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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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#### FRIDAY, JULY 28 PREHISTORIC PUGET SOUND



Join Snohomish Conservation District from 10am-12pm at Cama Beach for a family friendly look at some of the huge creatures that used to call this area home, and learn about the people that lived alongside them! Compare teeth with a mammoth and learn about a few of the living fossils in our oceans today.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 28 FORD GIESBRECHT PERFORMANCE

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

#### FRIDAY, JULY 28 POP UP YOGA

Gather with friends and join us at noon for some outdoor yoga at Camano Commons. Spread out and feel the grass under your feet as we come together and celebrate the warmth of summer. This is a FREE community event, but ask you to please bring a donation for the Stanwood/Camano FOOD BANK.





Every year, visitors at the Minnesota State Fair eat 500,000 corndogs. This seems like a lot, but it's actually only one corndog per seven visitors.

FAIR FACT:

#### FRIDAY, JULY 28 AFTER MIDNIGHT

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

#### FRIDAY, JULY 28 STANWOOD FARMERS MARKET



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



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# Stanwood-Camano Rotary Parade Hometown Fun!



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#### SATURDAY, JULY 29 SOUTH CAMANO GRANGE BREAKFAST

8-11am at the South Camano Grange, 2227 S Camano Drive. Enjoy breakfast with your neighbor. Pancakes or French toast served with scrambled eggs, ham & sausage, along with coffee, juice, or tea

#### SATURDAY, JULY 29 BLOOM FEST ~ LAVENDER FESTIVAL



10am-6pm at Our Legacy Fields Lavender Farm, 27031 36th Avenue NW, Stanwood. Live music, food trucks, artists and vendors, u-pick lavender and games for the family. Admission is free.

SATURDAY, JULY 29 **THE SILVANA FAIR** 



The Silvana Fair is an annual community fair in Silvana. The field behind Silvana's Viking Hall comes alive with the sounds of fun as the Fair comes to town. More information and a copy of the informative Fair Book, visit www.SilvanaFair.com and we'll see you at the fair! Read more about the Silvana Fair on page 41.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 29 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.

#### FAIR FACT:

The first state fair was held in 1841 in Syracuse, New York. It was a two-day affair attended by somewhere between 10,000 and 15,000 people.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 29 3RD ANNUAL CAMANO KIDS FEST



10am-2pm at Camano Commons, Terry's Corner. Local organizations and businesses are coming together to provide a free day of activities and fun for all ages! Special booth this year from Imagine Children's Museum will feature science projects and activities from 11am-1pm.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 29 2ND CHANCE THRIFT SHOP CHRISTMAS IN JULY



9am-4pm. Our 2nd Chance Thrift Shop Christmas in July is here to replace our Everything Christmas sale that we normally have in October. It's the same great holiday treasures with a twist! 1335 SR 532, Camano. 360-629-6142.



FAIR FACT:

At the Texas State Fair you'll find, among other fried things, fried beer

#### SATURDAY, JULY 29 COMMUNAL DANCE & THE LAND

10am. You are invited to an opening 20-minute slide-show presentation on "Ritual Landscapes & Communal Celebration" (including Neolithic Britain), followed by the 40-minute guided Practice with Nature. Bridging complementary healing, vibrational medicine, and eco-shamanic practice — with gentle musics, you are invited to deepen your self-healing skills in this seamless "Dance". For persons of all belief, background, and physical ability. Free event with organic teas. RSVP. email: HighAdventureGuide@hotmail.com.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 29 DR JOP FUNK SHOP

7:30pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282. This is one of the Seattle area's, PRE-MIER PROFESSIONAL BANDS featuring top-internationally-acclaimed musicians. From rock, to funk, to blues, to jazz, to R&B, and a little country, these musicians love doing it all.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 29 SWINGNUTS JAZZ MUSICAL PERFORMANCE AT CAMA BEACH



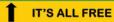
6-8 p.m. Swingnuts Jazz will rock Cama Beach's Great Hall with jazz favorites plus snappy originals, perfect for listening and dancing. Styles include Swing, Cool Blues, Hot Jazz, Bossa Nova and Tango. Free! Cama Beach Cafe will offer drinks and appetizers for purchase.

### **STANWOOD**

♥Kid's Fun ♥Lunch
 ♥Car Wash ♥Clothes
 ♥Local Resources
 ♥Hearing & Vision Screening

#### Saturday, August 19th 11:00am—3:00pm

New View Church 8028 272nd St Stanwood (2 blocks west of Stanwood High School)



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**FAIR FACT:** 

The Colorado State Fair cre-

don't do livestock. There are two categories in the Pet Rock Contest: Best Dressed and Best Rolling.

