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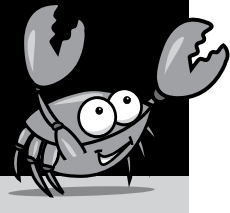
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Welcome to The Crab Cracker! Here's What's Crackin'...

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

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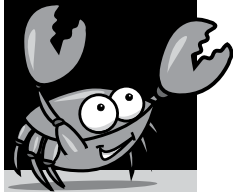


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Submission DEADLINE: DEC. 8 for Next Edition (December 16-29, 2022)

Calendar of Events



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

NEIGHBORHOOD READY / DISASTER COMMUNICATIONS

Community program. How prepared were you for the November 5th windstorm? Come learn about how we can help you and your neighbors prepare for the next incident. 7pm at the Camano Library.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 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, DECEMBER 2

YOUTH GAME NIGHT!

6:30-8pm at Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints, Ell Road, Camano Island. Ages 12-18. Games, treats & more!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

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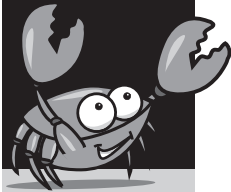
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Bats are the only mammals that can fly.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

ARTISTS RECEPTION

for Paul Anderson & Ron Cooper Wood Turning Artists, and Duane Hoekstra with Wine Barrel furniture & accessories. 5-7pm at Beach 1 Gallery. They will feature handmade custom gifts as well as wine barrel furniture and accessories. Their art will be displayed and for sale the month of December. Serving pop, wine, water & bags of chips for the reception. 1243 Beach Drive, Camano Island, 360-387-1655.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

ANNUAL CAMANO COMMONS TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION!

Join us for activities, pictures with Santa, music, hot cocoa, and treats starting at 4pm and help us light up the Commons at 5pm! 848 N Sunrise Blvd., Camano Island.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

LIGHT UP YOUR HOLIDAYS

Join us in downtown Stanwood for the annual tree lightings and holiday festivities. Light Up Your Holidays will take place throughout the day in both West Downtown (270th, Brick Road) at 2PM and East Downtown (271st) at 5:30PM. Photo by Ian Gleadle.



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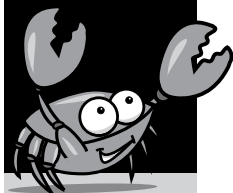
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WHO?

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kathryn@islandseniorservices.org*

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DID YOU KNOW?

One in five
Americans has
seen a ghost.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

E-CYCLE

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



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

5TH ANNUAL CAMA BEACH WINTER FEST

11 am – 6 pm. Bring the whole family to our annual Winter Fest! You'll be able to listen to a live bluegrass band, make a wreath, and create an ornament! 1 pm – 3 pm: South End String Band; 3 pm – 6 pm: Gingerbread houses (with advanced reservations – please call 360-387-1550). *(Event continues December 10).*



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

FOCIP ANNUAL HOSTED WINTER WALK

at ELGER BAY PRESERVE. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at Elger Bay Rd and Dry Lake Rd. Park along south side of Dry Lake Rd. Beautiful signed Nature Trail section and a trip to the beaver marsh platform are highlights of the walk. The walk is 2.5 miles round trip. NO DOGS PLEASE.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

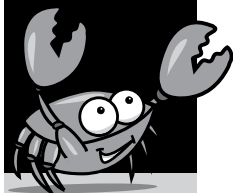
Girls Basketball vs Woodinville. JV & Frosh: 3pm. Varsity: 5pm.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

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.

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DID YOU KNOW?

In Sweden, it is illegal to own a dog that is taller than 16 inches.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

21ST ANNUAL OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

FREE! 10am-2pm at Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center, 27130 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood. Free photo with Santa, cookies, cocoa, coffee, children's gift bags, holiday crafts, tours, music of the season & fun! Presented by Stanwood Area Historical Society.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE AT THE FARM

Noon-4pm at Ananda Farm. Join the farmers and community for a farm faire: warm drinks, sweets and savories, Christmas carols, farm store & good ol' fashioned yuletide joy. We will also be celebrating Ananda Farm's 10 year anniversary. 732 Haven Place Camano Island.



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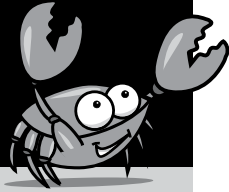
Blue Christmas Service * December 21

2PM: For those experiencing grief or loss during the holidays

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service * December 24

9PM: Traditional carols and candle lighting

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

HOWLIDAY CRAFT SHOW

Noon-4pm at Silvana Viking Hall. Join Save-A-Mutt and lots of local businesses and crafters that create pet themed gifts. More info: Email jennifer@save-a-mutt.org.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

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8 pm - Conway Muse Hayloft. Blues at the Muse series! Tickets \$12.50 Advance \$15 at door.

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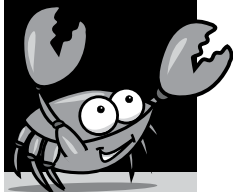


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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

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.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

7 LAKES HOLIDAY BAZAAR

9am-3pm at 17323 42nd Ave NW, Stanwood. Join us in preparing for the "Most Wonderful time of the YEAR"! Crafts, Sweet Treats, Home-made Goods, Candles, Raffles, Gifts, Jewelry, and so much MORE.

