



### CAMANO LUTHERAN CHILDCARE IS RE-OPENING

Camano Lutheran Childcare, located at the north end of Camano Island (3 miles from the bridge) has been in operation for 40 years, serving the communities of Stanwood and Camano Island. We are an Early Achievers participant, providing a quality program for all children ages 2-12, weekdays 6:30-6:30; DSHS approved; before/after school care; drop-in participation; nutritious USDA approved meals.

We are anticipating re-opening with a new Director and re-imagined program sometime in February 2022.

If you are in need of childcare, please make us aware of your needs by providing the names and ages of each child entering care, the days/times needed, and the best contact information to reach you. Inquiries may be submitted via our email at:

camanochildclasses@gmail.com or visit the church website at: CamanoLutheranChurch.org

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Perfect opportunity for those attending school or if you have to work

with childrens' schedule

inquiries or resumes may be submitted via our email at: camanochildclasses@gmail.com or visit the church website at: CamanoLutheranChurch.org

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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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Submission DEADLINE: JAN. 20 for Next Edition (Jan. 27-Feb 10, 2022)

### Calendar of Events

### FUN FACT:

There are less than 30 ships in the Royal Canadian Navy which is less than most third-world

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

### **CURTIS MOORE**

performing at The Conway Boxcar in Stanwood. More info: conway-pubeatery@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

### **MARK CRONIN**

7:30pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282 at the Camano Plaza. Live music with local musician Mark Cronin!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

### 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, JANUARY 14

### TGIF!

5:30-7pm at the Camano Country Clubhouse with smooth jazz by Jazz Menu. Must be a property owner, bring an appetizer to share and something to drink. Masks required. Questions? Call Judy: 360-572-4332 or Kathleen: 360-572-4112.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

### YOUTH GAME NIGHT!

6:30-8pm at Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints, Ell Road, Camano Island. Ages 12-18. We can play sports, games and activities of your choice! invite your friends and family to come. A chance to meet new people. Games, treats & more!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

### STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Girls Basketball vs Shorecrest. JV: 5:40pm. Varsity: 7:15pm.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

### **DANCING WITH KIM!**

Lessons 8pm! at Loco Billy's, 27021 102nd Ave NW Stanwood. NO COVER~OPEN DANCE 6:30-8pm and after the lessons from 9-1am. Line Dance Lessons \$10, at 8 - 9pm. Beginners welcome! Come for lessons & dance all night. 425-737-5144 or www.locobillys.com







FRIDAY-MONDAY, JANUARY 14-17

### 1ST ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. INSPIRATIONAL WEEKEND

In honor and celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., YMCA of Snohomish County is hosting its 1st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Inspirational Weekend. The community is invited to attend an Inspirational Breakfast (in-person or online) and participate in a county-wide Day of Service. To learn more, purchase tickets, sign up for a Day of Service, and find out about sponsorship opportunities, please visit ymca-snoco.org/mlk.

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### RECYCLE

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### Holiday Lights

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### Collection Locations:

### All Island County Transfer Stations

Camano: Daily, 9:30 am - 5 pm

North Whidbey: Sat, Sun, Tues, 9:30 am - 5 pm

Coupeville: Daily, 9:30 am - 5 pm

Bayview: Sat, Sun, Mon, Wed, 9:30 am - 5 pm

Accepting all power cords, including holiday lights, extension, appliance, phone, computer, speaker, charging, etc.

Please remove attached devices and packaging before leaving cords in collection box.

### **NOV 26-JAN 31**

Supported by the Waste Wise program of WSU Extension Island County

Questions? Contact Waste Wise at 360-639-6062









MSU Enterson programs and employment are available to all without documination. Exidence of non-compliance may be reported through your local Enterson office on to the MSU Center for Human Rights.



### **FUN FACT:**

Since 1955, 50% of the population of Niger is consistently under 16 years old. The total current population is 21.600.000.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

### **FAMILY BINGO**

at the American Legion Hall ON CAMANO ISLAND, 609 W. Camano Drive. Doors open at 4:30 P.M. and Bingo starts at 6pm. Snacks and beverages available.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

### **OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY**

10am-1pm at the Stanwood Area Historical Society Tolin House, West Stanwood (between the Pearson House Museum and the Floyd Norgaard Center.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

### **JOE COOK BLUES**

7:30pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282 at Camano Plaza. The Joe Cook Blues Band is the hottest blues ensemble in the NW, featuring four award-winning west coast blues legends.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

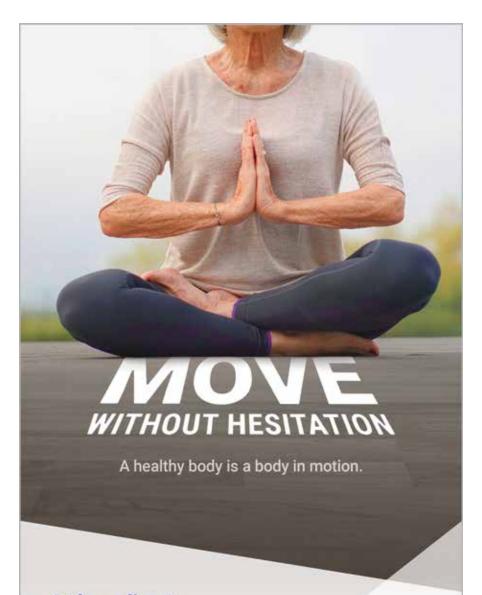
### SIRENS OF THE WOOD & FOOD DRIVE!!

8pm at Loco Billy's Wild Moon Saloon. Hear this fantastic acoustic celtic/Rock fusion ensemble featuring six multi talented and revered artists of the Pacific Northwest! Call 425-737-5144 for reserved Seats~\$12 or \$10 GA at the Door. For each non perishable food item for the Stanwood/Camano Food Bank you will receive a raffle ticket for great prizes! Enjoy amazing great music and help fight hunger. This band performs amazing renditions of music by Led Zepplin, Fleetwood Mac, Metallica, Aerosmith, Tori Amos, Black Sabboth and so much more. All music will be performed in an unforgettable manner as well as traditional Irish tunes by artists such as Loreena McKennit and Solas with a Sirens twist.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

### LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE PLANTS

Selecting plants for beauty and functionality. Free event. 10am. Did you know you can plant a landscape that has visual interest year-round, provides a home for wildlife, AND reduces water, fertilizer, and pesticide use? This class will provide you with information on how to choose the best native plants for your needs, along with techniques for planting, composting, and mulching that will help your landscape thrive. Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/landscaping-with-native-plants-selecting-plants-for-beauty-functionality-tickets-216655892607



### Orthopedics & Sports Medicine

Call to schedule an appointment.

