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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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THURSDAY-SUNDAY, JULY 1-4 SKAGIT RIVER PRODUCE FARMERS MARKET

Fruit, flowers, berries, veggies, beautiful arts and handmade crafts. 11am-3pm at 19193 SR 534 in Conway.

FRIDAY, JULY 2 ACTIVITIES AT CAMA BEACH STATE PARK

Table Talk: 11am-noon. "Who Eats With Their Feet?": 2-3pm.

FRIDAY, JULY 2 FORD GIESBRECHT PERFORMANCE

at Tapped Camano, 5:30-7:30pm at 848 N Sunrise Blvd. Ford plays an eclectic mix of Brazilian classical, American and Latin jazz standards, old rock and original music. conversation friendly. No cover.

FRIDAY, JULY 2 GAME NIGHT!

6:30-8pm at 795 Ell Road, Camano Island. We can play sports, games and activities of your choice! invite your friends and family to come, we are hoping to make new friends in this area!

FRIDAY, JULY 2 STANWOOD FARMERS MARKET

2pm-6pm at the parking lot behind downtown and next to the Amtrak train station. A gathering of farmers, local producers, makers & more. Shop with local farmers, food artisans & craftspeople.

FRIDAY, JULY 2

COUNTRY DANCE WITH TIANA

at Loco Billy's Wild Moon Saloon, 27021 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood. No Cover & Dancing all night 6:30-2am. Line Dance Lessons w/Tiana from 8 - 9pm, \$10. Open dance before & after the lesson. All styles welcome for Open Dance.

FRIDAY, JULY 2

MARCIA KESSER - LIVE SHOW

8:00pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282, 370 NE Camano Dr, Camano. Marcia's voice tells it all: the heat, the honey, and a bit of Delta hardscrabble. A taste of rock in the country tunes and a dash of country in the rock.

FRIDAY, JULY 2 ARTIST RECEPTION FOR DENISE JACKSON

5-7pm at Beach 1 Gallery in Camano Country Club, 1243 Beach Drive, Camano Island 360-387-1655. As a native of the Pacific Northwest, Denise receives inspiration around every bend. Her art will be displayed and for sale the entire month of July. The Gallery is open 7 days a week. We will be serving wine, bottled water and individual bags of chips for the reception.

SATURDAY, JULY 3 COMMUNITY HIGH FITNESS CLASS

8am in the Port Susan Middle School parking lot! Come hang out with us! HIGH Fitness is an aerobics-type workout, but with fresh new music and moves. It's a killer workout that can be catered to any level. Grab a friend and come try it out! You won't regret it.

FATHER FACT:

Over 87 million cards are sent each year on Father's Day, making it the 4th most popular day for sending cards.

SATURDAY, JULY 3 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, JULY 3 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, JULY 3

OPEN FARM STORE, NURSERY & TOURS

Free. Noon-3pm at Ananda Farm, 732 Haven Pl., Camano Island. Plant Nursery - vegetables, herbs, flowers, bushes, and trees. Fresh Produce. Herbal Healing Products. Baked Goods. Fresh Eggs. Bulk Food Pick-up. Ask for a farm tour: Learn about No-till farming. Farm animal fun with goats, chickens, pigs, alpacas, dogs and cats! Enjoy the harmony of farming with nature. www.anandafarms.com

SATURDAY, JULY 3 OPEN HOUSE

9am-noon at Over The Rainbow (740 Michael Way, Camano Island) with extra special sales

SATURDAY, JULY 3 \$CRATCH DADDY - LIVE SHOW

Sat Jul 3rd 8:00pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282, 370 NE Camano Dr, Camano. 4 piece band .. the "Blues & Beyond" with a little blend of R & B, Motown and Rock gives you an energetic dance band that is easy to listen to.

SATURDAY, JULY 3 ACTIVITIES AT CAMA BEACH STATE PARK

How To Crab: 10am. Craft Station: 11am-2pm. Toy Boat Building: 11am-3pm. Junior Ranger: 2pm.



FATHER FACT:

There are about 152 million males in the United States. Of these, 70.1 million (46%) are fathers.









DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

Stanwood Camano Food Bank Monday-Friday: 9:00am-2:00pm 27030 102nd Ave Stanwood 360.629.2789 The Picnic Pantry and Parlour Monday-Saturday: 11:00am-5:00pm 8706 271st St NW Stanwood 360.631.5218

Items Needed: New unwrapped toys for kids up to 18 years, gift cards, socks & underwear, PJ's, & gift certificates from local restaurants.

Toys Of All Sizes Appreciated!



One of the greatest misconceptions of the 4th of July lies in the name and date. It is widely believed that America declared their independence from Britain on July 4, 1776. However, the official vote actually took place two days before and the "Declaration" was published in papers on July 4.

SATURDAY, JULY 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.



SUNDAY, JULY 4 HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

SUNDAY, JULY 4 **ACTIVITIES AT CAMA BEACH STATE PARK** Big Bubbles on the Beach: 11am – 12pm. Learn how to make giant

Big Bubbles on the Beach: 11am – 12pm. Learn how to make giant bubbles and become a bubble-ologist!



SUNDAY, JULY 4 4TH OF JULY BAKE SALE

It's back! The traditional July 4 Utsalady Ladies Aid Fourth of July bake sale from 10 a.m. until noon at the historic Ladies Aid building, 78 Utsalady Road. Treat your family with a homemade pie, cake, cookies, snacks, bread or another goodie.



- \$25 run only/\$40 run w/shirt.
- Chipped timed by BuDu Racing
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- Race packet pick-up Thursday July 15 and Friday July 17
- \$80 Family (4-6 family members) Does not include t-shirt
- Kids 8 and under are free. Does not include t-shirt
- Senior price (65-99) \$20 Run/Walk or \$35 Run w/shirt

- Shirts available for purchase
- Challenging 10K run or 5K run/walk
- Race fee will increase by \$5 on June 18
- COVID protocols will be upheld for this event. Info available when registering.
- Register on-line at runsignup.com or visit camanocenter.org for a link to register.
- Awards
- Professionally timed by Budu





According to the National Sausage and Hot Dog Council (NHDSC), Americans are expected to eat 150 million hot dogs over the July 4th holiday. This is part of an estimated 7 billion that are expected to be eaten during the summer season.