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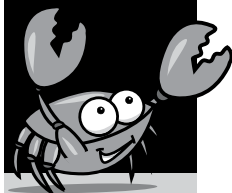
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

LIGHTING OUR PATH

3pm at Saint Aidans Episcopal Church, Camano. Cantabile Chamber Choir's heartfelt show. From holiday favorites to songs about stars and the Northern Lights, "Lighting Our Path" is an 80 minute concert that draws our focus toward the light. We hope you will join us, allow us to sing over you, and reaffirm the beauty and comfort of good music during the holidays! Ticket prices start at \$20: <https://cantabilechamberchoir.org/concertstickets-1>

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DID YOU KNOW?

A sloth moves so slow that algae can grow on its fur.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

CANDY CANE CLASSIC

Cheer Showcase. Our amazing cheerleaders have put together a showcase and we'd love to see you there to support them! 2:30pm at Stanwood high School. \$8 for 3 and up or \$5 with 2 canned goods. Food collection benefits Stanwood food Bank.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

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.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 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, DECEMBER 6

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.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Girls Varsity Wrestling vs (TBD). 6pm.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

FAMILY STORYTIME WITH JENNIFER

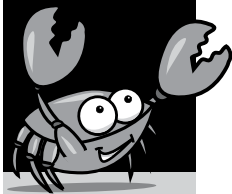
10am at Camano Island Library. Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and creative activities together as a family to prepare for the wonder of reading. A play time or art activity may follow.

Seas & Greetings



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A blue whale's
heart is the size
of a small car.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

BABY STORYTIME WITH VICKY

10:30am at Stanwood Library. Wiggle, giggle and bond with your baby through stories, happy songs, rhymes, and activities that inspire a love of reading. A play time or art activity may follow.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME WITH VICKY

10am at Stanwood Library. Share fun books, songs, and creative activities with your preschooler to prepare young minds for the adventure of reading. A play time or art activity may follow.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

ONLINE PUB TRIVIA - VIDEO GAMES

7pm Online event. Join us for a trivia for gamers, by gamers, all about video games! We will cover history, voice actors, and more. Registration is required. Contact us: <https://www.sno-isle.org/contact-us/>

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

ELVIS AT THE PUB!

Kentucky Rain Band - Christmas Show featuring Robbie Dee as Elvis! 7:30pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282. Kentucky Rain Band is the Northwest's #1 Elvis Tribute & Rock-n-Roll band! All Ages. No Cover.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

TEEN LATE NIGHT

Grades 9-12, 4PM-6:30PM at the Community Resource Center of Stanwood Camano. Teen Late Night is a safe place for teens to come and connect over food & fun. Activities have included outings, classes, celebrations, help with school work and more!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Boys Varsity Swim vs Lake Stevens. 3pm at Stanwood YMCA.
Girls Basketball vs Cascade. JV & Frosh: 5:40pm. Varsity: 7:15pm.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

TODDLER STORYTIME WITH ALEX

10am at Stanwood Library. Jump and bounce together into a world of stories, music, and movements that nurture the desire to read in toddlers. A play time or art activity may follow.

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- ▶ Low-lying areas that may have water runoff from nearby trees or land.
- ▶ Bridges, which typically freeze first.
- ▶ Underpasses and other road areas that are shaded from the sun.
- ▶ Air temperatures that fall below 40°F (expect icy conditions).

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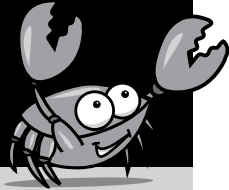
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DID YOU KNOW?

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 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.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

YOUTH GAME NIGHT!

6:30-8pm at Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints, Ell Road, Camano Island. Ages 12-18. Games, treats & more!



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

DESIGN YOUR OWN PARK

with Washington State Parks. 4:30pm at Stanwood Library Meeting Room. What is it like to be a Park Ranger? Join Washington State Parks Interpretive Specialist Meredith to learn about all the different jobs that it takes to keep a park running. Take your knowledge and help design your very own park!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

CRAFT NIGHT

5:30-7:30pm at Twin City Elementary. We would like to celebrate our families with a free craft night! There will be dinner and crafts available. Please RSVP to this event to help us prepare. Thank you!

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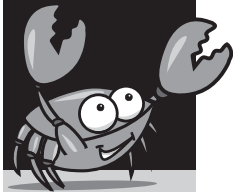
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

HOLIDAY POP UP

6-8pm at Saint Luxury Lashes (9612 270th St NW, Stanwood). A wonderful holiday shopping event from locally owned businesses. Come shop, sip festive drinks, and claim discounts on services.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

JOEL ASTLEY

7:30pm at Pub 282. Blues, rock, funk, soul, jazz, Americana, country.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

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, DECEMBER 10

5TH ANNUAL CAMA BEACH WINTER FEST

11 am – 6 pm. Bring the whole family! You'll be able to meet Santa and see his sleigh, listen to a live bluegrass band, make a wreath, and create an ornament! 12 pm – 1 pm: Meet Santa and see his sleigh. 1 pm – 3 pm: A Band of Friends. 3 pm – 6 pm: Gingerbread houses (with advanced reservations – please call 360-387-1550).

“Leque Island – From Island to Tidal Marsh”

Sunday Afternoon, December 11th, 4 – 6 pm

Guest Speakers: Loren Brokaw & Lindsey Desmul



Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and partners transformed the landscape between Camano Island and Stanwood over the last three years by removing dikes and returning the area to tidal marsh. This area is called Leque Island and it now has an elevated walking trail that has been popular with the community. In this presentation, WDFW staff will cover the site history, the story of how the restoration project came to be, and the results of what has been observed since the project.

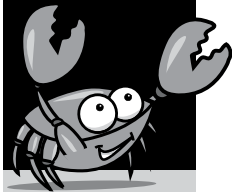
December 11, 2022, 4-6pm
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DID YOU KNOW?