360-435-6641

SkagitRegionalHealth.org/orthopedics





### NEED TO FIND FRESH CRAB?

An outdoor magazine rack filled with "fresh" Crab Crackers is located at the Terry's Corner at Dan Koffman's Gallery.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

### **WAYS OF WHALES WEBINAR**

10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Sponsored by Orca Network – annual workshop being held virtually as a Zoom webinar once again this year. The event will include the following topics: Beluga whales, including our local Salish Sea visitor; Pacific Northwest gray whales and humpback whales; Panel on the importance of citizen science and whale sightings; Discussion about salmon recovery efforts; Music by Dana Lyons from his new album! Additional speakers and topics to be announced soon. Registration is \$35/\$25 for students and seniors. Some full and partial scholarships are available. Contact cindy@orcanetwork.org for more information. Register at: Ways of Whales Webinar 2022 (constantcontact.com).

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

### **ASK A MASTER GARDENER**

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

### **BEAUTY BAR DIVAS**

Join us for beauty bar divas, some of the best celebrity impersonators in Washington. Show starts at 9pm at Beauty Bar Salon + Lounge, 10011 - 270th St NW, Suite A, Stanwood. And we are open till 2:00 a.m. for karaoke and dancing after the show!! (360) 629-2324.



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SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

### **LADIES NIGHT - AXE THROWING**

at Arrowhead Ranch Camano. Tickets: arrowheadranchcamano. com/book. Calling all Ladies! Join us for an unforgettable night! Arrowhead Axe is having its first Ladies Night Out! Reserve your spot by clicking "GOING" so we know you are coming! \$45 per person gets you 90 minutes of axe throwing with one of our certified Axeperts as well as heavy appetizers and refreshments.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15

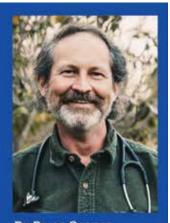
### **CHRIS EĞER**

performing at The Conway Pub. No cover charge. More info: conwaypubeatery@gmail.com.

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Dr. Bryan Cooper

### CAMANO ISLAND HEALTH SYSTEM

1283 Elger Bay Road, Camano Island 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mon-Fri , 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Saturday

Vaccinating and some rapid testing in cooperation with Island County COVID Response



SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

### SINGING AND YOGA MANTRA

5-6pm. Singing is meant for everyone. Not only for professional singers or good singers. Ugly sounds need to be heard too! Singing is universal medicine and we are all meant to sing. Singing connects us with others, healing the body and mind. Singing and chanting raises the vibration in our bodies and helps move dense energy and trauma. Join us at Movement Arts for an evening of sound. Sign up now, space is limited. Suggested Donation: \$10.

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

### **NAUGHTY BINGO**

Tonight at 8pm at Beauty Bar Salon + Lounge. Always free to play. Come have some naughty fun and maybe win some naughty prizes! Drink & food specials. More info: 360-629-2324.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

### STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Girls Basketball vs Snohomish. JV: 5:40pm. Varsity: 7:15pm.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

### 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.



## Calendar of Events

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18

### 90'S NIGHT

Join us tonight at beauty bar 9pm-2am. 10011 270th St NW, Stanwood. Drink & food specials all evening with your host & bartender DJ JESS. Dancing & fun games all night...party party party OMG!! Wear your 90's gear! (360) 629-2324. bbstyleandsip@gmail.com.



### **FUN FACT:**

The color red doesn't really make bulls angry; they are color-blind.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

### "CREATING HABITAT & ECOLOGICAL CONNECTION VIA NATIVE PLANTS"

7pm via Zoom. Register to Attend (free) at www.camanowildlife-habitat.org/programs. Mariah Thomson, Snohomish Conservation District Restoration Project Assistant, will share her perspective on why native plants are ecologically important for wildlife and humans alike, will cover what constitutes wildlife habitat, and provide a sample of native plants for each component. Her goal is to empower us to create a backyard habitat that meets the needs of local wildlife and is personalized to one's interests.

### Stanwood United Methodist Church ~ Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors ~

In-Person Sunday Service at 10:00am. Live Online Services available at 10:00am at www.stanwoodumc.org or on our Facebook page at: Stanwood United Methodist Church.



### 360-629-9555

27128-102nd Dr. NW, Stanwood, WA 98292 www.stanwoodumc.org Handicapped Accessible Pastor Justin White

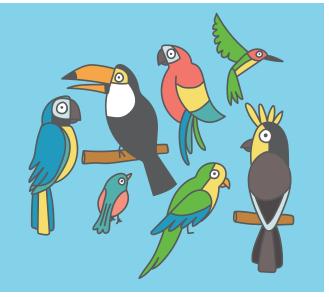


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65% of autistic kids are left-handed, and only 10% of people in general are left-handed.



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

### ONLINE FAMILY TRIVIA - THE BIRDS OF A FEATHER EDITION!

7:00 PM – 8:00 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 trivia about birds, birds and more birds! There will also be an identification round! Family trivia is designed with young people in mind – we suggest a youth participant on each team. Registration is required. Contact us with questions: www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

### JAM / OPEN MIC

with Chris Eger & Richard Williams at Loco Billy's, 27021 102nd Ave NW Stanwood. Chris Eger & Richard Williams will be backing you up on YOUR performance! Jam starts 7pm - No Cover! Bring yourself, your friends or your own band/group to perform. Call 425-737-5144 for more info or www.locobillys.com.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

### **CREATE YOUR OWN BACKYARD ORCHARD**

Dreaming of growing your own apples, peaches and plums? Now is the time to plan to plant bareroot fruit trees! Join Laura Cooper, a Snohomish County Master Gardener, and learn how to plan, plant and maintain your own backyard orchard in this Zoom event. Registration is required. Questions: www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

### STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Boys Basketball vs Mountlake Terrace. Frosh & JV: 5:40pm. Varsity: 7:15pm.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

### **CURTIS MOORE**

performing at The Conway Boxcar in Stanwood. More info: conwaypubeatery@gmail.com.



FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

### MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. TRIBUTE

4pm at the Camano Country Club Clubhouse. Join us for an inspirational program of readings and live music to honor the life of Martin Luther King Jr. Let his spirit of non-violence and brotherly love come alive in your own heart. The program is offered by your friends from Ananda Farm.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

### **COUNTRY DANCE WITH TIANA!**

Lessons 8pm! At Loco Billy's, 27021 102nd Ave NW Stanwood. No Cover & Dancing all night 6:30-Midnight. Line Dance Lessons w/Tiana from 8 - 9pm, \$10. Open dance before & after the lesson at 8pm. All styles welcome for Open Dance. Call 425-737-5144 for more info.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

### 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, JANUARY 21

### YOUTH GAME NIGHT!

6:30-8pm at Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints, Ell Road, Camano Island. Ages 12-18. We can play sports, games and activities of your choice! invite your friends and family to come. A chance to meet new people. Games, treats & more!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

### 2022 STANWOOD & CAMANO ISLAND MATTHEW GARDNER REAL ESTATE FORECAST

7pm at the Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Road, Join us as Windermere's Chief Economist, Matthew Gardner, provides insight and offers his predictions for the local real estate market in 2022. Enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres as we analyze the macro and microeconomic trends affecting Stanwood and Camano Island.