SUNDAY, JULY 4 UTSALADY 4TH OF JULY PARADE

10am down N. Shore Drive at Utsalady Beach. Utsalady 4th of July Parade - The Origin Story: "On the fourth of July, 1990, we were celebrating my son, Peter's first birthday as well as his cousin, Drue's second birthday. We were all dressed up in silly costumes for the occasion and decided to make our own parade along the beach road. We had so much fun we decided we'd create a real parade the following year. So in 1991, my mom printed flyers inviting everyone on the beach to join us for a Children's Parade on the fourth of July. We offered free popsickles at our house as a bribe to get people to participate. We were a bit stunned when we reached the parade starting point and so many people were there. There were lots of kids on decorated bikes, people with their dogs and babies in wagons. Everyone who wasn't in the parade set up lawn chairs to watch us pass by.

Over the years, my mom always delivered her flyers and ruled the start of the parade with an iron fist. We added extra touches like a permanent cloth banner for the front of the parade and the elaborate flag raising ceremony. One year, my brother Tad fired off a mini cannon. My oldest brother, Torry contacted the Whidbey naval base early on and requested a fighter jet fly by every year and most years we got it. One year they even sent an airman to represent the navy on the ground. The parade went on, rain or shine and grew in size every year." - Posted by Mitzi Cameron, Facebook.

MONDAY, JULY 5 ACTIVITIES AT CAMA BEACH STATE PARK Craft Station: 11am-2pm. Table Talk: 11am-noon.

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TUESDAY, JULY 6 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, JULY 6 FORD GIESBRECHT PERFORMANCE

at Tapped Camano, 5:30-7:30pm at 848 N Sunrise Blvd. Ford plays an eclectic mix of Brazilian classical, American and Latin jazz standards, old rock and original music. conversation friendly. No cover.

TUESDAY, JULY 6

Come join us and all your friends on the fabulous dance floor at the South Camano Grange, 2227 South Camano Drive, Camano, from 7- 9:30p! Marcia Kester will bring live music to our stage for your partner dancing pleasure!; swing, 2 step, cha-cha, country, rumba, waltz & more. Buffet and guest tables will be set up for convenience. Cost is \$5 per person to help cover expenses. More info: the.best. island.dancing@gmail.com.





NEED TO FIND FRESH CRAB?

An outdoor magazine rack filled with "fresh" Crab Crackers is located at the Terry's Corner Visitor's building.

TUESDAY, JULY 6 CAMANO COMMONS FARMERS MARKET

Safety measures will be in place to keep the market a safe place to shop! 3-7pm at 848 N. Sunrise Blvd.. Come & purchase from our local vendors. Kids activities and more! We have an assortment of local farmers and artisans as well as live music from 3:00-6:00. Please also leave pets at home! Looking forward to seeing you at the market!

TUESDAY, JULY 6 DISCOVERY WAGON

2pm – 3pm at Cama Beach State Park. The Discovery Wagon features a range of native animal skulls and pelts. Children of all ages use their observation skills, experience, and curiosity to discover what secrets an animal's skull can reveal about the animal's behavior.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7 BOARD GAME NIGHT

Game on! Join us every Wednesday night for food & games, 5:30pm-10pm at Journey's End Cafe (attached to Elger Bay Grocery). There will be at least one employee there to help facilitate games and provide demo copies to play, but feel free to bring your own copies as well! *Please wear a mask if you have not been vaccinated*

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7 CRABBY MEDITATION

Feeling a bit crabby or need a little more peace in your life? Then, join us for our weekly meditation group via zoom! We try a different meditation each week. Most meditations are generally 20-25 minutes long. Please show up before 9:00 am since the meditation will start right at 9:00. Guests will not be let in after the meditation has begun. Thank you, and we hope to see you there! Meeting ID: 859 6396 1664. Passcode: 000865. Link to Meditation: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=524RMtfHKz8

THURSDAY, JULY 8

with CHRIS EGER & RICHARD WILLIAMS! at Loco Billy's Wild Moon Saloon, 27021 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood. This is gonna be fun! Chris Eger & Richard Williams hosting and backing you up on YOUR performance! Jam starts 7pm - No Cover! Full Backline provided. Bring your own mic or use one of ours. www.locobillys.com for more info.

THURSDAY, JULY 8 ACTIVITIES AT CAMA BEACH STATE PARK

Craft Station: 11am-noon.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, JULY 8-11

SKAGIT RIVER PRODUCE FARMERS MARKET

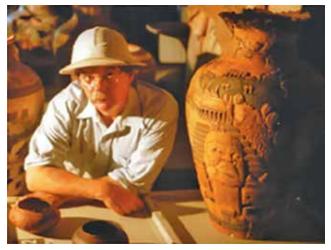
Fruit, flowers, berries, veggies, beautiful arts and handmade crafts. 11am-3pm at 19193 SR 534 in Conway.

FRIDAY, JULY 9 **ACTIVITIES AT CAMA BEACH STATE PARK** Table Talk: 11am-noon. "Who Eats With Their Feet?" 2pm-3pm.

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Only Two Men Signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776 Charles Thompson and the infamous John Hancock were the only two men who actually signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The other 54 delegates signed over the course of the next month.



FRIDAY, JULY 9 FINAL SHOWING OF "SECRETS OF THE MOUNT VERNON CULTURE"

12pm -8pm. The Camano City Schoolhouse and artist Jack Gunter present his final showing of the "Secrets of the Mount Vernon Culture" at the Camano City Fire Hall next to the Schoolhouse, which will also be open for tours that day for the first time since February 2020. Jack Gunter has been showing his exhibit at the new renovated historic Fire Hall since September 2019. This will be the last time the exhibit will be presented at the Fire Hall. The Camano City Fire Hall is located at 985 Orchid Road, just off Chapman Road near the intersection with West Camano Drive. For more information, call Chuck Durland at 360-387-4598.

FRIDAY, JULY 9 JEREMY ABBOTT - LIVE SHOW

8:00pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282, 370 NE Camano Dr, Camano. "I enjoy being an independent artist which allows me to make cool music without regard for norms and rules. I write lyrics about stepping back and finding your way. I love reggae fused with blues and acoustic and uplifting lyrcis. I love playing live and bringing the good vibes to a stage near you."

FRIDAY, JULY 9 COUNTRY DANCE WITH TIANA

at Loco Billy's Wild Moon Saloon, 27021 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood. No Cover & Dancing all night 6:30-2am. Line Dance Lessons w/Tiana from 8 - 9pm, \$10. Open dance before & after the lesson at 8pm. All styles welcome for Open Dance.

FRIDAY, JULY 9

FORD GIESBRECHT PERFORMANCE

at Tapped Camano, 5:30-7:30pm at 848 N Sunrise Blvd. Ford plays an eclectic mix of Brazilian classical, American and Latin jazz standards, old rock and original music. conversation friendly. No cover.



