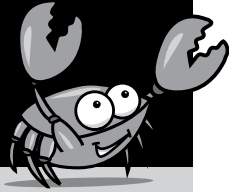
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## DID YOU KNOW?

“Tsumdoku” is a Japanese word for the habit of buying too many books, letting them pile up in your house, and never reading them.

## AAUW SCHOLARSHIP CLOSING APRIL 30

The AAUW Stanwood-Camano scholarship process is in its last weeks, with two \$4,000 scholarship awards to offer. What differentiates our branch from other organizations is our focus on students entering their junior, senior or Master's level at college or university. Due to our 501-c3 status mandates, we cannot allow direct family members of our SC-AAUW membership to apply. The 2021 application and qualifications will be found on our website: [www.aauwsc.org/scholarship](http://www.aauwsc.org/scholarship). This site will be linked to the state scholarship website: [www.washboard.org](http://www.washboard.org). The application deadline is Friday, April 30, 2021. Eligibility Requirements: All students, female and male, who meet the following requirements are encouraged to apply. You must be a current resident of the Arlington, Stanwood, or Camano Island area AND/OR be a graduate of Lakewood, Arlington, Stanwood, or Lincoln Hill High Schools. You must have completed at least 2 years of study at an accredited college or university by June 2021 and have verifiable plans to continue upper-division or master's level post-graduate work at an accredited 4-year college or university in the fall of 2021. We will award our recipients at a virtual Scholarship Tea at 2:00 pm, Sunday June 13, 2021.



## READY FOR SPRING PLANTING?

Get great deals on perennials, shrubs, trees, veggie starts, native plants and garden art while supporting the WSU Extension Island County Master Gardener program. Place your order online before May 5 at [www.icmgf-store.org/](http://www.icmgf-store.org/) and pick up curbside on May 8 at the Multi-Purpose Center (Camano Island) or Greenbank Farm (Whidbey Island). All proceeds benefit the community educational mission of the WSU Extension Island County Master Gardener Program, such as the Education Gardens at Greenbank Farm, plant clinics, community and school garden projects, and educational workshops and classes. Questions? Contact [jerilyn.ritzman@wsu.edu](mailto:jerilyn.ritzman@wsu.edu) or (360) 639-4608.

Come do the ComeUNITY CONGA on June 12th at Freedom Park... ComeUNITY FUN... IMAGINE that!

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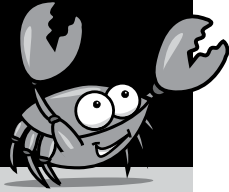
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A portrait of Dan Koffman, a man with a beard and mustache, smiling.

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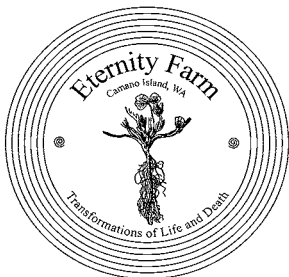


## DID YOU KNOW?

Brain fibers lose 10% of their total length every decade. They can shrink even more so under acute stress.

## CLEAN WATERS DEPEND ON HEALTHY LANDS

The Whidbey Camano Land Trust has permanently protected roughly 15 miles of natural shoreline and more than 3,000 acres of tidelands in Island County, including a half-mile stretch of beach at Possession Sound Preserve, south of Clinton. Once conserved, stewardship staff lead efforts to restore shorelines to their natural state whenever possible. In 2015, the Land Trust partnered with the Washington Department of Natural Resources to remove a creosote-treated wooden bulkhead at the Waterman Shoreline Preserve in Possession Sound that cut off sediment supply to the beach. Eroding feeder bluffs that provide sediment play a critical role in nearshore habitats. They replenish the beach and tidelands with sand, gravel and nutrients, enriching habitat essential for marine life including crabs, shrimp, endangered Chinook salmon, orca and gray whales. The health of nearby forests and lands also contribute to water quality in Puget Sound. "The productivity of the upland areas is an important part of the whole process," said Dan Matlock, Land Trust board member and retired college biology professor. "The shading of beaches for forage fish spawning, the insect rain (insects that fall into the water from nearby shores and vegetation), shorebird nesting and feeding habitat, and water filtration are all part of the whole picture." Howard Garrett, co-founder of the nonprofit Orca Network, agrees that all of those factors are making a difference in providing healthier habitats for fish and wildlife. "It certainly does to those dozen or so gray whales that come back every year," Garrett said with a laugh. Garrett said he takes pride in being part of an island community that is passionate about the well-being of whales and cares so much about the overall environment. His organization is dedicated to raising awareness about Pacific Northwest whales and the importance of providing them healthy and safe habitats. While resident orca whales are struggling due to dwindling salmon populations, the number of gray and humpback whales in Puget Sound are increasing. That's good news for one special group of grays that find that the shrimp bounty around Whidbey and Camano is worth taking a detour. The Whidbey Camano Land Trust is a non-profit nature conservation organization that actively involves the community in protecting, restoring, and appreciating the important natural habitats and resource lands that support the diversity of life on our islands and in the waters of Puget Sound. For more information, visit [www.wclt.org](http://www.wclt.org), email [info@wclt.org](mailto:info@wclt.org), or call 360.222.3310.