### **FUN FACT:**

Only primates, humans, and opossums have opposable thumbs. Out of these, the opossum is the only one with no thumbnail.



IF WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT, WE CAN'T PRINT IT.

Send your info and/or images to: thecrab @thecrabcracker.com FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

### MIDNIGHT ROCKERS

7:30pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282 at Camano Plaza. Fun, sexy rock from classic to modern.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

### LANDSCAPING FOR WILDLIFE

Creating habitat for beneficial animals and insects. Free online event. 10am. Do you want to add some magic to your yard? Invite birds, butterflies, bees, frogs, and more with a landscape that welcomes local wildlife and gives them a safe space to thrive. Whether your landscape is a window box, deck, small yard, or acreage, you can create a sanctuary for the wildlife that makes our region so special. Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/landscaping-for-wildlife-creating-habitat-for-beneficial-animals-insects-tickets-216662010907

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

### **BILLY APPLETON BAND**

performing live at The Conway Pub, 18611 Main Street, Conway, WA. NO COVER! More info: conwaypubeatery@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

### **ETHIOPIAN COFFEE CEREMONY**

Silver Kite Online Workshop. 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM. In many homes across Ethiopia coffee is honored, prepared, and shared with family and friends several times a day. During this interactive workshop, participants will learn about the history of the Ethiopian coffee ceremony, watch a demonstration of a ceremony, and learn how to create your own version of an Ethiopian coffee ceremony in your home. Sno-lsle Registration Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/6416388971378/WN Bf48hH8DRFS9Eb YGMtOOO

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

### **FAMILY BINGO**

at the American Legion Hall ON CAMANO ISLAND, 609 W. Camano Drive. Doors open at 4:30 P.M. and Bingo starts at 6pm. Snacks and beverages available.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

### **OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY**

10am-1pm at the Stanwood Area Historical Society Tolin House, West Stanwood (between the Pearson House Museum and the Floyd Norgaard Center.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

### ANDY KOCH'S BADD DOG BLUES SOCIETY

8pm at The Conway Muse, 18444 Spruce Street, Conway. Andy Koch has brought together an up-tempo ensemble sure to please blues lovers everywhere. You'll be in for an evening to remember as Andy and his band wag their way through the back alleys of the blues – dancing, singing and howling the night away. [COVID Vaccination, natural immunity or negative test within 72 hours required for audience]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

### **POWER HOUSE BAND!**

8pm. \$12 Reserved Seats for parties of 4 or more  $\sim$  call 425-737-5144 or you can purchase GA tickets in advance or at the door for \$10. GA is first come first serve for seating. Doors open 6:30pm. Power House is a Lake Stevens based Top 40 Rock 'n' Roll band playing hit music from the 70s to current day. The band delivers a a high energy show, consisting of 5 fabulous musicians sharing a passion for music. www. locobillys.com for more info.





SATURDAY, JANUARY 22

### SQUIRREL APPRECIATION DANCE

Criminal Squirrel Orchestra live performance at 8pm at Pub 282 at Camano Plaza. The previous day is National Squirrel Appreciation Day, so why not extend the celebration? We are back at the FABULOUS Pub 282 on Camano Island for more fun!

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 23** 

### LIFE OF THE SPIRIT DEVOTIONAL GATHERING

Please join us on Zoom at 11am. There will be prayers, poems and music to uplift spirits. We usually start with 10-15 minutes of prayers and readings from the world's sacred scriptures. After that, we share personal thoughts, prayers, inspirations, poems, music - whatever lifts the spirit. More info: bahaisofcamanoisland@gmail.com.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

### STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Girls Basketball vs Monroe: JV: 5:40pm. Varsity: 7:15pm.

MONDAY, JANUARY 24

### **CAMANO ISLAND OUILTERS OPEN SEW**

(OPEN TO THE PUBLIC). 11am-1pm at the Camano Center – 606 Arrowhead Road. Bring your sewing machine, projects & basic tools for an afternoon of fun! Free to Camano Center members, \$5 for non-members. More info: calvius@msn.com, 425-319-0400.



# Calendar of Events

### **FUN FACT:**

Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban is the only film in the series not in the 50 highest-grossing films list.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 24

### **TENANTS' RIGHTS**

4:30-7pm at the Stanwood Camano Community Resource Center (across from Stanwood library). The CRC-SC and Snohomish County Legal Services Housing Justice Project will be hosting, followed by brief in-person consultations. Presentation will be via zoom or in-person. More info: 360-629-5257.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 24

### **NAUGHTY BINGO**

Tonight at 8pm at Beauty Bar Salon + Lounge. Always free to play. Come have some naughty fun and maybe win some naughty prizes! Drink & food specials. More info: 360-629-2324.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

### STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Boys Varsity Swim vs Lynwood. 3pm at Stanwood YMCA. Girls Varsity Wrestling vs Marysville Pilchuck. 6pm.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 25** 

### WEBINAR: RESOLVE TO BE PREPARED

12:15pm. Event by Washington Emergency Management Division. A new year brings fresh opportunities to get prepared. We'll give you tips on how to spend a little bit of time each month for the next year on how to get prepared. Happy New Year! Resolve to be Prepared! Click "JOIN EVENT" when it's live. Have questions now or need accommodations? Let us know at this link: https://bit.ly/EMDPrepare.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

### 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.



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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

### STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Girls Basketball vs Jackson. JV: 5:40pm. Varsity: 7:15pm.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

### ONLINE PUB TRIVIA - BRAINS & BREWS

7:00 PM – 8:15 PM. Join us from the comfort of your own home for this general trivia night, featuring a "How Does it Work?" category, as well as the return of our ever-famous pictograms! Registration is required. Contact us with questions: www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/

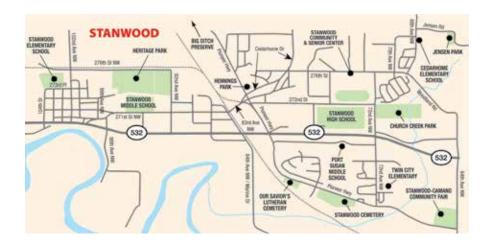
THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

### STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Boys Basketball vs Archbishop Murphy. Frosh & JV: 5:40pm. Varsity: 7:15pm.