## SATURDAY, JULY 29 14TH ANNUAL QUILTS ON THE BEACH



10:00 am – 4:00 pm. See Cama Beach transformed into a colorful display of handmade quilts! Join us for live music from The South End String Band and A Band of Friends, great food from the Cama Beach Cafe and Pure Smoke BBQ, quilt raffles, kid's activities, and more! We'll have a large selection of new and used quilts and other handmade items for sale. Hosted by the Cama Beach Quilters and Cama Beach State Park. A Discover Pass is required for parking.



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#### SATURDAY, JULY 29 MARK DUFRESNE BAND

8 pm at The Conway Muse. Blues, dancing, fun! Tickets \$17 advanced, \$20 Day of Show.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 29 KIDS 2 CAMP BENEFIT AUCTION & FAMILY FUN DAY



12:00-4:30pm at Warm Beach Camp. Join us for an in-person event full of fun and help provide an opportunity for a life-changing experience at Camp! Your donation supports camp scholarships. Silent Auction, Raffles, Live Auction. Activities include swimming, mini-golf and more! Lunch available for purchase. Your participation will help kids and families experience the joy of Camp! More info: https:// www.warmbeach.com/giving/kids-2-camp/

#### SATURDAY, JULY 29 FLORA + FAUNA'S ADOPT A PLANT

Join us at 11am-4pm at 1388 SR 532, Camano, for our "Adopt a Plant" event. What is an "Adopt a Plant"? FREE PLANTS! That's right, FREE! Why do we do it?! To encourage, foster, and spread the love for plants & nature. We'll tell you how to care for your new greenery, and help you pot it on site too!We'll be having pop ups that day with The Eclectic Sun revealing the new clothing line to hit our shelves, also sweet treats from Beat the Heat Frozen Treats to cool off, and more!

#### SATURDAY, JULY 29 SUMMER MARKET DAY

presented by Flora & Fauna, 1388 SR 532, Camano Island. 10am-5pm. We'll have tons of local vendors, food, and fun. Entry is absolutely FREE! See you there!

#### SATURDAY, JULY 29 GIRLFRIEND & GRATITUDE EVENT

10-11 am at the Camano Shop, 913 SR-532 Camano Island. Do you often have the best intentions of sending thank you or greeting cards, but never seem to have the time? Let's make it social! Gather your girlfriends (and meet new ones). We'll have some fresh iced tea, a few snacks & a comfortable place to sit. Together, we can practice gratitude by getting out all those cards we have always dreamed of sending. We will even provide the stamps & can send them for you!

The Crab Cracker had compiled this list of current events, derived from submissions & content from various resources, with effort to ensure accuracy. We recommend that you contact the venue or event to confirm the info provided.

Thank you.

## FREE SUMMER MEALS Children 18 & Under

Good nutrition is essential for effective learning every day, all year long.

#### **Provided By:**



#### Breakfast

8:30-9:30 Mon-Fri Twin City Elementary Stanwood High School

#### Lunch

10:30-11:30 Mon-Fri Twin City Elementary Stanwood High School

#### Summer Backpack Program

Pick Up Locations: Stanwood Food Bank or Lost Lake on Camano. Scan QR code to





Making Life Work is a PARTNERSHIP between community organizations to identify and address unmet needs within the Stanwood-Camano community. The goal is to ensure that our most vulnerable community members have their BASIC NEEDS MET and can LIVE HEALTHY & HAPPY LIVES.

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#### FAIR FACT:

The Iowa State Fair used to have a women's rolling pin throwing contest, but after a few too many mishaps, the kitchen implements were deemed too dangerous. Now women throw rubber chickens filled with sand instead for a safer. more ridiculous contest.

#### SATURDAY-SUNDAY, JULY 29-30

THE SKAGIT RIVER PRODUCE FARMERS MARKET

10am-3pm. Many wonderful products include produce and hand made arts and crafts. The vendors change every day so come often! Come enjoy the beautiful scenery, live music, and fun products in Conway, I-5 at the Highway 534 exit on the east side. For more information contact MarketCoordinator@SRPFarmersMarket.org.

## SUNDAY, JULY 30

9:30 am near the break in the sea wall on the south end of Cama Beach. Join our Volunteers to learn about the critters who live in the Salish Sea. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

## MONDAY, JULY 31

Join Snohomish Conservation District from 10am-12pm at Cama Beach for a family friendly look at a few of the mammals that call Puget Sound home! Compare teeth with a sea lion, feel harbor seal fur, and learn what it means to galumph!

#### MONDAY, JULY 31 LOW TIDE BEACH WALK



10 am near the break in the sea wall on the south end of Cama Beach. Join our Volunteers to learn about the critters who live in the Salish Sea. All children must be accompanied by an adult.