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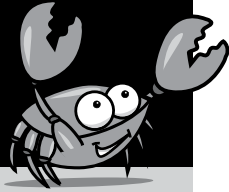
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## NEED TO FIND FRESH CRAB?

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).

## LOCAL ONLINE RESOURCE HUB

Find local resources to meet basic needs as well as programs for youth, teens, seniors, and more at [www.stanwood-camano.org](http://www.stanwood-camano.org). To list a local service or project, contact Natalie Hagglund at [natalie@s-caf.org](mailto:natalie@s-caf.org).

## VIRTUAL HOMEWORK HELP!

Homework got you down? Have no fear Davis Teen Programs is offering free homework help every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30-10:30 am on Zoom. Our volunteers are ready to help! RSVP is required! Open to students in grades 6-12. RSVP is required contact our teen coordinator at [teens@crc-sc.org](mailto:teens@crc-sc.org) or 360.629.5257 x1004 to save your place or to answer any questions.

## GOOD DEEDS AWARD

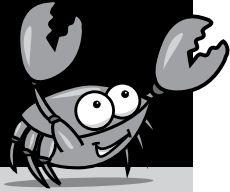
For information or to nominate a Citizen of Good Deeds check out this link: <https://camanoisland.org/citizen-of-good-deeds/>

## 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.

## WSRB UPGRADES CAMANO FIRE'S PROTECTION CLASSIFICATION

The Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau recently upgraded the Protection Classification for Island County Fire District 1 - the area served by Camano Island Fire & Rescue - to a 5/6. Previously, Camano was rated as a 6/7. Properties rated as a 5 must be located within 1,000 feet of a fire hydrant. Properties located more than 1,000 feet from a fire hydrant are rated a 6. The improved classifications relate to the island's fire insurance rating, and could potentially reduce insurance rates for local homeowners. Homeowners can contact their insurance provider to see if the upgraded rating reduces their insurance premiums. "Our insurance rating is a community effort involving our department, our dispatch agency, and the numerous water associations on the island," Chief Levon Yengoyan said. "We're pleased that our work to improve our fire protection service may also save our residents money." The WSRB rates the fire protection capabilities of all fire departments in the state every six years, and provides a rating from 0 to 10. The lower the rating, the better the fire protection capability. Most fire protection districts in the state are rated between a 4 and an 8. Many insurance companies use WSRB ratings to help determine residential property coverage rates. Ratings are based on four factors: The fire department itself, fire safety controls, emergency communications and water supply. Find more information about the WSRB online at [www1.wsrb.com](http://www1.wsrb.com). Download and read the full rating upgrade letter at [camanofire.com/resources-public-education/#WSRB](http://camanofire.com/resources-public-education/#WSRB).



## DID YOU KNOW?

The quietest room in the world in Minnesota is measured in negative decibels – so quiet that you can hear your own heartbeat and your bones moving.