Boys Varsity Swim vs Marysville Pilchuck. 3pm at Stanwood YMCA.













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BEAUTY BAR SALON + LOUNGE (Stanwood) • (360) 629-2324

**BROOKLYN BROTHERS PIZZERIA** (Camano) 360-926-8585

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**COOKIE MILL** (Stanwood) • (360) 629-2362

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### **FUN FACT:**

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"A True Christmas Snowball". Photo by William O'Toole.



Snowgeese and Mount Baker. Photo by Veronika Andrews.



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### POLAR BEAR WINTER CRAFT

SUPPLIES FOR THE POLAR BEAR CRAFT: polar bear craft pattern (optional), blue cardstock, white cardstock, black cardstock, newspaper, googly eyes, hole punch, black marker, scissors, glue

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE POLAR BEAR NEWSPAPER CRAFT: 1. Begin by cutting out several pieces from your newspaper to make your polar bear. Start with a large circle for the polar bear head. Another half circle for the the polar body body. You will also need two ears and a circle or oval shape for the polar bear muzzle. 2. cut out two half circles for the ears and a nose from black cardstock paper. 3. Tear a section off your white cardstock about one-third down the page. You will notice a textured section along the tear of the cardstock that gives great texture to your craft. Add glue to the back of the cardstock and glue it at the bottom of your blue cardstock. This piece will be the snowy background behind your polar bear. Save the remaining piece of your white cardstock you did not use as scrap to use in a different craft project in the future. 4. Glue the polar body at the bottom of your page, on top of the snow. Then glue the black nose inside the muzzle and the black inside ear pieces onto the ears. Glue the muzzle on the polar bear face and the ears at the top of the polar bear face. 5. Glue the the polar bear face on top of the polar bear body. Now glue on the googly eyes. 6. Draw a mouth on your polar bear with your black marker. 7. Use your hole punch to punch out several white circles. Finish your newspaper polar bear craft by gluing the snow all around your polar bear. NOTE: If the white circle punches seem daunting you can also have children print a fingerprint with white paint around their paper for snow. Using a white crayon to draw on snow is also another simple alternative.

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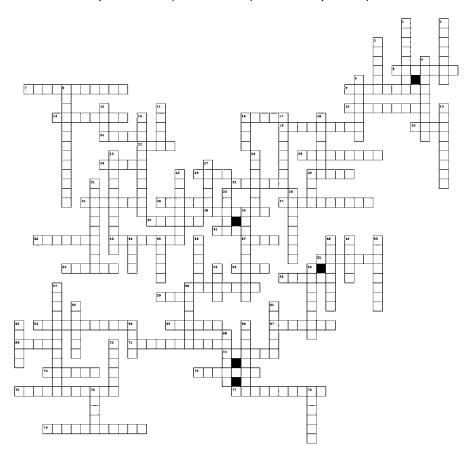
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# Moonshine Wisdom & Wit

### **SALISH SEA SOUTH END BOOK CLUB**

Literacy exists on the South End, despite rumors of its premature demise. Oh sure, the Little Library was sacked and books burned in its first month of opening over at Hutchison Park, but pockets of erudition still flourished. The Salish Sea South End Book Club has been meeting monthly since 2010, its membership mostly stable until the Covid Epidemic forced some to avoid public contamination. Finally the Club went on pre-vaccine hiatus, vowing to return when the plague ran its course.

Naturally the final book selections dealt with ... well, you guessed it, disease and epidemics. Sheila Brockhurst wanted to select Andromeda Strain, some nightmare scenario of extraterrestrial origin unleashed from secret labs in the American desert, but she was outvoted for the last selection before the group went into quarantine. Last Town on Earth, the Club pick, scared everyone enough to go into Lockdown themselves, a frightening little novel about the Spanish Flu and a town, supposedly modeled on Darrington, that sequestered itself from outside contamination. A little close to home in more ways than one, Ginny Schwimmer complained over her Chablis and cheese.

Half wine club, half literary review, some of the members were notoriously averse to reading, coming primarily for the camaraderie and vino. Sylvia Nostrum once voiced her opinion that those who didn't read the week's selection should just stay home and binge-watch Netflix serials, but the bibliophiles tabled that, worried that too few of them would be left for a meaningful discussion. And anyway, the social aspect of the book group probably outweighed rigid enforcement of reading rules. Besides, the non-readers were entertaining in their own right. And they brought the best hors-douerves.

The Club members took turns meeting at each other's homes, which, if you're the spousal unit, literary or not, meant heading for a nearby tavern, a friend's house or just sequester voluntarily in a back room. The ladies were always inviting us menfolk to join in, always nice to get a gendered opinion on the book of the month, see if the pheromones could get a word in edgewise. I admit, as one of the menfolk, I considered the invitation but in the end decided discretion might be the better part of valor. Or at least an easy way to avoid divorce.

Story by Jack Archibald. For further

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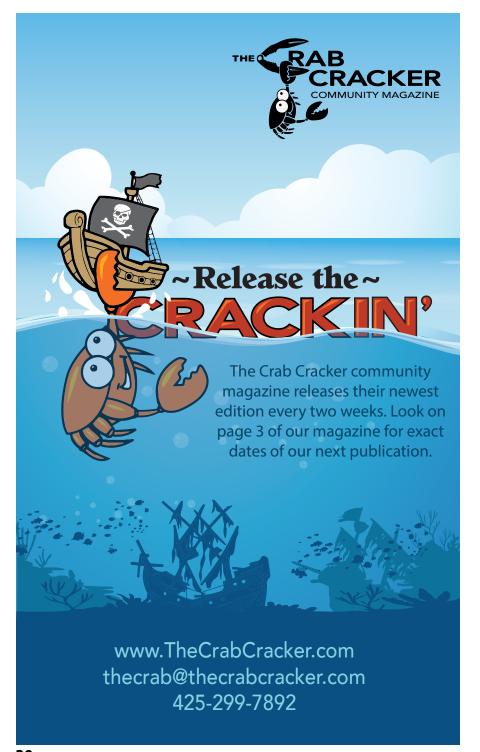
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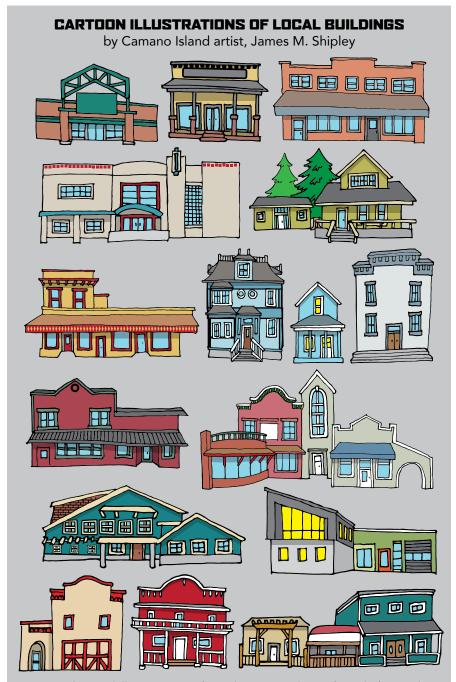


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famous phrase
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### JUDGE TIM'S COURT IS NOW IN SESSION

Recently, I decided to retire from my four-decades-long career in sales management. As you know, I'm not one to boast about my many lofty career achievements. but I humbly admit that I was extremely gifted at building and leading successful, high-performing sales organizations (if you ignore the input of my former bosses or any of my sales reps or HR Directors who had to deal with the litany of complaints they received from my sales reps and bosses).