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#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 GUIDED HIKE

2:30 pm at the Cama Beach Drop-Off Shelter. Get out on the trails with park staff to learn about the human and natural history of the park. Topics include park history, wildlife, and so much more! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Weather dependent.

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

#### 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, AUGUST 1 THE SLAPDASH PUPPET CO. PRESENTS!

World of Princess Penny, a make-believe story filled with royalty, scoundrels and the unexpected! After the show, they will share some of their secrets for making puppets and bringing them to life! This same program will be offered at both 11 am and 2 pm on August 1 at the Stanwood Library. Please register for one session only. Register at https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/events/646fbfd-064c37d34008644e0



#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – STANWOOD



6-8pm at Stanwood Station Municipal Lot, 88th Ave NW, Stanwood. National Night Out Against Crime is an annual community-building campaign that promotes public safety, community partnerships, and neighborhood camaraderie to make our community a safer, more caring place to live. Together, we are making that happen. The Stanwood Police Department is asking you and your family to come out and enjoy a FREE community event. You will be able to see several live demonstrations, such as the Jaws of Life and a K9 demonstration. Kids can climb into a Police Car, Boat, Fire Truck, and Ambulance. Our event sponsors will be providing FREE hot dogs, soda, and other treats. Listen to live music and participate in many other fun activities for the kids while checking out over 20 vendor booths.



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FAIR FACT:

At the Maryland

State Fair, there

is a birthing

center where

visitors can

watch cows.

pigs, sheep,

and baby chicks

being born

every day.

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – CAMANO



National Night Out is coming back to Camano Island. Community members are invited to join first responders at the Vista/Madrona and Mabana stations from 6 to 8 p.m. Both the Vista/Madrona and Mabana fire stations will offer free hot dogs, fun kids' activities, and a chance to see fire engines and ambulances. The Vista fire station is located at 273 N West Camano Drive. The Mabana fire station is located at 3651 South Camano Drive.



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#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 PICKLEBALL DEMO

The Camano Stanwood Pickleball Association will be conducting a demonstration of the fastest growing sport in the US at the Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Rd, Camano Island. This sport is recommended for all ages, but especially for older adults. Come take a look and see about playing! Demonstration is 12:30pm to 1:30pm. Register at info@camanopickleball.com.

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 SOCIAL MEETUP

Join us at the Community Resource Center in Stanwood from 5:30-7:00 pm for a social meetup for autistic women, girls, transfeminine, transmasculine, nonbinary, and autistic people of all marginalized genders. We will have refreshments and get to know each other. We ask that you be fragrance free. Please contact Lei if you have any accessibility or other concerns. lei@awnnetwork.org 425-791-0869 (text only please).

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 1 STAY AND PLAY!

10:00 AM – Camano Island Library. This is an opportunity for children, birth to kindergarten, and their caregivers to come play with fun and educational toys provided by the library. During this hour, caregivers and children will engage in in-person play, socialize with others, and reconnect with the library. Drop in anytime during this event.

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#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2 LEGO® AFTERNOON

2:00 PM - Stanwood Library. Stop by for an afternoon of LEGO®! Build alone or with friends -- we'll provide everything you need.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

12 pm near the break in the sea wall on the south end of Cama Beach. Join our Volunteers to learn about the critters who live in the Salish Sea. During this low tide, a guide will be available to point out invertebrates and help you identify them. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2 JOG AT THE AC RETREAT!

Noon at the AC Retreat, Silvana, WA. Join Athleisure Collective to take a moment in your day to jog, walk, run, ride & move forward... any way, any pace is great! This is a free community event. SIGN UP at https://www.athleisurecollective.com/eventformsignup to be added to the list and to get the address for the AC RETREAT location.

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2 POLLINATION STATION

Join Snohomish Conservation District from 10am-12pm at Cama Beach for a family friendly investigation of our local pollinators and flowers! What is a bee's favorite color? What does it mean for a butterfly to "puddle"? Which flowers are going to turn into tasty berries this summer? Visit to learn the answers and more fun facts and activities!

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 ROBBIE DEE'S TRIBUTE TO ELVIS

7:30pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282. Robbie Dee has been an Elvis fan ever since seeing the movie "Blue Hawaii" as a teenager growing up in Edmonds. He is a past winner at the Seattle Elvis Invitationals and the Penticton Elvis Festival (British Columbia). Robbie performs all eras of Elvis music, from the 1950s - 1970s. Robbie is backed by the Graceland Station Band, a seasoned group of musicians who have backed many award-winning Elvis Tribute Artists.



FAIR FACT:

The California

State Fair in

Sacramento is

the only state

fair that has its

own monorail.

The monorail

only runs for

two weeks every year.