Of the 56 signers, the youngest signers, Thomas Lynch Jr. and Edward Rutledge of South Carolina, were only 26. However, Benjamin Franklin of Pennsylvania was the oldest signer at 70.



FRIDAY, JULY 9 ONLINE FAMILY TRIVIA - POKÉMON

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM. Calling all Pokémon Trainers! Come and join us for a night of Pokémon trivia. We will have questions from the TV show, movies, games, and of course a "Who's That Pokémon?" 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/

FRIDAY, JULY 9 GAME NIGHT!

6:30-8pm at 795 Ell Road, Camano Island. We can play sports, games and activities of your choice! invite your friends and family to come, we are hoping to make new friends in this area!

FRIDAY, JULY 9 STANWOOD FARMERS MARKET

2pm-6pm at the parking lot behind downtown and next to the Amtrak train station. A gathering of farmers, local producers, makers & more. Shop with local farmers, food artisans & craftspeople.

FRIDAY, JULY 9

POP UP MAKERS MARKET

10am-6pm. Free Event at Cohost. We'll be indoors, with dozens of makers at tables piled high with locally handmade goods. Come early to snag the one-of-a-kind goodies. 8712 271st St NW #581, Stanwood. Phone: (360) 572-3352.



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FRIDAY-SUNDAY, JULY 9-11

SCHASAM AGILITY GROUP'S NADAC SANCTIONED AGILITY TRIALS

8am-5pm at SchaSam | Stanwood. Three days of NADAC agility competition on an outdoor grass field. Lots of parking for vehicles. RVs dry camping available. Come and play with your dog! 4910 268th Street NW, Stanwood.

SATURDAY, JULY 10

COMMUNITY HIGH FITNESS CLASS

8am in the Port Susan Middle School parking lot! Come hang out with us! HIGH Fitness is an aerobics-type workout, but with fresh new music and moves. It's a killer workout that can be catered to any level. Grab a friend and come try it out! You won't regret it.

SATURDAY, JULY 10 PACIFIC TWANG!

at Loco Billy's Wild Moon Saloon, Stanwood. \$12 Reserved Seats on Sale now call 425-737-5144. or \$10 Cover at the door if any seats left. Doors 6:30pm, band starts 8pm. Pacific Twang features beautiful vocal harmonies and stellar musicianship. From sweet old-timey ballads to fiery boot stompers, you'll be highly entertained and dancing all night. More info: 425-737-5144.

SATURDAY, JULY 10 ACTIVITIES AT CAMA BEACH STATE PARK

How To Crab: 10am-11am. Craft Station: 11am-2pm. Toy Boat Building: 11am-3pm. Junior Ranger 2-3pm.

SATURDAY, JULY 10 MICHELE D'AMOUR & THE LOVE DEALERS

8-10pm at Pub 282, 370 NE Camano Dr, Camano Island. Stylish, jazz-rooted blues with the classic feel of the '50s and '60s along with a little swing, boogie, Latin and gospel.

SATURDAY, JULY 10 CHILD CARE SUMMER OPEN HOUSE

10am-2pm at Early Bloomer's Child Care, 9322 271st St NW, Stanwood. Come tour our classrooms and interact with our teachers!

SATURDAY, JULY 10 PHOPS 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

at Kayak Point County Park, Stanwood. Event by Parrot Heads of Puget Sound. It's PARTY TIME! Free to all PHoPS members. \$20 for non-members. Kids under 12 are free for members \$10 for non-members. Feeding Frenzy starts at 12:00. We will be catered by Bare Bones BBQ with crab and salmon as well. Games: We will be playing Heads or Tails and doing a 50/50, both to benefit Ronald McDonald House. So, bring cash. Music by Donny Brewer starts at 1:00. No pets.

SATURDAY, JULY 10 JULY OUTDOOR MARKET

4th annual outdoor market with 20+ guest vendors for a one-dayonly market! 10am-4pm. Hosted by The Spare Room Vintage Market on beautiful Camano Island, 1215 State Highway 532, Camano.



One Signed Later Recanted the Declaration of Independence Richard Stockton, a lawyer from New Jersey, became the only signer of the Declaration of Independence to recant his support of the revolution after being captured by the British in November 1776 and thrown in jail. After years of abusive treatment, and his recanting of loyalties, Stockton was released to find all of his property destroyed or stolen by the British.



According to the American **Pyrotechnics** Association, Americans spend more than \$1 billion on fireworks each year. Out of this, only 10% of firework displays are set off professionally, which probably accounts for the estimated 12,900 firework-related emergency room visits across the country.



SATURDAY, JULY 10 CAMANO LEGION BINGO!

5pm at 609 W Camano Dr, Camano Islan. American Legion Camano Post 207's Grand Reopening, resuming Bingo Nights! We will be welcoming our members and Bingo players with Free Hotdogs, chips and sodas starting at 5 PM and Bingo will start at 6PM! Y'all come and join us!

SATURDAY, JULY 10 OPEN FARM STORE, NURSERY & TOURS

Free. Noon-3pm at Ananda Farm, 732 Haven Pl., Camano Island. Plant Nursery - vegetables, herbs, flowers, bushes, and trees. Fresh Produce. Herbal Healing Products. Baked Goods. Fresh Eggs. Bulk Food Pick-up. Ask for a farm tour: Learn about No-till farming. Farm animal fun with goats, chickens, pigs, alpacas, dogs and cats! Enjoy the harmony of farming with nature. www.anandafarms.com

SUNDAY, JULY 11

ACTIVITIES AT CAMA BEACH STATE PARK

Big Bubbles on the Beach: 11am-noon. Table Talk: 2-3pm.

MONDAY, JULY 12

ACTIVITIES AT CAMA BEACH STATE PARK

Craft Station: 11am-2pm. Table Talk: 11am-noon.

MONDAY, JULY 12 NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES: THE POWER OF YOU!

Parent Cafe- 6 pm to 8 pm - on zoom. Rsvp for link. Parent Cafes are physical and emotional safe places where parents, and guardians can come and talk about things that really matter... like keeping their children safe and families strong. Contact us at info@crc-sc.org or 360.629.5257 for more information or to rsvp. This is a free event.

TUESDAY, JULY 13 FORD GIESBRECHT PERFORMANCE

at Tapped Camano, 5:30-7:30pm at 848 N Sunrise Blvd. Ford plays an eclectic mix of Brazilian classical, American and Latin jazz standards, old rock and original music. conversation friendly. No cover.