Most weather-related crashes in the U.S. happen on wet pavement and during rainfall. Specifically, 74% occur on wet pavement and 46% during rainfall. About 17% occur during snow or sleet, 12% on icy pavement, and 14% take place on snowy or slushy pavement. Only 3% happen in the presence of fog.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

11am-4pm at Kristoferson Farm, Camano Island (across from Plaza). Join us for this free event and celebrate the holidays! Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies, taste wines, farm preserves and baked goods; and shop our farm products. Santa will be there too!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

CHALKBOARD ART (FOR ADULTS)

Join local artist Jessica Mohr to create beautiful chalkboard art. For adults. Limited space, sign up early. 360-387-5150.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

AMERICAN LEGION PRIME RIB DINNER

4pm until gone at 26921 - 88 Ave NW, Stanwood. Delicious prime rib, baked potato, veggies, green salad, roll and dessert. \$20 adults 12 and under \$10.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

NOTEWORTHY WINTER RECITAL 2022

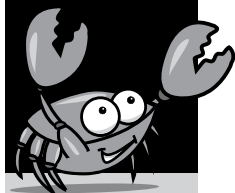
4pm at Warm Beach Free Methodist Church, 20815 Marine Drive, Stanwood. Enjoy the Christmas season and support our amazing students. There will be many beautiful performances.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

MAMA DIRTY SKIRT

7:30pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282. Classic Rock, Motown, Rhythm and Blues. Rich harmonies and bluesy vocals combine with crafty instrumentalists and inventive solos.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Facebook causes you to overestimate how happy your friends are and, in turn, makes you more depressed.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

9am-2pm at Hazel Blue Acres, 430 Hevly Rd, Silvana. Fabulous Refreshments, Gift Ideas, Fishing Pond for Kids, Prizes, Scone Saturday & Holiday Photo Backdrop.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10-11

ANTIQUE AND VINTAGE SWAP MEET

9am-4pm at the Stillaguamish Grange on the fairgrounds in Stanwood. Lots of local vendors offering vintage, antiques, and collectibles plus holiday gifts!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

VOICES OF HOPE CONCERT

2pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 27201 99th Avenue NW, Stanwood. This is Housing Hope's only fundraiser for Lincoln Hill and Lervick Family Villages here in Stanwood. Eric Ronning, the Music Director at Stanwood High School is our conductor in charge. The concert will feature choirs from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Stanwood High School and Cantabile Chamber Choir. Enjoy incredible music and learn more about Housing Hope and their impact on our community. Concert is free, but donations through a free-will offering will be appreciated. There will also be a Silent Auction featuring creative and unique gift baskets and gift certificates. There is also a Bake Sale.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

"FROM ISLAND TO TIDAL MARSH"

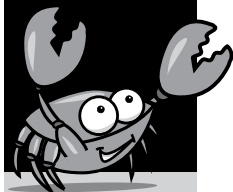
4-6pm at Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center. Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife and partners transformed the landscape between Camano Island and Stanwood over the last three years by removing dikes and returning the area to tidal marsh. This area is called Leque Island and it now has an elevated walking trail that has been popular with the community. In this presentation, WDFW staff will cover the site history, the story of how the restoration project came to be, and the results of what has been observed.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

WINTER CONCERT AND BAKE SALE

Stanwood High School Band concert. 7pm at SHS Performing Arts Center.

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

There is such an expansive collection of books under the British library in their archive, that if a person could read 5 books per day it would take them 80,000 years to complete.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

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, DECEMBER 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.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

AFTERNOON WITH SANTA

2-5pm at Arrowhead Ranch, 615 Arrowhead Rd, Camano. Join us for this free community event. Enjoy a cup of hot cocoa and bring your camera for pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Presented by the Camano Center and Arrowhead Ranch.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

FAMILY STORYTIME WITH JENNIFER

10am at Camano Island Library. Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and creative activities together as a family to prepare for the wonder of reading. A play time or art activity may follow.

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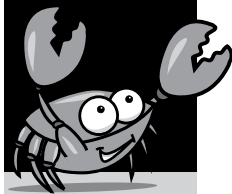


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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

BABY STORYTIME WITH VICKY

10:30am at Stanwood Library. Wiggle, giggle and bond with your baby through stories, happy songs, rhymes, and activities that inspire a love of reading. A play time or art activity may follow.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

STORYTIME SNIPPETS

6:30 PM Online event. Enjoy stories, sing along songs, rhymes and fun activities. To view, please visit the Sno-Isle Libraries Facebook or YouTube pages.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

CITY OF STANWOOD VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Have a conversation with city staff about the future of downtown Stanwood including promoting a healthy mix of commercial and residential uses. 5:30pm. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83316679106> Webinar ID: 833 1667 9106 Telephone: 253-205-0468.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME WITH VICKY

10am at Stanwood Library. Share fun books, songs, and creative activities with your preschooler to prepare young minds for the adventure of reading. A play time or art activity may follow.

CONSUMER ALERT:

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Exercise caution when purchasing direct-to-consumer hearing products over the counter (OTC) or online. The Attorney General cautions all consumers to beware of medical scams, including the sale of hearing aids by unlicensed dispensers.

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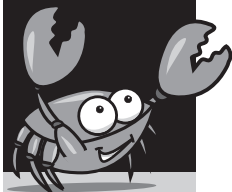
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Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

Crows can remember the faces of individual humans. They can also hold a grudge.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Girls Basketball vs Ferndale. JV & Frosh: 5:40pm. Varsity: 7:15pm.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

ART, DRINK & BE MERRY!