## DONATE A CAR OR BOAT TO CASA

Do you have a car or boat that you no longer use, consider donating it to CASA via Donate For Charity. If you decide to donate your vehicle, (1) It will be picked up free of charge; (2) It will be sold at auction or older vehicles can be sold for parts; (3) You will receive a receipt entitling you to a tax deduction; and (4) All proceeds will go to the Camano Animal Shelter Association to support our care for homeless pets. Our vehicle donation program is made possible through our partnership with Donate For Charity. When you are ready to donate your vehicle, you may call Donate For Charity toll-free at (866) 392-4483 or donate on-line at their website: [www.donateforcharity.com](http://www.donateforcharity.com). Questions? Call CASA at 360-387-1902 Wednesday through Sunday.

## CAMANO ISLAND LIBRARY FRIENDS

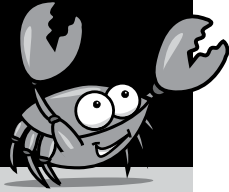
Hello Neighbors! Camano Island Library Friends is a group dedicated to supporting our beautiful Camano Island Library and community. Your membership, donations and grants to the Friends underwrite programs, classes and events at the library, FREE to all ages. You may have attended the "Sarvey Wildlife" presentation last year, or Seth Riley's "Adult Writing Series" that is very popular. The Friends also provide children's and teen's prize books for the Summer Reading Program, which has been confirmed for summer 2021. As the library reopens, other programs may become available like "STEAM" for tweens and teens, and "Camano Preparedness" programs for adults. Donations are also used to bring elementary students to the Library where they learn how to search for books, use databases and leave with a library card. Adult programs support education and lifelong learning, make digital literacy easier and connect readers with books. These are just a few of the programs offered by the Library and largely underwritten by the Friends. Please consider joining us via PayPal at [www.camanoislandlibraryfriends.org](http://www.camanoislandlibraryfriends.org) or pick up a membership brochure at the library. Our general membership meetings are at 7p.m. the fourth Thursday of February, April, June, September and Thursday the second week of December. Due to COVID restrictions we are currently meeting on ZOOM. Contact us at [camanofriends2020@gmail.com](mailto:camanofriends2020@gmail.com) and we'll send you an invitation.

## "SPRING HAS SPRUNG"

Art show at Matzke Fine Art Gallery & Sculpture Park. Opens May 8th, continues through June 27th. Artists: Judith Heim, Gina Holt, Gary Giovane, Randal Leek, Deb McCunn, Barbara Noonan, Janie Olsen, Tracy Powell, Frank Renlie, Dale Reiger, Dona Reed, Rodney Sylvester, Susan Cohen Thompson and Lori Vonderhorst. Open every Friday, Saturday & Sunday 11 to 5 weekdays by appointment 360-387-2759. Matzke Fine Art Gallery and Sculpture Park 2345 Blanche Way, Camano Island, WA. [www.matzkefineart.com](http://www.matzkefineart.com).

## COLD WATER IS DEADLIER THAN YOU THINK

Cold water can kill in less than one minute due to cold-water shock. Safety experts define cold water as anything below 60 degrees. In Washington, most waterways stay under 60 degrees year-round. #ColdWaterSafety.



## DID YOU KNOW?

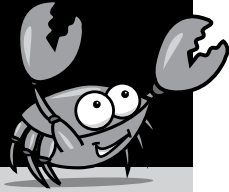
12% of the world's total languages is found in Papua New Guinea, which has over 820 indigenous languages. There are more languages on this island than any other country.