On the second anniversary of Independence Day in 1778, American troops were fighting the American Revolutionary War. During this time, George Washington ordered a double ration of rum for American soldiers to celebrate the holiday with.

TUESDAY, JULY 13 ISLAND DANCING

Come join us and all your friends on the fabulous dance floor at the South Camano Grange, 2227 South Camano Drive, Camano, from 7-9:30p! Marcia Kester will bring live music to our stage for your partner dancing pleasure!; swing, 2 step, cha-cha, country, rumba, waltz & more. Buffet and guest tables will be set up for convenience. Cost is \$5 per person to help cover expenses. More info: the.best.island. dancing@gmail.com.

TUESDAY, JULY 13 CAMANO COMMONS FARMERS MARKET

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2-3pm at Cama Beach State Park. Children of all ages use their observation skills, experience, and curiosity to discover what secrets an animal's skull can reveal about the animal's behavior.

TUESDAY, JULY 13 COOKING WITH AUBREE

2 to 4:30 pm-Free Teen Program. Join Aubree as we cook and appetizer, main dish, and dessert! To make sure we have enough supplies please rsvp at teens@crc-sc.org or 360.629.5257x1004. This event will take place at the Community Resource Center of Stanwood Camano. Open to students in 6th to 12th grades.

TUESDAY, JULY 13 STORYTIME SNIPPETS

3-3:15pm Online event. Enjoy stories, sing along songs, rhymes and fun activities. 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.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

DRAWING WITH ILLUSTRATOR SARAH K. TURNER

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Online event. Sarah K. Turner, the 2021 Sno-Isle Summer Reading illustrator, will share the process of creating art for a book from start to finish. Plus, she will lead participants in a handson drawing activity. Bring your art supplies! 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, JULY 14 BOARD GAME NIGHT

Game on! Join us every Wednesday night for food & games, 5:30pm-10pm at Journey's End Cafe (attached to Elger Bay Grocery). There will be at least one employee there to help facilitate games and provide demo copies to play, but feel free to bring your own copies as well! *Please wear a mask if you have not been vaccinated*



WALKING ON THE BEACH & SEE THIS?



- Eggs are an important part of the marine food web
- Moon snails are Not a threat to the abundance of clams
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Fireworks date back as a tradition of Independence Day as early as the first anniversary in 1777.

John Adams wrote in a letter to his wife, Abigail, that he wanted Independence Day to be celebrated with pomp, parade, shows, and "Illuminations." This original letter was written when Adams presumed that Independence Day would be celebrated on July 2.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 14 A STORY OF INJUSTICE: MEMORIES OF IMPRISONMENT

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM Online event. Sam Mihara is a second-generation Japanese American. His parents were born in Japan and immigrated to the U.S. in the 1920's. Sam was born in the early 1930's and raised in San Francisco. When World War II broke out, the United States government forced Sam and his family to move, first to a detention camp in Pomona, CA, and then to a remote prison camp in Northern Wyoming, where they stayed for three years. The camp was one of ten in the United States. Together the camps housed a total of 120,000 West Coast residents of Japanese ancestry, most of them U.S.-born American citizens. Sam's family lived in a single room, measuring 20 feet by 20 feet, for their entire imprisonment. Join us for an engaging and emotionally powerful presentation as Sam speaks about his experiences during this dark time in our history. Please register to help us get a head count. Contact us with questions: https:// www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14 CRABBY MEDITATION

Feeling a bit crabby or need a little more peace in your life? Then, join us for our weekly meditation group via zoom! We try a different meditation each week. Most meditations are generally 20-25 minutes long. Please show up before 9:00 am since the meditation will start right at 9:00. Guests will not be let in after the meditation has begun. Thank you, and we hope to see you there! Meeting ID: 859 6396 1664. Passcode: 000865. Link to Mediations: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hip3NZzQJ4E

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

ONLINE PUB TRIVIA - 1990S ROCK 'N' ROLL

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. Don your favorite band t-shirt under your oldest flannel and slouch onto your couch with a cold drink for this virtual pub trivia night all about one of the most influential decades in rock 'n' roll history. This 50-question ode to the 90s will include audio identification rounds, so be sure you and your team are prepared with speakers that are ready to fully ROCK OUT. 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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2 to 4:30 pm- Free Teen Program. Come and get your stem on as we make our own solar powered oven that we will cook smores on. As we wait for the smores to cook we will play games. To make sure we have enough supplies please rsvp at teens@crc-sc.org or 360.629.5257x1004. This event will take place at the Community Resource Center of Stanwood Camano. Open to students in 6th to 12th grades.

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THURSDAY, JULY 15

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Craft Station: 11am-2pm. Looking for a fun project while you are at Cama Beach? Stop by the old gas pump in front of the Historic Store and pick up a self-serve craft kit.

THURSDAY, JULY 15 RECYCLED ART SCULPTURES

2 To 4:30 Pm- Free Teen Program. Come and hang out with Davis Teen Programs as we make some really cool art sculptures out of "recycled" or everyday items. To make sure we have enough supplies please rsvp at teens@crc-sc.org or 360.629.5257x1004. This event will take place at the Community Resource Center of Stanwood Camano. Open to students in 6th to 12th grades.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, JULY 8-11 SKAGIT RIVER PRODUCE FARMERS MARKET

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How many of you own a flag t-shirt, beach towel, shorts, headband, or any other item that is representative of the U.S. flag? Turns out that you're in violation of the U.S. Flag Code.



4TH OF JULY PARTY POPPERS

The supplies you'll need will depend on your decorations. But there are a few basic things you'll need to make this cute summer craft empty toilet paper rolls, tissue paper, confetti, and ribbon. For decorations, I also used some glittery star stickers and gold pipe cleaner. Start by folding one piece of tissue paper in half lengthwise and placing the empty toilet paper roll on top. Then, roll the paper over the toilet paper roll and secure it with a little bit of glue on the end. Secure one end of the tissue paper with ribbon. Be sure to cut the ribbon longer than you'll need to tie off the end. After the ribbon is tied in a knot on the end of the toilet paper roll, you can curl the ribbon to add a little decoration to each end of the toilet paper roll confetti popper. The best part about this fun craft — especially to the kids is the confetti inside the toilet paper roll confetti popper. There are a variety of things you can use as confetti for this craft. You can buy your own patriotic confetti or make your own. I made my confetti out of paper shreds from the gift wrap section of Dollar Tree. To make your own confetti out of paper shreds, grab a handful of shreds and use a pair of scissors to cut them into tiny pieces. You could also use this method to create confetti out of extra tissue paper, construction paper, old mylar balloons, ribbon, or scrapbook paper. After you have made your own confetti, it's time to fill up the toilet paper roll confetti poppers! To put the confetti inside, simply pour the confetti into the open end of the confetti popper. Fill the toilet paper roll completely full of confetti, then use ribbon to tie the other end closed.