SCAAC is hosting an Open House at The Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center. 5:30-7:30 PM.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

TEEN LATE NIGHT

Grades 9-12, 4PM-6:30PM at the Community Resource Center of Stanwood Camano. Teen Late Night is a safe place for teens to come and connect over food & fun. Activities have included outings, classes, celebrations, help with school work and more!



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

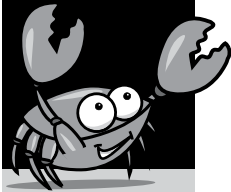
2-5pm Zoom event. Hospice support does not end with the death of the patient. Caregivers and family members can receive bereavement support up to one year after their loved one's passing. We offer free group counseling and a library with grief support materials. The holidays can be particularly difficult for those who have recently lost a loved one. If this is your case, join us for Hope for the Holidays, an online group session. Pre-register by calling 360-814-5589.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

ART CENTER OPEN HOUSE

SCAAC is excited to officially announce that we're building an art center in west Stanwood! With the community's support, the future art center will feature art in its galleries and sculpture garden, offer classes and workshops in newly designed studios, and host community events. The center will be a vital and communal art space dedicated to our region's passion for the arts. Celebrate the big news with us at our Open House! We'll be at the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center chatting about the art center, revealing the Mobile Art Center designs and enjoying delicious food & bevs provided by Tapped!

Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

CHILL DEVILLE

7:30pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282. Playing a fun, wide ranging mix of classic rock, blues, R&B and a few originals.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Boys Wrestling vs Marysville Pilchuck. JV: 5:45pm. Varsity: 7pm.
Boys Varsity Swim vs Monroe. 3pm at Stanwood YMCA.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

SHS CHOIR CONCERT

7pm at the Stanwood High School Performing Arts Center. Free to attend.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

TODDLER STORYTIME WITH ALEX

10am at Stanwood Library. Jump and bounce together into a world of stories, music, and movements that nurture the desire to read in toddlers. A play time or art activity may follow.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

HOLIDAY ORIGAMI

3:30pm at Stanwood Library Meeting Room. Fold a Star Box and a Star Book, perfect for holiday gifts!

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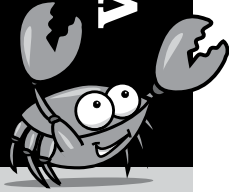
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SOLVING THE MYSTERY OF THE UNIVERSE

So they found this dinosaur egg in China a few years back, stuck it in a museum drawer and just recently some researcher noticed a bone protruding from the fossilized shell. Meaning, the dinosaur was hatching when Chickengeddon occurred about 70 million years ago, proof to believers in evolution that birds evolved from dinosaurs and proof to the disbelievers in evolution that Trump is still President and possibly Lord of the Universe.

We really don't need to relitigate the Monkey Trial here, but what is salient is the Best By date of that egg. NASA is launching a new telescope far more powerful than the Hubble which will orbit a million miles away from Earth and can peer back in time to way beyond the era when giant chickens roamed, back close to the Big Bang.

I'm 71 years old in a species that's only 200,000 years old and civilized for only 6000 years, at least what passes for civilized, in a universe with millions of galaxies and more stars than grains of sand on every beach in the world. I'm like a single cell creature floating in a puddle wondering, Gee, how big is my puddle and maybe wondering if there are other puddles and if mine is drying up or growing bigger. And if I can wonder about such things, maybe I'm somehow unique in the Cosmos, maybe even godlike or at least a creature in the image of a Creator if I happen to posit One.

But mostly I think I'm just passing through, a very very small speck of sentience in a vast Unknowable, making up stories, singing little ditties, creating my own puddles, swimming in a sea without end and maybe without a beginning and probably who the hell knows. When all is said and done, when our sun burns itself out and our big headed species has become refugees on other star systems or else left indecipherable hieroglyphs on monuments no one or no thing will ever read, the question we trouble ourselves with will remain unanswered: Did the chicken come first or the egg? All I know for certain is I'm definitely the wrong guy to ask.







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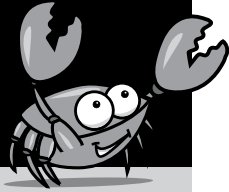


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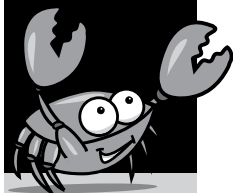
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Directions: 1. Roll out some salt dough and press your child's foot into the dough. Carefully cut around the edge of the footprint using a sharp knife. Make a small hole at the top of the footprint if you want to hang your keepsake. Leave it to dry or bake it in the oven at a low temperature for a few hours. 2. Once your keepsake is completely hard you are ready to start painting. Start by painting the penguins belly white and then paint the rest of the footprint black. Add eyes and a beak once the black paint has dried. Seal your keepsake with a coat of mod podge sealer. 3. Cut out a thin strip of felt to make a scarf. We cut a few snips at the end of the scarf. Glue the scarf onto the penguin. If you are going to hang your penguin add thread or a pipe cleaner through the hole at the top. 4. To make a hat for your footprint penguin cut out a rectangle of felt. To make a rim fold over a small piece of felt at the bottom of the rectangle and use double sided tape to keep in place. Bend the felt around to make a cylinder shape and stick it into place, again using double sided tape (check for size to make sure the hat fits your penguin). Put the cylinder of felt onto the penguins head and tie a small piece of thread around the top to pull the hat in at the top and create a bobble.