I was preparing to retire to a simpler life of afternoon naps and watching reruns of Modern Family, when I read some shocking news. I learned that after 25 years and 12,500 episodes, Judge Judith Sheindlin, better known as Judge Judy, recently decided to call it quits. She would soon bang her last gavel on the long-running hit daytime show, The People's Court.

I began to wonder anxiously: Who would fill the tremendous void left by Judge Judy's departure? Would America start to descend into lawlessness, violence, and debauchery? More importantly, What would I do to fill my time between 4 and 5pm on weekdays?

Then it hit me. Of course! Call off the search for the next Judge Judy. Because there was one person uniquely qualified to take her place. And that person was staring back at me in the mirror. I would be the



natural jurist to fill Judge Judy's shoes (unless she wore high heels, in which case, having to wear pumps would be a deal breaker).

What are my credentials, you ask? Too many to count. I went to Ohio State University's law school, where I finished in the top 99% of my class. I also took three years of Latin in high school, and I remembered that judges use tons of obscure Latin phrases in their decisions, like Quid Pro Quo and Res Judicata. I have no idea what either of these mean, but that's never stopped me from using them in the past.

During law school, I had a part-time job as a conciliation mediator working for the Small Claims Court of the Franklin County, Ohio Municipal Court System and my job was to attempt to persuade complainants to settle their claims out of court. I did a phenomenal job. In fact, I had the highest case settlement record in the court's history. And there is no way my supervisor would dispute my claim because that was 40 years ago, and I'm pretty sure he died a while back.

Another reason I'm the logical successor to JJ is because I was in my high school's theatrical production of Inherit the Wind, a play about the famous Scopes Monkey Trial. I was cast in the role of Matthew Harrison Brady, the prosecutor in the trial.

Again, pardon me if I sound immodest, but my performance was Oscar-worthy. My drama teacher Art Green said about my performance, and I quote, "Tim's performance was at times erratic, and I don't think he quite grasped the motivation of his character. He felt the need to hog the spotlight every chance he got. Tim would be a natural, um...lighting crew assistant."

Stop, Mr. Green. Stop! You're giving me a swelled head! But perhaps most importantly, The People's Court wouldn't even have to buy me a judge's robe, because I already have one (as proven by the photo above), which I bought for a Halloween party in 1994. It still fits me – if I don't have a big meal before trial.

So, now that we've agreed I'm the obvious choice, you can start calling me Judge Tim – once my official judicial confirmation is approved by the U.S. Senate. I've got some, let's just say, "embarrassing dirt" on Senate Majority Leader Schumer, so my confirmation is pretty much assured.

I will be a fair judge, committed to justice. And I will only accept cash bribes if I have a particularly large credit card bill coming due that month.

Wait a minute. I just read that Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer might step down in the upcoming year. Maybe I should turn down The People's Court gig and put my name in for Breyer's job. After all, these guys only work 26 weeks a year and they only hear cases on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Talk about a cushy gig. Yeah, given my marginal work ethic these days, that job sounds more up my alley.

Court adjourned!



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### SKEETER DRAWS TO AN INSIDE STRAIGHT

"Some of you less fortunate few who may have followed this little blog for probably too long won't be surprised to know that I am actually a stained glass artist. You may even know that I came to my profession in the unlikeliest of routes when, back at the time I bought my old shack with plastic on the windows instead of glass, I chanced to see an item in the Stanwoodopolis Gazette for a night class at the high school to learn the lost art of stained glass. Who lost it, I never learned, but I can tell you one of the lucky ones who found it again. I took one lesson, went home and before the second class the following week my continuing education had terminated once I had finished two windows and a full size door. I never went back for that second class.

I'm a couple of beers past turning 71 years old. I started breaking glass back in 1980 or slightly before, so it's been 40 plus years. All I wanted to do was replace that plastic in my drafty shack's windows, but a funny thing happened on the way to a warmer house, I just got hopelessly addicted to stained glass, then fortunately fell into public art with a small commission by the WA State Arts Commission.

Public art was what I loved. What I love now. When work was slack, I donated public art around the area, nearly 20 large murals with the last one for the new Island County Administration Building. If I were a better musician, I would give free concerts if the paying gigs weren't coming in. Actually, the South End String Band has. Or if I were a writer, I might write blogs or maybe humor sketches for the local Pulitzer-prizeless Crab Cracker, not for any money but because, well, a writer should really write if he wants to call himself a writer. Because we so-called artists didn't become artists to get rich, we followed a different piper.

We're in the plague years now and when it subsides, just as it was after the Great Recession, money for government spending will be too tight to mention. Public art -- which is based on construction of public buildings -- will grind to a halt the way it did after 2008.

But ... before it all goes to hell in an unsanitized shopping cart, I received notice that I was a finalist for three different WA Arts Commission projects. Well, I thought, long shots but maybe one more before forced retirement. And sure enough, I won one. And that one was for, maybe you guessed it already, the Stanwoodopolis High School. If you think we've come full circle, I couldn't agree more. If you think maybe sometimes the planets line up and the stars shine a bit brighter, I'm thinking so too. If you think I'm grinning from ear to ear under my battered old hat, you'd be absolutely right. Life is full of surprises, probably the only thing you should count on." – Jack Archibald.

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the females are
called peahens.
Together, the
collective name
for them is
"peafowl".