Thomas Jefferson, 82, and John Adams, 90, both died on July 4, 1826 within five hours of each other on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.



SHAVING CREAM FIREWORKS

Supplies: Shaving Cream; Red and Blue Paint or Food Coloring (We used liquid watercolors.); Toothpicks; Paper; Pan with Low Sides; Stiff Paper or Cardboard (We just used some junk mail.)

Directions: Start by filling up the pan with shaving cream. Use the stiff paper or cardboard to smooth out the shaving cream. Try to get it fairly level so the paint or food coloring won't run, but will stay in a circle when you drop it on the food coloring. Drop red and blue paint in dots all over the shaving cream. Take a toothpick and start in the center drawing straight out, like making the rays on a sun. After doing so, you can use one drop of the opposite color in the middle for a cool, two-tone firework. When all the fireworks are done, lay the paper on the shaving cream and pat very gently to make a print. Let it set a minute and you might see the paint soaking into the paper from the other side. Gently peel the paper off of the shaving cream. Use a clean side of your stiff paper or cardboard to scrape off the excess shaving cream from the paper. You now have a beautiful fireworks painting! Source: https://www.icanteachmychild.com/ shaving-cream-fireworks/



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LOST LAKE ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE July 16th and July 17th, 9 am to 4 pm. Off Monticello and Lost Lake, Camano Island.

Art Sale: Nick Seegert Photography is having a "going out of business" sale on July 16th and 17th, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm each day at 479 House Place on Camano Island off Ridge Road. (Follow the signs) Prints, metals, canvas wraps, cards, coasters, decorative tile, and tile n' frame pieces are all for sale. Also, selling card racks and gridwall. More info: seegert 2@msn.com.

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Job Opportunity with Island Senior Resources - Meals on Wheels at Camano Center. Assistant Cook: Part -Time. If you have cooking experience, who are dependable, hardworking, and work well with others. For Application, Questions: Contact Ken Silkett, Camano Food Service Manager, (360) 320-7833, camanokitchen@islandseniorservices.org or Debbie Metz, Nutrition Director, (360) 321-1600, debbiem@islandseniorservices.org

Livery Attendant: The Center for Wooden Boats is seeking a Cama Beach Summer Livery Attendant to staff our Cama Beach campus now to September 2021. Responsible for quality customer service and the safe operation of CWB's fleet of rental vessels onsite at Cama Beach State Park. More info: https://www.cwb.org/cama-livery-attendant

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Moonshine Wisdom & Wit

Story by Jack Archibald.

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DOWNWARD MOBILITY

Little Jimmy was on his second or maybe his third last beer of the night down at the Covid-spaced Pilot Lounge the night he'd gotten his 2nd inoculation so naturally he was celebrating. Maybe a little too hard. Jerry's grandson had just been accepted into a prestigious private college, a fact that he announced with a toast 'to the kids', at which point Jimmy's ebullient mood did a 180.

'My kids,' he said solemnly, 'are still paying off student loans. Joe's got a job at Amazon, a mortgage that weighs a ton and just barely hangs on. Ronnie's out of rehab, totally broke. He just gave up, all I can see. Wasn't it supposed to be our kids would do better than us? What the hell happened to this country?'

Well, you want to kill a buzz, this is one way to go about it. Two Toke, kidless and not exactly the Poster Child for the American Dream, declared 'nobody promised us a rose garden, Jim.' Little Jimmy gave that pearl of wisdom a fat snort of derision. 'I wanted more for my kids. I expected more. That's what America was all about, a ladder up to the next rung. Or a rung on the next Hell, you know what I mean.'

'A bigger slice of the pie,'TT said, not exactly trying to help. 'Bigger house in the suburbs, trips to Greek islands ...'Better vintage wine,' Jerry tossed in. 'Two chickens in every pot!' Harry chimed. 'Two pots for every chicken!!' Did I say that?

'Don't you guys get it?' Jimmy moaned with emotion. 'It's a downhill slide now. And you think that's okay?'

'Make America great again?' Jerry asked, risking a quick end to the night, and sure enough, Jimmy gulped his last last beer and declared it was time to go home. Jerry lives in a 4000 square foot McMansion on the bluffs overlooking views of Mt. Rainier, the Olympics, Whidbey Island and the Saratoga Straits. He retired at 45, a dot.com millionaire, been bored ever since. The rest of us layabouts basically retired early too ... but without stock options or 401-K's or pensions.

TT watched Little Jimmy put on his coat forlornly, muttering 'night, guys' and head for the door. 'Too bad I don't have kids,' Tom said, finishing his own drink and standing up to leave too. 'I guarantee they'd be a rung up on me. But I doubt they'd be happier.' Downward mobility on the South End never was much of a cause for concern, I guess.





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Classes and Workshops



The first Independence Day celebration took place in Philadelphia on July 8, 1776. This was also the day that the Declaration of Independence was first read in public after people were summoned by the ringing of the Liberty Bell.

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Fusion belly dance classes, in-person. Tuesdays at 6 pm starting June 1st. Camano Country Club, 1243 Beach Dr. All experience levels welcome, no need to be a member of the Camano Country Club to participate. Email cstirling@protonmail.com with questions.

Pickleball Lessons for Beginning players at the Camano Island Courts, \$15 on June 21 at 6:15. The instructor, Maurice Parobec who is a registered pickleball pro, will provide balls and paddles for the training. To register call (425) 319-2365.

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SO YOU'VE BEEN ASKED TO COME BACK TO THE OFFICE

So you're going back to work soon, eh? You just received word that, for the first time in over a year, your employer is asking everybody to report for work at the office. If you're like most people, you're probably greeting this news with mixed emotions. Sure, you're excited finally to see all your co-workers again. But you're also wondering if you'll even remember what they look like. [Hint: they look the same as before – just 35 pounds heavier.]

Let's review some workplace basics, to prepare you for your transition back to the world of co-workers, company lunchrooms, and office gossip. First of all, when you enter the office, that slightly annoyingly perky person greeting you is the receptionist. They can help you locate your desk since by now you've probably long since forgotten where you used to sit. [Another Hint: It will be in the form of a 5'x 5' cubicle with 4' tall dividers – just like the cubicles everybody else has, except that your desk has been relocated to the basement.]