## THAT SENSE OF DREAD

Beekeeping shouldn't be all that stressful, for the beekeeper it is, not so much for the bee. There's a lot to manage and the bees are really good at creating chaos!! At least we think its chaos. ...but it's not, it's just what they do – reproduce!! The nuances of swarms: The primary swarms we see now are those reproductive swarms, the natural ones. Those are the swarms that the bees are want to do all by themselves and do very well if left to their own devices. These early swarms are a natural way that bees make more of themselves on a colony level, they split in two and rehome the more mature half. That rehoming normally would occur in nature in a tree or hollow log. Due to urbanization and sprawl, it now happens occasionally in homes and outbuildings. It is a very fine line between nature and civilization – the trick is to make it workable for both. The swarms people tend to notice are colonies that have just left their old home and are "in transition". The swarm will land in a nearby tree, bush or shrub to allow the "scout bees" to go out and investigate a suitable new location for them to inhabit. This can take anywhere from hours to days depending on weather, local habitat and the size of the cluster. A smaller unit may take more time due to a lack of adequate scout bees doing the hard work of finding a suitable home. Bad weather, especially rainy conditions don't allow the scout bees to fly as much and the queen being protected by the cluster won't fly if conditions aren't good. The best thing you can do if there's a swarm on your property is to call a professional. Beekeeper that is!! The beekeeper will be able to rehome that cluster in an appropriate location where there are adequate resources to ensure its survival and make sure it's well taken care of during the very fragile period of building a new home. Calling a beekeeper as quickly as possible is really important, since in our location there really aren't enough resources to make sure the swarm will be able to put together a new wax comb house and fill it with honey before the winter cold comes. The flight of bees in late June or July after the major nectar flow (blackberry in our area) is bound to starve either in the short term or in winter due to lack of stored resources. I have a lot less reservations to see a swarm fly off in May or June than in July even though it pains me to see my bees fly off at all, ever, I have more confidence that they have a fighting chance of making it on their own than the ones who fly off late in the season. Swarms are a natural impulse and sometimes you just can't fight Mother Nature, but since we put them here, it makes sense that we are good stewards and make sure they're taken care of to the best of our ability!! So. Please call me if you have a "lump o' bees" stuck to something on your property, I'd be happy to come check them out and since I have the majority of colonies on the island....well the girls probably escaped from one of my units anyway...sometimes the party in the box just gets rowdy!! lol!! <https://camanoislandhoney.com/> (C) 303 330-1724.

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## DID YOU KNOW?

The hottest temperature ever recorded in Washington state was at Ice Harbor Dam at 118 °F (47.8 °C) on August 5, 1961.



## 5TH ANNUAL TROLL STROLL 5K RUN/WALK

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021. Event by Stanwood Sons of Norway, Fritjov Lodge. [www.eventbrite.com/e/5th-annual-troll-stroll-tickets-150682939729](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/5th-annual-troll-stroll-tickets-150682939729). SCHEDULE: 9:00AM Check-in | Registration @ Fritjov Lodge Opens. \$20 adult/\$10 Child (10 & under) - NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS at event or online purchases. (Dogs on a leash welcome!). 10:00AM: Run | Walk Begins. A Norwegian flag and traditional heart waffle will be handed out to each participant! Top runners will be awarded ribbons. We are looking forward to a fun day of enjoying Norwegian heritage, a social outing and a little exercise! Skål

## THE TRAIL MIXER:

A Progressive Happy Hour at Camp Killoqua. Event by Camp Killoqua and Camp Fire Snohomish County Council. Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 3 PM PDT – 5 PM PDT. Tickets at [secure.acceptiva.com](http://secure.acceptiva.com). Join us for our first ever Trail Mixer: Progressive Happy Hour around Camp Killoqua! Wander through the trails of Camp Killoqua while enjoying 4 small bite food stations featuring upscale versions of camp classics, and two drink tickets per person! While not eating, guests will be asked to wear a facemask and maintain physical distance from staff and other event guests. Sign-up for an arrival time so we can stagger our visitors to ensure social distancing is maintained. This event is for 21 years and older, id's will be checked for alcohol, no children please. Tickets must be purchased in advance, no day of sales.

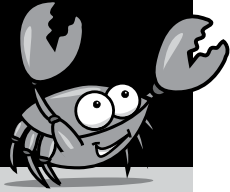


## JOB SEARCH

Find your next job with help from library resources. Get help with your resume, learn or update your job skills, and find out who is hiring. Check out all the ways Sno-Isle Libraries can help you find the right job for you! <http://ow.ly/7Qva50EoKRV>.



# 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.*

East Stanwood chose to go it alone. Stanwood was for consolidation, so were the four Camano Island and the four mainland districts. All seemed favorable until the final ballot was taken in May. The vote was 771 "for" and 195 "against", with a majority of "fors" in all but Warm Beach where the result was 62 "for" and 88 "against". The overall majority vote held, the election was officially approved and consolidation was given the green light.