#### A PERSPECTIVE OF CARING FOR 2022

"As we enter into the new year, I wanted to tell you guys a little story. Maybe add some perspective as we head into 2022. This may be long, but I feel it needs to be said. Two days ago I received a frantic text from one of my sweet friends on the island. Her single mom friend had reached out the previous night in tears. Through sobs she told her friend that she had no more money, two more diapers and maybe a wipe or two. She'd maxed out her credit cards on her prior grocery order hoping the snow would melt and she could get back to work. See, she's a server. She relies heavily on tips. She works her butt off. Normally she's just fine. But with such a high volume of snow and ice, restaurants closing, not being able to physically get to work - she'd tapped out all of her resources and was very scared. When you are a mama with a two year old to feed, it all feels so much heavier. I reached out to our community via my West Camano Little Free Pantry page. Friends, within 1/2 of a day this community set her up with diapers, wipes, food and \$1100 to get her back on her feet. My mom friend went shopping for her, got her all the diapers she could need, food, gift cards, made a grocery order for her and venmo'd her some money for a car repair that she needed because of the freezing conditions. Now, normally this is where my story would end. Our community is incredible. We love on those in need. But, that isn't even the best part of the story. See, in my time running the little free pantry, I've taken heat. I've been told I support deadbeats. I've had people question the motives or integrity of the people we help. People call out humans they don't even know for being lazy or unwilling to do their part. One family that I requested formula for a while back, a request that took some heat, however a need that our community came together and filled ten fold, was one of the first messages I received two days ago. See, life has turned around for them a little. They've been blessed and things are looking up. They dug out and now they had some extra. This family has been trying not to drown for the better part of two years. Now they are floating. They are back. They are comfortable. They wanted to give back to the community who blessed them so much. They were the first cash donation I picked up. It was their money that helped buy diapers for this scared mama. They remember the fear. So they helped. I guess my point in all of this is, don't be jaded. Don't be suspicious of any and all in need because of some bad eggs out there. Are there people who abuse the system? Yes. Is it my job to determine who they are? Nope. Give. Love. Share. Invite. I promise, the majority of it will go to those in genuine need. The rest will sort itself out. As we head into 2022 - continue to love on your neighbors. I promise it all comes back around. As always, I love all of you and this amazing community. Stay safe." - Facebook post by Tiffany Kostelyk.



#### **FUN FACT:**

The "Pinky Promise" originally indicated that the person who breaks the promise must cut off their pinky finger.

#### **GARDENING CALENDAR**

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#### **CLIMATE CHANGE SYMPOSIUM**

January 20 @ 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm. Presented by the Northwest Straits Commission for the Marine Resources Committees and interested persons. Contact Sasha Horst for details about the upcoming (third) symposium on Jan 20 at 3:30 pm with Dr. Terrie Klinger, Co-Director at the Washington Ocean Acidification Center (and former San Juan Marine Resources Committee member/NW Straits Commissioner). Dr. Ian Miller and Lisa Kaufman provided excellent presentations Dec 16 on sea-level rise and climate resilience to the Northwest Straits Commission. You can watch the recording here.



#### **HELPING FAMILIES IN NEED**

The Snohomish Health District is here to help families find the help they need - from local resources for food and children's supplies to housing and substance abuse treatment. For more information, please visit our website at https://www.snohd.org/269/Parent-Resources.



# Community Information

#### **FREE NARCAN TRAINING**

January 18, 22, and 27. A simple spray could save a life! Please join Amy Wheat, Opioid Outreach Specialist with Snohomish County Human Services to learn how to administer Narcan (Naloxone), a nasal spray that can block the effects of an opioid overdose. Training is free and open to the community! Pre-register to join in person at Verdant Health Center or via zoom. Visit verdanthealth.org or call 425-582-8600. Unable to make one of the trainings? You can still learn about Naloxone, where to find it, and information about costs: https://stopoverdose.org/section/find-naloxone-near-you/to.



#### **FUN FACT:**

The center of a comet is called a nucleus.

#### **NEWEST MUSEUM INSTALLMENT**

SAHS Executive Director Fred Poyner IV is pictured here after the installation of the most recent addition to the museum's permanent collection and display of US military Veterans history at the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center: a US Navy flight suit and other gear worn by LT Karl Fossum, including flight suit, boots, "G-suit" and harness, survival vest, boots and watch. LT Karl Fossum wore this during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, while he was assigned to VAQ-141 based at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island, during the years 2008 & 2009. These items were part of the standard issue of flight gear issues to airmen operating the EA-6B Prowler aircraft. LT Fossum used this gear in over 20 successful missions during his tours of duty in Afghanistan.





# Community Information

#### **FUN FACT:**

In 2015, Ariana Grande won two MTV Millennial Awards for the "Global Instagrammer of the Year" and "International Hit of the Year" with her single "One Last Time".



#### COMMISSIONER NAMED TO STATE PANDEMIC REVIEW TASK FORCE

Melanie Bacon, chair for the Island County Board of Commissioners for 2022, will represent all of Washington state's 39 counties on a task force formed to improve the response to, and recovery from, possible future pandemics. Bacon, whose district encompasses South and Central Whidbey, was recently appointed to the state Pandemic After-Action Review (AAR) Task Force by Gov. Jay Inslee. "Serving the citizens of Washington is a real privilege, and I hope you find this to be a rewarding experience," Inslee said in a Dec. 29 letter to Bacon. "Thank you for your willingness to serve the people of Washington." Bacon, who represents District One on the board of commissioners, was nominated to the task force by the Washington Association of Counties. "I'm honored to have been selected and I'm very excited about it," she said. While nobody was fully prepared for the COVID-19 pandemic, Bacon said she believes she was selected to serve on the state task force because Island County had "one of the better responses." "We all knew there would be a pandemic sometime, and Island County did have an emergency plan in place, but that plan hadn't been updated, nor were people trained to respond to a pandemic," Bacon said. "It was the same across the state." Island County was very proactive, being among the first, for example, to purchase special vaccine storage units prior to release of the vaccines, Bacon said. As a result, Island County was one of the first to receive the COVID-19 vaccines and was able to refrigerate vaccines for other entities in the county. "I'm proud of how we handled our response to the pandemic," Bacon said. "This task force's findings will enable us to do even better next time." The Board of Island County Commissioners is planning to conduct its own post-pandemic review, and Bacon said what she learns from serving on the state AAR task force will undoubtedly provide valuable information that will benefit Island County's effort. As a member of the Washington Association of Counties, Bacon said she will also be sharing what she's learned with that organization so that all counties in the state benefit. The state Military Department is facilitating the task force and conducting a comprehensive after-action review of the statewide pandemic response and recovery," said Sheri Sawyer, senior policy advisor for the governor's office. The AAR task force is funded under the Legislature's 2020-23 operating budget, she said. The task force is expected to report its initial findings and recommendations to the governor and legislative committees by June 20, 2022 and final recommendations and findings are due on June 20, 2023.

#### STATE PARKS FREE DAY

on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan 17, 2022. Free day at Washington State Parks....no Discover Pass required.

#### LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Come join the Camano Island Democrats virtual meeting Thursday, January 20th, at 7pm. Hear Representative Dave Paul speak about the legislative priorities for the 2022 session, Commissioner Janet St Clair will update us on Island County government and meet Clyde Shavers, newly announced candidate for 10thLD Representative. There will be time for questions. All interested persons are welcome. For Zoom link contact camanoislanddemocrats@gmail.com.