Feel free to personalize your workspace to capture your own unique style by displaying photos of people you care about, along with fun posters and knickknacks to let people see your fun, quirky spirit – just so long as your photos have been approved by Human Resources, and your cubicle adheres to the company's new "no posters or knickknacks" policy.

That vaguely familiar plastic device on your desk – the one with a curly cord – is called a desk phone. It works much the same as your cell phone, except that your desk phone can't check your Facebook feed, or play Angry Birds, or binge-watch Bridgerton. Okay, so it's essentially useless. That large white boxy-shaped machine in the hallway where people press buttons and curse at it is called a copier. When you're in a hurry and you need to make copies of an important document, it will conveniently jam roughly 80% of the way through the run.

Since it's been over 12 months since you last had to wear pants for work, let's go over office attire etiquette. While pajama bottoms technically constitute a form of pants, you may not score points with your manager if you show up in them – unless you choose the PJs covered with images of your cat. It's adorable. And let's leave your Seattle Seahawks sweatpants at home too. Looks like they've not been washed since their heartbreaking loss to the Patriots in the 2015 Superbowl. (It's really time to get over it, buddy.)

When you get to the office, it's a great idea to re-introduce yourself to your co-workers. When you greet one of your colleagues, for safety's sake, don't shake hands. Settle for a friendly elbow bump or an "air" high five – unless the other person is a total jerk and you've already been double vaccinated, in which case, go ahead and plant a fat, wet kiss on their cheek. They'll steer clear of you from now on. However, you may get a visit from that same HR representative who informed you that your Texas Chain Saw Massacre movie poster violated the company's no posters policy. HR reps have no friends.

While the pandemic appears to be in decline, we're not out of the woods just yet. Be patient. Please continue to wear a mask in the office until you are told otherwise by management. But don't wear your mask over your eyes as an eye pillow – especially during the team meeting. It may be your go-to move for your daily 2pm nap, but the corporate policy on napping is a bit less lax back at the

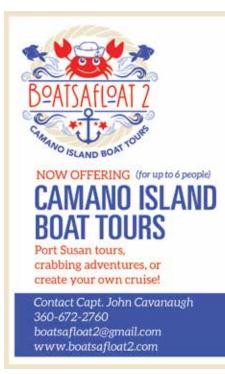


office.

When you're stuck in a meeting you feel is a complete waste of your time, refrain from saying out loud that the presenter is an incompetent idiot and a bore. Your mute button only works in Zoom meetings – not during in-person meetings. I can't stress this enough.

Oh, one more thing. See that large room with all the swivel chairs around a large mahogany table? That's called a conference room for your boss's weekly team meetings. Being stuck in a conference room is no fun. But don't worry. You will only have to attend these meetings for a few weeks – until they realize that the vaccine you got does not protect you against the latest COVID variant and they need to send everybody back home again.

Before you know it, the next spike will hit, and you'll be back on your couch, in your pajamas and bunny slippers, with a pint of Ben & Jerry's Chunky Monkey. Good luck beating your high score on Fortnite.





Artist of the Week



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NORMAN NASON

"Hello! I am a resident of Camano Island. You've probably seen me painting along the roadside, sometimes with a friend or two. Maybe you honked and waved as you drove past, or even stopped by for a friendly chat. We might have commented on the weather together, shared our appreciation of art, marveled at the trees and broad sky, or praised the rustic old buildings that inhabit this enchanting island upon which we are so grateful to live.

I escaped from the crowds and wildfires and heat of southern California four years ago, where I worked as a graphic designer, mostly, while teaching life-drawing and painting on the side. Now I paint for myself, and for those very few who seek out my work to hang on the walls of their homes or give to loved ones and friends. I rarely enter contests, clubs, or do commissions; I seldom win awards or receive accolades. I'm not a household name with international standing. Just a guy who enjoys looking at the ebb and flow of seasons, watching the gentle play of light and shadow on shifting landscapes. It's a form of meditation, a way of expressing appreciation, a cherishing of all that is around me.

So next time you see me painting along the roadside while rushing to one appointment or another, consider taking the time to stop and introduce yourself. Who knows, we might become friends.

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JENNIFER'S JUNGLE PET SITTING

"Just opened my business. Nice to be here on Camano. We moved here 4 years ago from Redmond so we could have my parents live with us. Our household consists of 5 dogs, a cat, a bird and 4 chickens. I will be fostering a bunny soon as well. As you can see I love animals. I love building relationships with different animals. I am licensed and insured and ready to come to your house and care for your pets when you go on vacation or are busy at work. I also do dog walking and can care for about any type of animal. Hope to hear from you so I can meet you and your pets! I think it is important to give your pet my personal service. As the sole operator of Jennifer's Jungle Pet Sitting, I will be the only person who interacts with your animals. I have been an animal owner and lover my entire life. I grew up and went to college in California, but I have I lived in Washington for more than half my life now and happily call the beautiful PNW home. I graduated from a small college in California (CalLu) and worked as an elementary school teacher for a few years. When I moved to Washington, I worked in the public school system as both a librarian and an assistant for over 10 years. I have also spent nearly 12 years volunteering at various animal rescues. In my down time I enjoy hiking with my dogs and kayaking with my husband." – Jennifer Kinney, owner

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CASA'S PET OF THE WEEK:

MEATBALL is a lone guinea pig looking for a new home. He is a social guy who is used to people and loves veggies. He will need a large cage to run around in and would enjoy a friend as guinea pigs are social animals. He does have a nice kennel, food, hay, water bottle and igloos that will go with him and so he has a nice starter home! If Meatball sounds like the guy for you, please send us an application via email.

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



NOAH'S PET OF THE WEEK:

Happy first day of summer! I hope you enjoyed the warm weather this weekend. Our new *Pet of the Week* is **GEORGE**, a shy but affectionate cat. We appreciate you spreading the word about him, hopefully reaching his future adopter!