Per pre-election agreement, a site between Stanwood and East Stanwood was proposed, exploratory steps were taken and application was made for state and federal aid. Ere long, a telegram came from Washington, D.C. announcing a \$44,280 federal allotment for construction of a \$100,000 high school for the newly formed consolidated district, which included Stanwood, Silvana, Norman, Florence, Warm Beach, Livingston Bay, Utsalady, Camano and Mabana.

Architect Earl Morrison set about drawing up plans, then came the obstacle race. Warm Beach was unhappy, declared the election illegal and demanded that it be nullified on the grounds that majority approval was mandatory in each of the participating districts. With this declaration, Warm Beach filed suit, and action came to an abrupt stop.

After much legal ado, Judge Ralph C. Bell ruled in August that the law upheld the Warm Beach stand. A repeat series of elections with voting regulations well spelled out, was the only legal solution, said Judge Bell.

This time Warm Beach chose not to participate and when the final ballot was taken in December consolidation passed with flying colors... 428 "for" and 87 "against." For the second time, a new consolidated district was formed and a combined state and federal grant of \$56,288 was approved. The remaining \$43,000 was to be raised by special levy.

On this round, everybody (except the 87 dissenters) was happy, and on December 30 a bond issue of \$50,000 was passed with little opposition. Site transactions were resumed and purchase was finalized on approximately eight acres from the Lien holdings of the north side of 271st Street, an additional 10 acres was later acquired from the Ovenell Bros. for \$2,700, bringing the total site acquisition to 17 and one-half acres at a cost of \$4,500.

The first "old grad" banquet was held in the Masonic Hall that December. The affair, emceed by Clifford Myron, brought together 100 of the 850 graduates, who had received diplomas from Stanwood High School between the years 1911 and 1937.

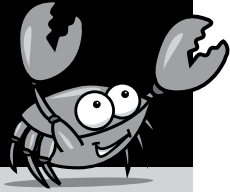
Says the story, "The Class of 1927 won honors for the largest attendance, but the Class of 1917 had the most pep." Musical selections and brief comments by representatives of the various classes preceded organization of the school's first alumni association. Alf Willard became the group's first president; Alice McKean Davison was elected as its first secretary-treasurer.

In January 1938, contracts were awarded for the new building and construction began in earnest. Planned to accommodate 300-400 students, the facility included 13 classrooms, study hall, library, lunchroom, kitchen, science lab, lockers, showers, home economics and shop departments, as well as a 50 X 90-foot gymnasium and stage, with an estimated folding chair seating capacity of 1,200 to 1,500 people. Special accouterments consisted of a radio public address system, speech room with stage and photographic darkroom.

Ready for occupancy in September 1938, the initial enrollment was 185 students. Three 55-passenger buses were added to the district's transportation fleet and it soon became evident that the days of proverbial little red schoolhouses were numbered.

MUCH MORE TO COME!

# What's Up?



*Astronomy and  
the night sky  
by William  
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## SUNSETS ON OTHER PLANETS

Take a look at the above image. The Sun is setting over a desert landscape and with the beautiful sunset colors of...blue? What you are looking at is a sunset over a desert landscape, but not on Earth. It's Mars taken by NASA's Spirit rover. The daytime sky on Mars is red, but the sunsets are blue...exactly the opposite of Earth. Because there is so much dust in the Martian atmosphere that dust absorbs blue light during the day and scatters it at sunset.

Venture a trip to Saturn's moon Titan and another counter intuitive even occurs: Titan's twilight light is actually brighter than midday. Titan's atmosphere is so thick and its distance from the Sun would make even the brightest times not much more than a very foggy orange night under a full Moon.

A trip to Venus at sunset would show a hazy yellow gradually turning brown as the Sun sets. A Uranus sunset would be a deep blue. Leaving our solar system completely, a sunset on the exoplanet Trappist-1e would be mostly a copper brown. Sunsets anywhere without an atmosphere would be like a colorless off switch.

If we ever colonize Mars those who have only known the Martian sky would find it very strange that we on Earth get so excited about that beautiful orange and red sunset. "Everyone knows", they would say, "that sunsets are blue".