#### **FUN FACT:**

The closest living relatives of hippopotamuses are whales, dolphins and porpoises.

#### IS YOUR DOG LEGAL?

Get Rover Licensed. Island County requires all dog owners to license their dogs every year. One time is not enough; you must renew each year. There are no exceptions. The tag will also help identify your dog in case he or she is lost. Please make sure you have proof of current rabies vaccination and spay/neuter (if altered) for each do when you arrive to purchase your license. The 2022 dog licenses are now on sale at the Camano Animal Shelter (by appointment only) or at the Camano Island Annex on NE Camano Drive. The cost is \$10 for spayed/neutered dogs and \$33 for intact dogs. Email casa@camanoanimalshelter.org or call 360-387-1902 for appointment.



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#### **HOT COCOA AND HAND WARMERS**

January 31st, 2:30-5pm at Stanwood Camano Community Resource Center. RSVP required by January 27th. Enjoy hot cocoa and make handwarmers with CRC. More info: 360-629-5257.

#### **BAKING CAKE POPS**

January 24th. RSVP required. Students in 6th-12th grades. 2:30-5pm at the Stanwood Camano Community Resource Center. Cook & decorate cake pops. RSVP by January 20th. More info: 360-629-5257.

#### SOUND WATERS UNIVERSITY

February 5 & 6, 2022. Registration is now open for Sound Waters University 2022. This year's theme, "Hope in Action," emphasizes positive developments in our marine and nearshore environments. Registrants will also pick classes in three concurrent sessions. Field Trips are new in 2022 and occur the following day. Registered attendees may add-on Field Trips while space is available for a small additional fee. Trips are on Whidbey and Camano Islands and Skagit County and must be purchased by January 23, 2022. Each is limited to fifteen participants. Find the class descriptions, speaker bios and field trip descriptions at www.SoundWatersUniversity.org.

#### **OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY & RESEARCH WEDNESDAY**

Open House Saturday: Every Saturday, 10am-1pm at the Stanwood Area Historical Society Tolin House, West Stanwood (between the Pearson House Museum and the Floyd Norgaard Center. Research-Wednesday: Every Wednesday from 1-4pm at the Stanwood Area Historical Society Eldridge Center.

#### **FUN FACT:**

Evangeline Lilly is a notoriously bad driver. She has been in at least 8 car accidents, and none of them were with another

#### HOLIDAY LIGHTS, COMPUTER AND ELECTRICAL CORDS RECYCLING DRIVE

What do you do with holiday light strings and old electric and computer cords that no longer work? Instead of sending them to a landfill, bring them to the Camano Transfer Station for recycling! Now through January 31. WSU Extension Island County Waste Wise volunteers and local Boy Scout Troop 46 will make sure the strings and cords are recycled responsibly. The Transfer Station is located at 75 E Camano Hill Road and is open daily from 9:30-5:00. Questions? Call (360) 639-4608 or email jerilyn.ritzman@wsu.edu.

#### SKI BUS TO STEVENS PASS - 2022

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#### **FUN FACT:**

Cards Against Humanity celebrated Black Friday by digging a hole as long as people donated. They raised over \$100k.

#### **SCHOOL LEVY**

The Stanwood-Camano School District is proposing a four-year replacement Capital Projects and Technology Levy on the February 8. 2022 ballot to replace an expiring levy. The proposed local school tax is expected to decrease from current levels. Levies require a simple maiority for approval. The Capital Projects and Technology (Cap/Tech) levy covers two areas: Facility improvements and updates that are beyond a general repair or regular maintenance but fall short of bond-level funding needs. Instructional technology and related staffing, professional development and technology infrastructure. Approximately 50 percent of the funds is expected to be used for long-term facility needs, such as: New roof at Cedarhome Elementary; Replacement fire sprinkler lines at Utsalady and Elger Bay Elementary Schools; Portable maintenance at Port Susan, including new roofs, paint and siding repair; Upgraded public address systems at Stanwood Middle and Stanwood Elementary Schools; Various projects to improve student safety, such as fencing and sidewalks. Approximately 50 percent of the funds is expected to upgrade technology used for student learning at all schools. Projects include: Replacing aging classroom computers, Chromebooks and software licenses; Maintaining infrastructure that supports technology for student learning, for example, servers, Wi-Fi and network; Provide for staffing to maintain and operate district technology. What has SCSD accomplished with local funds? Increased the number of computer labs, mobile labs and student-accessible technology at each school; Increased the curricular tools and online educational resources; Provided professional development and technical support to staff that impacts teaching and learning Replaced fire alarm systems at Cedarhome, Twin City and Stanwood Elementary; Playground safety improvements at Cedarhome, Elger Bay and Utsalady Elementary; Renovation and roof replacement for the SHS Transition Program facility; Seismic upgrades for Stanwood Middle School. Please remember to vote by February 8. Snohomish and Island Counties conduct all elections through mail-in ballots. The ballots for the February 8, 2022 election must be postmarked (mailing is free) or placed in a ballot drop site by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2022. Ballot drop boxes are located near the Stanwood Library, 9701 271st St. NW and on Camano Island at 121 N. East Camano Drive.

#### SIGN UP FOR SOUND WATER STEWARDS TRAINING

Explore the Salish Sea. Learn from excellent speakers. Make new friends. Have fun on the beach. Sound Water Stewards are trained volunteers working in and around Island County for a healthy, sustainable marine environment through education, science, and stewardship. Training is required to become a member and is only offered once per year. Training consists of 100-hours that includes online classes, in-person field trips, and more. SWS is now accepting applications. Zoom classes start on March 24. They are held on Thursdays from 9 am to 12:30 pm for 14 weeks (8 weeks in Spring and 6 weeks in fall). Membership (training fee) is \$300; full and partial scholarships are available. Computer with microphone and camera or tablet are required. Classes cover coastal geology, intertidal zones and their life forms, groundwater, watersheds, marine mammals and marine birds, plankton, forage fish, eelgrass, salmon, estuaries, habitat restoration, native plants, invasive species, local forests, waste reduction and recycling, climate change, ocean acidification, sea level rise, tribal sovereignty and treaty rights, and more. Please watch the video and find the application form at SoundWaterStewards.org/training.

## Local Stories and Poetry

#### **GOOD DEED**

In the morning, bundled up in furry hood,
I saw two riders on our lane
Their horses' colors and shapes outlined against the whitening world
The horses' nostrils flaring in the freezing air
"They're nervous to get going," my neighbor said,
While we humans spoke.

Can we tow you out? Do you need anything?