Easy Salt Dough Recipe: Mix 2 cups of plain flour and 1 cup of salt together in a large bowl. Add 1 cup of water. Add it in slowly as you may need less. Knead the mixture into a dough. Get creating!

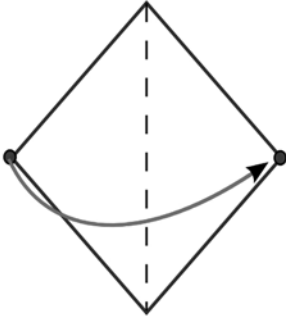
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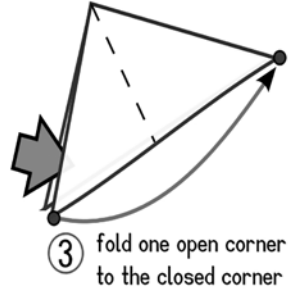
Fold a jumping grasshopper

You need a square sheet of paper !

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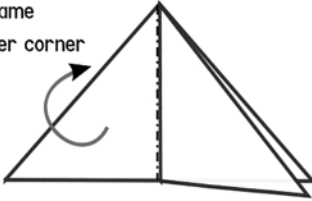


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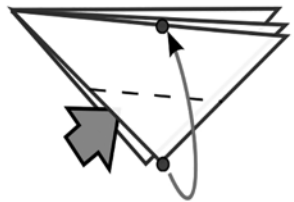


③ fold one open corner to the closed corner

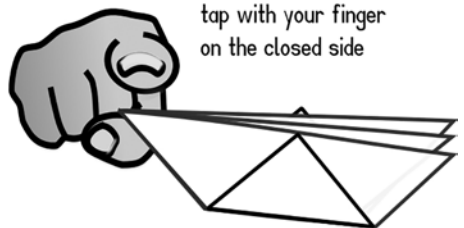
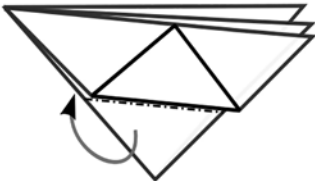
④ turn the triangle and do the same with the other corner



⑤ fold the tip of the triangle on the long side



⑥ do the same with the second tip



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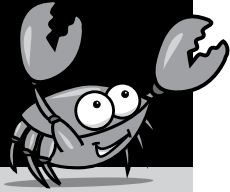
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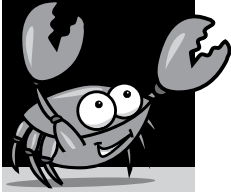


"I took a picture of a sunset here on Camano facing Whidbey that was unusual." Photo by Nanette York.



"Autumn dog." Photo by Josh Hild.

Artist of the Week



STEPHEN DALE EDWARDS

Northwest artist Stephen Dale Edwards creates paintings and figurative sculptures in glass, wood, and metal. He received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the California College of Art and Crafts in Oakland, and a Master of Fine Arts degree from the University of Iowa. He studied glassblowing at the Pratt Fine Arts Center in Seattle and Pilchuck Glass School in Stanwood.

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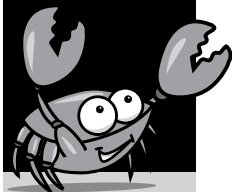
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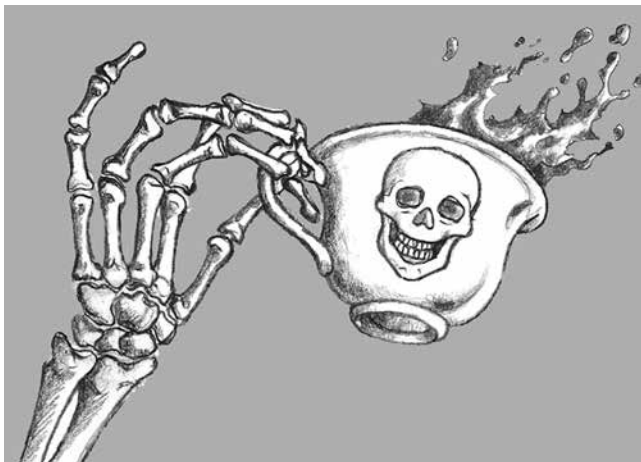
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Death Cafés objective is 'to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most of their (finite) lives'. A Death Cafe is a group directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives, or themes. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counselling session. Come have cake, tea, and companionable conversations around a kitchen table. I've been facilitating Death Café's monthly in Everett for over three years and will now be hosting them on Camano Island. I find every meeting interesting, and each is different from the last. There is laughter, camaraderie, and acceptance. There are regular folks who come monthly as a place to be at ease with their (socially unacceptable) interest of death. There are folks who come once to satisfy their curiosity. Some have a loved one close to death. This is a place to hear stories from others and to get help finding answers. No one in the group is an expert. All participants bring their own wisdom and collectively that adds up. Read more at: www.Deathcafe.com. If you have questions, please call Vicki Tracy @ 425-239-9166. Upcoming Dates: Jan 18th, 2023. Feb 15th, 2023. 6pm-8pm. Ages 18 and over.