## MIKE GANT

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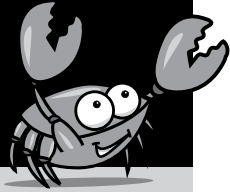
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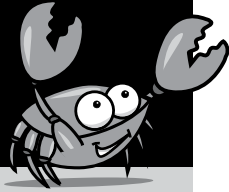
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# Local Stories and Poetry



## DID YOU KNOW?

Mount Rushmore cost less than 1 million dollars to construct. It took 14 years to build – from 1927 to 1941, and took 400 workers.

## A START FOR WORLD PEACE

Saving the world is a mighty endeavor  
That can break the heart of those on the trail,  
As well as the one who just wants to be clever.  
Renew your efforts on a smaller scale,  
There are ideas that cannot fail


Share with those you find around you.  
Mighty weapons are hugs and smiles,  
And you'll find they come back to bless you, too.  
Love scatters light for many miles,  
Lighting the way to the plan in the files.

Lately the news seems filled with hate and tragedy;  
Only occasionally does love and kindness appear.  
Verily, we need a new strategy,  
Encouraging empathy and forgiveness instead of fear.

Teachers revered throughout history have always taught love.  
Hatred is proved but a sordid blind alley.  
Youth has always sought a path of enlightenment in the light above.

Now we are facing a cult of hate and destruction,  
Engorging itself upon power and greed.  
It is time We the People begin giving instruction,  
Growing Love and Compassion with new seed.  
Hatred is like being chained to an oar in a galley.  
Brotherly love can snap the chain and break the oar,  
Or, take the galley and head for an halcyon shore.  
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Steve Osborn  
28 May 2017



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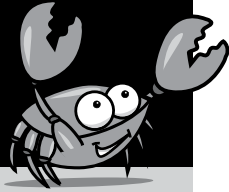
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## STRAWBERRY RHUBARB CREAM CHEESE PIE

Recipe from Camano resident my dear neighbor Sharon Schwalm – Luscious fresh strawberries heaped upon a delightful cream cheese base topped with a strawberry-rhubarb compote, Enjoy!

**INGREDIENTS:** 1 (9-inch) pastry shell, baked and cooled; 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened; 2 T. granulated sugar; 2 T. milk; 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract; 2 1/2 c. fresh strawberry halves; 1 1/2 c. coarsely chopped rhubarb; 3/4 c. water; 1/2 c. granulated sugar; 2 T. cornstarch

**DIRECTIONS:** 1. In a large bowl, using an electric hand mixer, beat softened cream cheese, 2 tablespoons sugar, milk, and vanilla on medium speed until well combined. Spread the cream cheese mixture into the bottom of the pastry shell. 2. In a small bowl, mash 1/2 cup strawberries. Arrange the remaining strawberries over the cream cheese mixture. 3. In a small saucepan, combine the mashed strawberries, rhubarb, water, and 1/2 cup sugar; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer 2 minutes or until the rhubarb is tender. Drain the fruit, reserving 1 cup juice. (If necessary, add enough water to equal 1 cup.). 4. Bring the juice and cornstarch to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Boil 2 minutes or until the mixture is clear and thickened. Stir in strawberry/rhubarb mixture. Add a few drops of red food coloring, if desired. Cool slightly. Spoon cooled strawberry/rhubarb mixture over fresh strawberries. Refrigerate until chilled and set. 5. Serve topped with a dollop of whipped cream. Serves 8.



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F 23	High	3:06 AM	10.9	☾
23	Low	9:20 AM	4.5	
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Sa 24	High	3:35 AM	11.2	☾
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Su 25	High	4:04 AM	11.5	☾
25	Low	10:28 AM	1.4	
25	High	4:37 PM	10.2	
25	Low	10:27 PM	2.5	
M 26	High	4:34 AM	11.7	☾
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26	High	5:33 PM	10.9	
26	Low	11:15 PM	3.5	
Tu 27	High	5:06 AM	11.9	☾
27	Low	11:46 AM	-1.6	
27	High	6:30 PM	11.5	
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W 28	Low	12:04 AM	4.6	☾
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28	High	7:27 PM	11.8	
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2	High	11:46 PM	11.3	
M 3	Low	5:48 AM	6.9	☾
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