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2021 RAFFLE

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2021 SOAP BOX DERBY RACE RESULTS

76 racers compete in the Stanwood-Camano Island Soap Box Derby last month. As winners, Camden Tartarian (stock division) and Avery Rochon (super stock division) will represent Stanwood and Camano Island in Akron, Ohio later this month when they compete in the All-American Soap Box Derby championship. The results for our local derby last month were: Stock division: 1st: Camden Tatarian. 2nd: Priscilla Siddle. 3rd: Adelaide Holmes. 4th: Titus Placzek. 5th: Ian Shrock. 6th: Ryko Falk. 7th: Timmy McCann. 8th: Virginia Sanita. Super Stock division: 1st: Avery Rochon. 2nd: Sydney Jarvis. 3rd: Bellita Siddle. 4th: Reid Timmerman. 5th: Karsten Nichol. 6th: Isabelle Placzek, 7th: Naomi Placzek, 8th: Lil Swanson, Winner of the Harry Brown Sportsmanship Award (goes to thje driver who demonstrates outstanding sportsmanship): Virginia Sanita. Winner of Pat Richardson Positive Impact Award this (goes to the driver who helps without being asked): Titus Placzyk. Photo: Virgina Sanita driving The Crab Cracker car. Photo by James M. Shipley.



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The only two signers of the Declaration of Independence who later served as President of the United States were John Adams and Thomas Jefferson.

STANWOOD EVENTS UPDATE:

"We have been working diligently to bring back some of our favorite events this year. We had great success with the very first event to be held in Stanwood since 2020, with our Goose is Loose 5k Fun Run in April. Although the weather was a bit stormy, the event was a ray of sunshine in our town. We had close to 2019 numbers in attendance and a great time was had by all. Thank you to QFC for donating the fruit, water and snacks. And thank you to Starbucks for donating the coffee. That kind of support for our Chamber of Commerce is what makes it all worthwhile. We have also started our Stanwood Summer Concert Series, holding the very first concert on June 12th A big Thank You to the amazing Chris Egerr Band for being our kick off artist. That too was a great success with just under 150 people in attendance. The next concert is set for June 26th on the east end of town in front of our Chamber of Commerce office. That concert will feature the brilliantly talented and entertaining Davanos. A concert you will not want to miss. As we have these events in town, what I'm seeing are two things. One, you are all ready to be a community again. A community that is together in their eagerness to support each other and be a part of the rebuilding of inclusion. Welcoming old and new friends to the place we all love, Stanwood. Number two, while, we're all working to recapture what was. There is still a concern to not move to quickly. In recognizing this hesitancy, we are going to delay the Stanwood Summer Art's Jam Festival this year. Instead, we are focusing our energies, efforts and resources on making the most of the events that will still have all the love and support of our citizens and businesses. Those events are The Stanwood Summer Concert Series, our Summer Mixers, building a strong Golf Tournament, searching out the Man and Woman of the year, having a joint Holiday Mixer with the Camano Chamber of Commerce and our ever famous Pub Crawl and Ugly Sweater Contest this December. Thank you so much for taking the time to read my letter. I'll end with this thought. As we work towards these events, please take a minute to ask how you can be a part of these goals. How can you assist? Whether that is with your time, your energies or your sponsorships, one thing is certain, these events cannot happen with out you. Please reach out to me or anyone on your Stanwood Chamber of Commerce Board. We're eager to grow, we're eager to please and we're eager to do everything that Stanwood deserves and more. Sincerely, "Judy Williams, 2021 Chamber President





OUTDOOR BURNING BAN IN ISLAND AND SNOHOMISH COUNTIES

Due to high fire danger and expected hot and dry weather conditions, the Snohomish County Fire Marshal announced an outdoor burning ban for the unincorporated areas of Snohomish County. This restriction bans outdoor burning, except for recreational fires. Recreational fires are less than three feet in diameter and two feet high and are for cooking and pleasure only. Recreational fires must be contained within a fire pit that has been cleared of all combustible material within a 10-foot radius, must be monitored at all times, and must have a water source readily available (at a minimum, a charged water hose or a five-gallon bucket of water). This burn ban will be in effect until further notice. All outdoor burn permits, including permits issued by PSCAA (Puget Sound Clean Air Agency) for agricultural burning, are suspended until this ban is lifted. This ban will remain in effect until a sustained period of rainfall and the fire risk returns to low. With the continuing dry weather conditions, we urge the public to use great caution before lighting any recreational fires since wildfires are a significant risk across the region. If you have any doubts about safety, please don't burn. Please contact our Outdoor Burning Information Hotline at 425-388-3508 for updated information.



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Community Information



The most common patriotic-sounding word used within place names is "union" with 136. Pennsylvania, with 33, has more of these places than any other state. Other words most commonly used in place names are Washington (127), Franklin (118), Jackson (96) and Lincoln (95).

WELCOME MARY BREDERECK!

After an extensive nationwide search for our new Executive Director. it is with great pleasure that we announce that we have found her right here in our own backyard. We are thrilled to announce that Mary Bredereck has accepted the role of Executive Director for the Community Resource Center of Stanwood Camano. Mary lives on Camano Island and has worked in our community for several years, including as the Executive Director of the Stanwood Camano YMCA. She has over 25 years of non-profit leadership experience, including extensive work developing new programs, raising funds and building effective community partnerships. Mary is already well acquainted with the needs in our community as well the current programs the Community Resource Center offers to help address those needs. We are so excited for the talent and enthusiasm Mary will bring to our organization and we expect the positive impact we have on our community will continue to grow. Mary will officially start her role with the CRC in mid-July after which point she will be looking for opportunities to connect with all of our valued partners and community members. Until then, if you have any questions please continue to reach out to our team. - Kris Voelckers, Board President.



FREE HORNET / YELLOW JACKET NEST REMOVAL

Collecting Hornets and yellowjackets. Summer, days on the beach, visiting with friends, working out in the yard with the flowers, and finding a yellow jacket nest, watch out! Please don't spray but call Jim and Joel for free removal. Yellow jackets and hornets needed for medicine to help save lives. No pesticides used. Call 24/7 530-263-8028 and leave a message if necessary.

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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. Carl W. Smith, assistant state park director, and county commissioner Frank Ash presided at the dedication, at which the park was named in honor of Mrs. Louise Wenberg, whose efforts had pushed it toward realization. In honor of another tireless worker, Carl M. Marsh of Arlington, the baseball facility was officially named Marsh Field.

At a park board meeting later in November, Mrs. Wenberg was elected president; Mrs. Serena Rogness of Silvana, vice president; P.A. Folden of Florence, secretary, and PA. Hansen of Silvana, treasurer. Directors for three terms were George Kin, Marsh and Folden.

At the close of these events, the community turned to the holiday season, benefit dances for the needy and the then traditional Thanksgiving and Christmas turkey give away, courtesy of the Ideal theater and Stanwood merchants. So ends the saga of 1939, the year that marked the 75th anniversary of white man's coming to the Stillaguamish.