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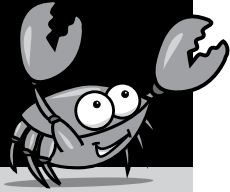
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SANTA WISHES AND SANTA LETTERS

Santa mail wanted, Young and Old. Preview Properties NW in Stanwood has helped 5 families with their Christmas list. This year they welcome your Santa letters and wish list as well as nominations for families in need of a little help from Santa. Mail Box located at 10123 270th St NW Stanwood. If your child would like a letter back from Santa please include a self addressed envelope. For all nominations please be sure to include contact information, All will be kept anonymous. For any further information call 360-629-3400 ask for Sue or Danica Head Elfs Or email THENORTHPOLEMAILBOX@GMAIL.COM.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE

Nov 29-Dec 23 2022 (Tue, Wed, Sat). Location: SC Food Bank. Eligibility: 0-18 yrs old + Food Bank member. We provide free brand new gifts for Christmas! Food Bank members can shop for their children with assistance from volunteers. We will be open for folks to come shop from 9am-3pm, except for Dec 23 we will be open 9am-6pm. Walk-ins welcome, no appointment necessary. GOT QUESTIONS? EMAIL programcoordinator@scfbs.org. PHONE 360-629-2789.

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GREETINGS FROM THE NORTH POLE POST OFFICE

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. And the Postal Service™ can help you prove it when Santa replies to your child's letter — complete with the North Pole Postmark! The Greetings from the North Pole Post Office program adds to the excitement of Christmas and is ideal for getting kids interested in letter writing, stamps and penmanship. How to get a letter postmarked from the North Pole: Have the child write a letter to Santa and place it in an envelope addressed to: Santa Claus, North Pole. Write a personalized response to the child's letter and sign it "From Santa." Insert both letters into an envelope, and address it to the child. Add the return address: SANTA, NORTH POLE, to the envelope. Ensure a First-Class Mail stamp is affixed to the envelope. Place the complete envelope into a larger envelope, with appropriate postage, and address it to:

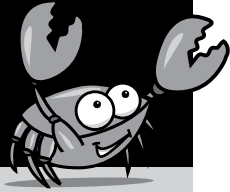
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We recommend sending your letters by December 7 so that they can be received by the Anchorage, AK, Postmaster no later than December 14. Santa's helpers in Anchorage, AK, will take care of the rest. Be sure to share the experience on social media using: #GreetingsFrom-TheNorthPole.

THE 12 PROMISES GROUP

of Alcoholics Anonymous holds an open meeting every Saturday from 8 - 9:30 am at the Camano Lutheran Church, 850 S. Heichel Rd., Camano Island. Newcomers are welcome.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Deep snow can sometimes appear blue in color because the extra layers of snow create a filter for light.



CAMANO FIRE'S ANNUAL SANTA RUN

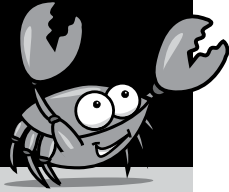
Santa and his elves are back for the 2022 Santa Run. They'll make a guest appearance at the Cama Beach Winterfest from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10. The annual Santa Run begins Monday, Dec. 12, and runs through Thursday, Dec. 15. It begins at 6 p.m. each night and wraps up at 7:30 p.m. Santa's elves will collect donations for Camano Fire's annual food and gift card drive each night during the Santa Run. Is Santa coming to your neighborhood? We've added a few new neighborhoods (on a trial basis) for the 2022 Santa Run. To see if we'll be on your street, check out the 2022 Santa Run Route Map online: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=14dFrsvakk4Jeluw9k-3dcE9WZMIYzMm8&usp=sharing/> This map is best viewed on a large screen (like a tablet or desktop computer). Routes are color-coded: Red for Monday, Orange for Tuesday, Green for Wednesday & Blue for Thursday. Zoom in on the map to see exact routes and what streets we'll visit. Uncheck boxes next to each day to turn off that day's route. Check the box to turn that day's route back on again. On your mobile device? Pinch the screen to zoom in. iPhone users - Tap the 2021 Santa Run banner at the bottom of your screen to see the map legend. Android users - Closing out of the legend closes out of the map entirely. You may need to click the link again to see the legend and color-coded routes. What is the Santa Run? If this is your first holiday on the island, you're in for a treat. Santa and his elves visit two to three neighborhoods each night. Santa's sleigh is towed by a brightly decorated fire engine. Santa's elves walk and ride along collecting food and gift card donations and handing out candy canes. North County Firefighter Local 3438 will be supplying the candy canes that Santa's elves hand out each night. If routes or times change, updates will be posted to camanofire.com.



December 4, 3:00p
Saint Aidan Episcopal Church
Camano Island

Tickets:
<https://cantabilechamberchoir.org/concertstickets-1>

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DID YOU KNOW?

In the movie "Pretty Woman", The opera they were seeing was called La Traviata, which is pretty ironic because it's about a prostitute who falls in love with a wealthy man.

CASA LIGHTS OF LOVE TREE

at RE/MAX Elevate. Celebrate the holidays by remembering your pet. Honor your pet with a special light this year at the Camano Animal Shelter Association's Lights of Love Tree. Donate \$5.00 and a Christmas tag with your pet's name will be hung on the Christmas tree at RE/Max Elevate at Camano Plaza. Stop in any time after Thanksgiving weekend to view your pet's tag. Your donation can be in honor or in memory of your pet and will help the dogs and cats at CASA, the Camano Animal Shelter Association. Forms are available at the shelter or online at www.camanoanimalshelter.org.

CHRISTMAS ROOM

Camano Chapel is once again holding an event designed to bring Christmas joy and the Spirit of giving to impacted families in our church and our community. The Christmas Room provides those in need the opportunity to "shop" from an amazing array of age-specific toys, dolls, clothing items, household goods, and other special items and to choose presents for their children, ages birth to 18 years. Christmas Room 2022 will be held on December 12th from 9:00 – 1:30 in our Worship Center. We work in tandem with His Pantry providing food shopping as well as gift shopping the same day.