After seven days together in the snow Sitting by the fire, hearing only the high pitched jay The knock knock knock of the woodpecker Seeing the rabbit and deer tracks so close to the house

Oh yes, I said, Thank you so much!

Negotiating the offer The beholdenness

I told my husband later--These country ways In adversity Make all the difference

I think he understands. We're warm, our food frosty We'll go to sleep tonight

Believing the best of others.

- Mary Dicker

#### **FUN FACT:**

The word
"white" comes
from the
Indo-European
root "kweit"
meaning "to
shine".





#### **CASA'S PET OF THE WEEK:**

**TIBSEN** is a 10 month old shepherd mix who is now looking for his forever home. He is a sweet guy who loves attention and loves people. He is very smart and loves to learn. He is potty trained and knows some commands such as sit, down, off, come, and stay. Tibsen enjoys walks and would love an active family. Tibsen does have a bit of separation anxiety so he would do best in a home with another dog to keep him company.

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



#### NOAH'S PET OF THE WEEK:

**BICK** is a beautiful ball of fluff waiting for someone who is willing to give her some time and space to warm up. Things are loud and confusing right now for Bick so please move slowly and you will be rewarded with soft quiet purrs. Bick will benefit from a quiet space where she can take her time being comfortable and learning she is safe. Be charmed by her blue/green eyes and creamsicle coat.

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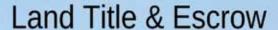
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#### **TUSCAN WHITE BEAN SOUP**

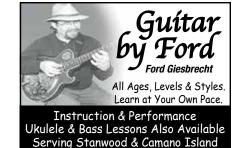
A delicious hearty bean and veggie soup simmered in a flavorful tomato and vegetable broth. The perfect soup for meatless Monday! Course: SoupCuisine: American, Italian Servings: 8

INGREDIENTS: 2 T. extra virgin olive oil; 1 sm. yellow onion diced; 2 lg. carrots diced; 2 celery stalks diced; 2 cloves garlic minced; 2 zucchinis diced; 1 (15 oz.) can fire-roasted tomatoes with liquid; 1 (15 oz.) can cannellini beans drained; 2 T. tomato paste; 4 c. vegetable broth; 1 T. dried thyme; 1 T. dried oregano; 1 T. dried basil; 1 tsp. salt; 1/2 tsp. black pepper; 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes; 3 c. chopped kale packed

GARNISHES: Fresh chopped basil; Grated Parmesan cheese DIRECTIONS: Prep all veggies before you begin. Heat olive oil in a large Dutch oven over medium heat. Sauté onions, carrots, and celery for 4-5 minutes. Add garlic and zucchini, cook for an additional 2-3 minutes. Add diced tomatoes with liquid, cannellini beans, tomato paste, vegetable broth, and seasonings. Cover and simmer over low heat for 30 minutes stirring occasionally. Turn off heat and stir in kale.

Before serving, taste the soup, season with more salt and pepper if desired. Ladle soup into bowls and garnish with fresh chopped basil and grated Parmesan cheese. Enjoy!





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# Classes and Workshops



#### **FUN FACT:**

The smallest possible measurement of length is known as the Planck Length. Anything smaller than this would break everything we understand about physics

**Vinyasa flow** Thursday's at 4:30. A full body workout stringing postures together, using breath. 360-629-5040 or www.zsremedies.com

**Gentle mat** with Sheri Monday's 8am, Wednesday's at 4:30pm or Friday's at 9:30am"You Can do this!" Call 360-629-5040 or register online @ Zsremedies.com

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**Yoga for Beginners Five Week Session** Jan 4 - Feb 1 Tuesdays, 6-7:15pm. This introduction will teach you the foundational alignment of basic yoga postures, how to coordinate breath with movement and philosophical practices. Sign up at movementars.com or call 360-629-9100. Next Sessions: Feb 22-Mar 22, 2022, Apr 12-May 10, 2022 May 31-Jun 28, 2022. Space is limited, sign up. \$85.

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Astronomy and the night sky by William Maxwell.

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



#### **ASTRONOMY IN THE NIGHT SKY OVER CAMANO**

Rather than a specific target, this week is about a general concept: Time and distance in astronomy. From the time Galileo first pointed his small telescope skyward astronomers have been building bigger and bigger telescopes. Large telescopes allow better resolution, but a large part of bigger instruments is the quest to see farther and farther. In that quest is the ability to look deeper into the past. Since the speed limit for light is fixed, objects emitting light far away take long periods of time to reach us so we are seeing them as they were when their light first began its journey. Large distances in astronomy are often measured in light years which is not only a measurement of distance, the distance light would travel in a year, but also time, the amount of time that light has taken to reach us. A star 10 light years away means we are seeing it now as it was 10 years ago.

Proxima Centauri is the closest star to us at 4.22 light years. The Andromeda Galaxy is 2.53 million light years away, so we are seeing it as it was 2.53 million years ago. The farthest object amateur astronomers can see is the quasar 3c273, pictured above, at 2.4 BILLION light years. How far can into the past have we seen? 13.63 billion years, when the fledgling universe was only a white hot fog of hydrogen plasma. Since the universe came into being from a single point not long before that, that glow isn't "out there", it is all around us in what

astronomers call the cosmic microwave background.

We all, and I mean EVERYTHING in the universe, exist within the glow of that long past era. So the next times the clouds part, remember that looking out is also looking back. The history of our universe is written in the sky.

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January 7 | Far Reaches Farm New Botanical Beauties from the Far Reaches

January 21 | Linda Chalker-Scott Gardening in a Changing Climate

February 4 | Del Brummet Gardening between the Seasons: From Late Winter to Early Spring

February 18 | Atsuko Gibson Successful Rhododendron Cultivation in the Pacific Northwest

February 25 | Willi Galloway Veggies! Succession Planting & Tips for Getting a Lot Out of a Small Space

March II | Al Murphy Fire Resistant Landscaping for Western Washington

March 25 | Daniel Mount In Living Color: The Fundamentals of Color for the Modern Gardener

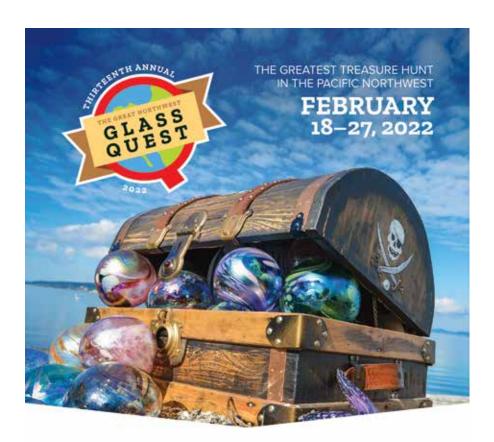
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