Stanwood of the 1940's...pre-Pearl Harbor...what was it like? After scanning the records of the past, the answer is not "turned on." The challenge of pioneer days had faded. Business as usual was the mood. Could it be that creature comforts had bred complacency...or was it the rumblings of war clouds hovering over the world?

Whatever the reason, a few special events were noteworthy in these lack-luster years, namely the closure of the Moffett plant at Florence, the new clubhouse and traps of the Twin City Gun Club, dedication of East Stanwood's new city hall, more land for Wenberg Park and the first community salmon derby.

S.A. Moffett & Co. dealt a payroll blow to the town when it closed its doors in early 1940 and local operations were switched to its new \$121,000 freezing plant in Mount Vernon. Loss of at least part of the \$100,000 Moffett 1939 payroll to growers and crew was hardly a welcome happening. Fortunately, many of the workers were kept on the payroll and commuted to the new plant. Fortunately, too, in 1941, R.D. Bodle & Co. bought the Florence plant for pre-freezing preparation of local peas and other vegetables.

Elsewhere in the 1940-41 business community, efforts persisted for dredging of the Stilly and hard surfacing, plus a state take-over of the Playground Highway from what is new I-5, to Camano Island. Despite letters to Olympia and Washington, D.C., and hearty endorsements of the projects by the Snohomish Chamber of Commerce and the Washington State Good Roads Association, little encouragement came. Not until fall was it learned that the road project had been included in the biennial budget, but would be considered in the future.

More encouraging news in October from the Rivers and Harbors Committee: \$35,000 had been included in the omnibus bills for improvement of the Stillaguamish. A 75-foot channel with bottom at the elevation of the mean low tide was stipulated, but action was still to get underway.

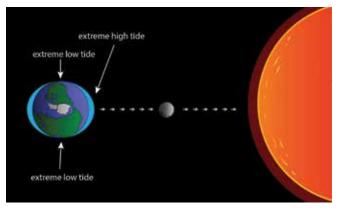
In April 1940, Camano resort owners and business men of the Twin Cities cooked up a new community project...a salmon derby...that paid off for the resort people in particular. Eligible to men and women, 18 years and over, it offered weekly prizes of \$20, \$10 and \$5 for the three top catches in each of two categories...anglers who fished from rented resort boats, and other who fished from their own boats. The derby opened early in May with little fanfare, but soon fishermen from as far afield as Idaho where swapping fish stories and vying for the prizes donated by area business men. Derby results next time.

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Astronomy and the night sky bv William Maxwell.

His astro images can be found at www. astrobin.com/ users/ WilliamM/



TIDES

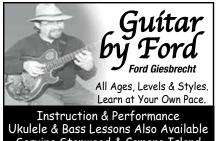
It's easy to forget that tides are actually an astronomical event in that their root cause are the Moon (and to a lesser degree the Sun).

A high tide occurs when the Moon is overhead pulling the water of the oceans toward it. Because the Moon's location in the sky changes due to the difference between the Moon's orbit and Earth's tilt we get tides of varying intensities: stronger tides when the Moon is overhead and weaker tides when it crosses further south and lower in the sky.

But why then are there two high tides a day? This is a bit harder to visualize, but try to imagine a ball being compressed from the top and bottom: It bulges out on both the remaining sides. Those are the high tides. The "squished down" parts are the low.

The Sun can also act on tides. Think of it as an amplifier or mediator. If the Sun and Moon are overhead together we get extreme tides. If they are "out of phase" the Sun will slightly offset the Moon's pull and we get milder tides. Ever notice the tides are generally higher in the winter and lower in summer? This is largely due to the Sun as it interacts with the Earth's changing tilt.

If you want to impress people at your next social gathering you can roughly guess the next tide if your know the location of Moon and Sun. People will look at you like a genius if you can confidently predict "we will have a strong low tide at around 3PM this afternoon". Try it! You might surprise yourself at how accurate your predictions can be.



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Every 4th of July the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia is tapped (not actually rung) thirteen times in honor of the original thirteen colonies.



4th of July Pets. Photo by Aspen Staples-Wendler



Soap Box Derby 2021 at Arrowhead Ranch. Pictured left to right: Savanna Woods, contestant from Stanwood on NBC The Voice, sang the National Anthem before the races; Ed Bednarczyk, MC / event announcer; Marla Heagle, main sponsor (Windermere Real Estate/CIR) and co-founder, with husband Randy Heagle, of Arrowhead Ranch. Photo by James M. Shipley.



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TABLE FLOWERS

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No reason I could have passed easily but for the pervasiveness of her liking for them.

Home, a brightened table filled with affinity.

Days passed and color dried as loving hesitation slowed the removal of memoried senses. They lasted almost two weeks. Too long for cut things?

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– Jack Rider



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RED WHITE AND BLUE MINI CHEESECAKES

Shelli Burton-Olin & Dusty Hutchins-McNutt come together to make on fabulous 4th of July dessert!

GRAHAM CRACKER CRUST: 1 1/2 c. graham cracker crumbs; 1/4 c. granulated sugar; 6 T. butter, melted CHEESECAKE: 3 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, room temperature; 1 c. granulated sugar; 5 lg. eggs; 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract TOPPING: 1 c. sour cream; 1 tsp. vanilla extract; 3 T. granulated sugar

FRESH FRUIT: 1-quart fresh strawberries; 1-pint fresh blueberries; 1-pint fresh raspberries

DIRECTIONS: 1. Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Line 24 muffin cups with paper liners. 2. GRAHAM CRACKER CRUST: In a medium bowl, stir together graham cracker crumbs, 1/4 cup sugar, and melted butter until well combined. Press 1 tablespoon of the mixture into each of the muffin cups. 3. CHEESECAKE: In a large mixing bowl, beat together softened cream cheese and 1 cup sugar. Add eggs one at a time, beating continuously. Add 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla, beat until smooth. 4. Pour or spoon cheesecake filling over graham cracker crusts a 1/4-inch from the top of each muffin cup. Bake for 25-30 minutes, until golden brown. 5. Meanwhile prepare TOPPING: In a small bowl, whisk together sour cream, 1 teaspoon vanilla and 3 tablespoons sugar until smooth, set aside. 6. Remove pans from the oven, top each cheesecake with sour cream topping, bake for an additional 5 minutes. Set pans on racks to cool completely. 7. FRESH FRUIT: Top with fresh strawberries, blueberries, and raspberries.



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TIDE TABLES - SARATOGA PASSAGE / GREENBANK: JULY 2-15, 2021

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