WARM BEACH LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS - DRIVE THRU

The Lights of Christmas is a holiday tradition for families. Spectacular lights, dazzling displays, and costume characters create a fantastic Christmas experience for people of all ages. Plus, listen to Christmas music from the comfort of your car on The Lights of Christmas radio station 101.9 FM. Grab your keys, pack up the kids, and get out of the house for an event with Christmas spirit. December 1-4, 8-11, 14-23, 26-31. Get tickets at <https://www.thelightsofchristmas.com/>

"THE SPOT" - TUESDAYS AND SATURDAYS

at 9831 271st St NW, Stanwood. For middle and high schoolers. Tuesdays drop in: 2:30-5pm. Games, food, hang out. Saturday Night: 7:30-10pm. Food, bonfires, pool, and more! Hosted by Youth Dynamics Stilly Valley. 425-879-7633.

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DID YOU KNOW?

A Brussels airline flight to Vienna was aborted because the pilot was attacked in the cockpit. The attacker was a passenger's cat.



NORTH COUNTY FIRE SANTA RUN 2022 SANTA RUN

The annual Fire Department Santa Run food drive is embarking on its 30th year! Santa visits neighborhoods throughout our city and collects nonperishable food items for local foodbanks with firefighters and friends. Sponsored by North County Regional Fire Authority. Starting December 2, beginning at 5:30 p.m. weekdays, 5:00 p.m. weekends. Stanwood locations will be: 12/11 – WB Kayak Estates / Soundview Dr; 12/12 – Stanwood North / East (Cedarhome); 12/13 – Stanwood South / West (Fox Hill / Downtown). Fire department staff have escorted Santa on a 12-night convoy throughout various neighborhoods, gathering food for the Arlington Community Food Bank and the Stanwood Camano Food Bank. For a full list of the schedule, go to <https://arlingtonwa.gov/santarun>.

HOLIDAY MEALS

Dec. 17th & 21st 2022. 10AM to 3PM Wednesday & 10AM to 2PM on Saturday at Stanwood Camano Food Bank. For those who might not otherwise be able to celebrate Thanksgiving or Christmas with a special meal, the Stanwood Camano Food Bank can provide the fixings for a traditional meal for your family during the holidays. To shop our holiday market, you must be registered at the Stanwood Camano Food Bank. If you're not already registered, please pre-register by signing up to receive services (Get Help) or stop in to register Wednesdays 10AM to 3PM or Saturdays 10AM to 2PM. https://stanwoodcamanofoodbank.org/stanwood_events/holiday-meals/

WARM COATS FOR KIDS

at the Stanwood-Camano Food Bank now to Jan 14, 2023. Location: "New" Food Bank/Old Thrift Store. Eligibility: 0-18 years old and Food Bank Member. Newborn to 4XL. Shopping Days: Wednesdays 10am-3pm and Saturdays 10am-2pm. We accept walk-ins.

OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY & RESEARCH WEDNESDAY

Open House every Saturday, 10am-1pm at the Stanwood Area Historical Society Tolin House (between the Pearson House the Floyd Norgaard Center). Research Wednesday 1-4pm at Eldridge Center.

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GRAB A CRAB CRACKER:

from the box attached to the wall of Camano Gateway building at Freedom Park

HOLIDAY FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

Camano Island Yacht Club will hold their annual Drive for "His Pantry" Camano Island. Non-perishable food, new toys, gift cards from the IGA, and cash. The pantry really appreciates canned tuna, hearty soups and cereals. The Drive will take place on December 2nd and 3rd (Friday / Saturday) from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We hope that you will join us in making our drive a success for our community. Items can be dropped off at the Camano Island Yacht Club, 129 Sunset N. Drive, Camano Island.

CIFR HOLIDAY FOOD & GIFT CARD DRIVE

Camano Island Fire & Rescue annual holiday food and gift card drive runs through Dec. 28. Bring donations to any of our fire stations, or to our Administrative office. Every year we collect nonperishable food, pet food, and personal hygiene products to benefit the Stanwood Camano Food Bank. Gift card donations benefit The Christmas House and are used to buy holiday gifts and necessities for families in our community. We also accept donations during our Santa Run.

FAMILY HISTORY CENTER OPEN WORKSHOP

Come any Tues. (10am-noon) or Wed. (6:30-8pm), 795 Ell Rd, Camano Island (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints), and get an absolutely FREE personalized consultation. We'll show you how to discover your ancestors and get FREE access to Ancestry.com, Fold3.com military records, Newspapers.com, ArkivDigital, and other premium websites. Visit our Facebook page for more information www.facebook.com/groups/CamanoIslandStanwoodFHC.

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SARATOGA SANTAS

Holiday front yard display, different characters and blowmolds, On December 11 Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will be there to visit with children and take pictures. December 10th and the 17th from 5-8pm Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there in the Santa workshop for photos and a hot cocoa bar, 836 Saratoga Way, Camano.



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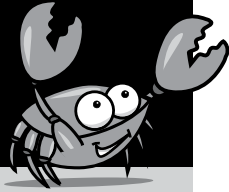
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DECEMBER QUOTE:

"God gave us memory so that we might have roses in December."

(JM Barrie).

COLOR AND LIGHT ART SHOW

Color and Light Regional Juried Art Show now to December 29 at A Guided Gallery, Stanwood. The winter collection of original art works.

HOLIDAY MARKET IN THE LOFT

Join us for the Holiday Market in the Loft at Camano Commons Marketplace now to December 24! Special treats and gifts from local artists including: Ananda Farms, Camano Cookies, DB Woodworking, Elevated Creations, Klirkidsco, Seek Adventure Co, and Silver Seahorse Designs! New vendors each week so be sure to keep checking in!

RAINY DAY ROOM PLAYGROUP

Free weekly play group on Thursdays at Community Resource Center for ages 0-5 and their grown-ups! Grown ups and kids will benefit from friendship and community....getting out of the house. www.crc-sc.org.

A SIMPLE GESTURE REMINDER:

Just a reminder that our drivers will be picking up donations to the food bank on Saturday December 10th. A Simple Gesture special shopping list for December 10, 2022. ALERT! Because of the Stanwood Camano Food Bank's renovation, reduced storage, and large quantity of food received from other drives over the holidays, the food bank requested that instead of food, donors to A Simple Gesture on December 10th purchase an item for the Christmas house for teens. Although the previous request was for toys for children, the greatest need is for teens. Below is the list of most needed items. Soft throw blankets (most needed); Ear buds; Small Bluetooth speakers; Gift cards limited to \$20 at local eateries – Starbucks, Subway, Gyro Stop, Mammoth Burger, Taco Time, McDonalds, MOD Pizza, Jimmy's Pizza; Socks, Pajamas; Stocking hats.

CAMANO ISLAND FRIENDS HOLIDAY SOCIAL

Camano Island Library Friends will meet on Thursday, December 8th, at 3 p.m. at the library (848 N. Sunrise Blvd., Camano Island). Please join us in the Community Room for a brief business meeting followed by a festive holiday social featuring hot drinks and baked treats from the Camano Island Marketplace. All are welcome!

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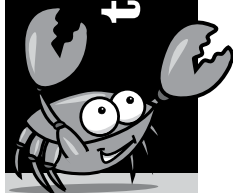
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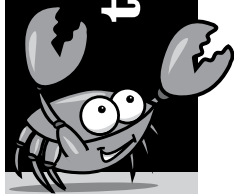
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Camano Animal Shelter Association (CASA):
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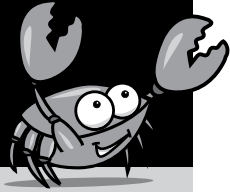
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"Medicare Basics" class December 7th, 9am. You're invited to join us. We will be explaining how your medicare benefits work and what you can expect. Free event open to the public. We will happily answer any questions. 10-11:30am at the Camano Island Library meeting room. More info: John Hart: 425-780-2289.

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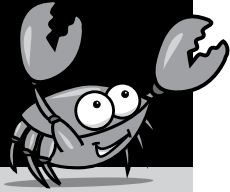


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Instructions: 1. Line a 9x9x2-inch pan with parchment paper; set aside. 2. Cut gumdrops in half using a paring knife dipped in powdered sugar to prevent sticking; set aside. 3. Using a large double boiler over medium heat, melt the butter and white chocolate chips. Add the marshmallows 1/3 at a time stirring with a wooden spoon until fully melted and smooth. 4. Remove from heat and quickly stir in gumdrops, reserving a few to dot the top. 5. Pour the mixture into the prepared pan. Use an offset spatula or your hands to spread evenly. Dot with reserved gumdrops. 6. Allow to cool and sit at room temperature overnight. Once set, use a large warm knife (run a knife under hot water and dry completely) to cut into 1 1/2 -inch pieces. Store candy in an airtight container.

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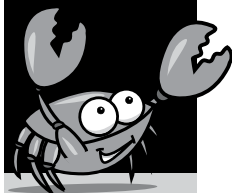
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2	High	12:27 PM	12.0	
2	Low	7:22 PM	2.7	
Sa 3	High	1:24 AM	8.2	☾
3	Low	6:33 AM	4.2	
3	High	1:04 PM	11.9	
3	Low	8:04 PM	1.2	
Su 4	High	2:46 AM	9.2	☾
4	Low	7:40 AM	5.3	
4	High	1:38 PM	11.8	
4	Low	8:41 PM	0.0	
M 5	High	3:52 AM	10.2	☉
5	Low	8:42 AM	6.2	
5	High	2:09 PM	11.5	
5	Low	9:14 PM	-0.9	
Tu 6	High	4:45 AM	11.0	☉
6	Low	9:38 AM	7.0	
6	High	2:40 PM	11.2	
6	Low	9:45 PM	-1.5	
W 7	High	5:30 AM	11.6	☉
7	Low	10:30 AM	7.5	
7	High	3:10 PM	10.8	
7	Low	10:17 PM	-1.8	
Th 8	High	6:10 AM	12.0	☉
8	Low	11:19 AM	7.9	
8	High	3:43 PM	10.4	
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9	Low	12:05 PM	8.0	
9	High	4:17 PM	10.0	
9	Low	11:24 PM	-1.7	
Sa 10	High	7:18 AM	12.1	☉
10	Low	12:51 PM	8.0	
10	High	4:54 PM	9.6	
Su 11	Low	12:01 AM	-1.4	☉
11	High	7:52 AM	12.0	
11	Low	1:36 PM	7.9	
11	High	5:34 PM	9.2	
M 12	Low	12:39 AM	-1.0	☾
12	High	8:27 AM	11.9	
12	Low	2:25 PM	7.6	
12	High	6:20 PM	8.7	
Tu 13	Low	1:20 AM	-0.3	☾
13	High	9:05 AM	11.8	
13	Low	3:20 PM	7.2	
13	High	7:13 PM	8.1	
W 14	Low	2:03 AM	0.4	☾
14	High	9:43 AM	11.7	
14	Low	4:17 PM	6.5	
14	High	8:18 PM	7.6	
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