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#### FAIR FACT:

If you toss a pigeon just right, they will flop end over end like a bowling ball. So, naturally, people do this competitively at the lowa State Fair.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 FOLD PERPLEXING HEXAFLEXAGONS!

1:00 PM – Stanwood Library. Hexaflexagons will perplex and flex your brain! Learn to fold these fun conundrums to confound your friends! Age 7 and up.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 PARKS & PLAY

10-11:30am. The Community Resource Center outdoor program for ages 0-5 and their parents/caregivers. Explore our local parks. During group time we will be offering an activity such as nature art, scavenger hunts, sports, water fun, obstacle courses, and more. Go to www. crc-sc.org/events for more info.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 INCLUSIVE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



8:45pm at 1388 SR 532 Camano Island. Event by Flora & Fauna. Join us for an inclusive family movie night at the Creative Studio! We're watching Super Mario Bros outside on the lawn! Bring blankets, pillows, lawn chairs, snacks, treats, and drinks to get comfy and watch the show. This event is free and open to all ages and everyone. There will be a sensory tent setup for anyone who may need a break with earplugs to help with noise cancellation.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 JIMMY WRIGHT BAND

7:30pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282. Catering a wide variety of music.



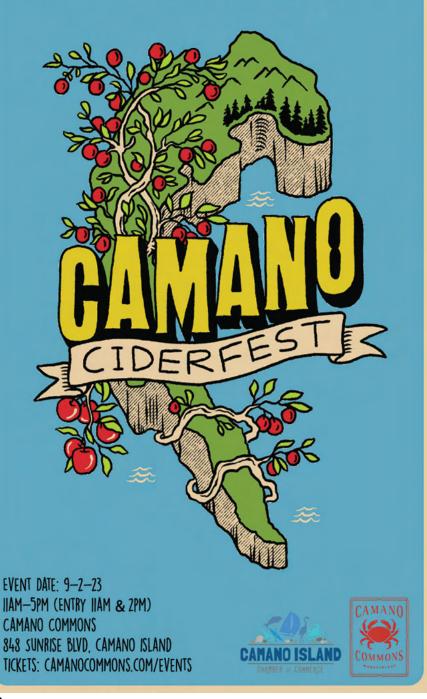
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#### FIRST ANNUAL CAMANO CIDERFEST FEATURING LOCAL WASHINGTON CRAFT CIDERSI



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#### FAIR FACT:

Carousels with wooden horses were first used to give horseback riding lessons to Turkish and Arabian cavalry members. When crusaders returned to Europe, they brought the device back with them.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 FORD GIESBRECHT PERFORMANCE

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#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 **"NEW BEGINNINGS" FIRST FRIDAY LIT LAB**

The First Friday of every Month the Conway Muse presents the "New Beginnings" Lit Lab from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Writers and readers share their work or favorite pieces that fit the theme. Readings limited to 5 minutes. Priority given to original work. Everyone is welcome to join. For more information, please contact Kristin at kristinj2468@ gmail.com.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

#### **BEACH 1 GALLERY ARTIST RECEPTION**

5-7pm. for Resha Hanson. Resha Hanson is a fine artist, muralist, and graphic designer. After earning her BFA in Graphic Design from the University of Hawaii, world travels filled her soul with rich experiences that continue to inspire her work. Her training in design influences her painting, resulting in beautiful compositions that combine graphic qualities with fine art. Her art will be displayed and for sale the entire month of August. The Gallery is open 7 days a week. We will be serving pop, wine, bottled water and bags of chips for the reception. 1243 Beach Drive, Camano Island.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

#### STANWOOD FARMERS MARKET

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

#### FRIDAY-SUNDAY, AUGUST 4-6 STANWOOD CAMANO COMMUNITY FAIR



"The Best Lil Fair in the West!". Join us for some "Homegrown Fun!" Get more info at https://www.stanwoodcamanofair.org/

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 STANWOOD CAMANO ROTARY PARADE



Join us downtown Stanwood for some Hometown Fun! The parade begins at 11AM at the East end of 271st St. The route may be altered for this year's event due to road construction. Your local Rotary volunteers look forward to seeing the community come together for this fun annual tradition. Parade entrants include dignitaries, politicians, commercial entries, nonprofit organizations, churches, school groups and clubs, music groups, animals, and floats. Trophies are awarded in nine categories.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

#### CARS AND COFFEE

7am-10am at 848 N Sunrise Blvd, Camano Island. Free Event by The Baked Cafe at Camano Commons Marketplace. You provide the cars, we provide the coffee! All cars welcome. Lets fill this place up!

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 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.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 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, AUGUST 5 JOEL ASTLEY BAND

The multi-award winning Joel Astley Band returns to the Conway Muse at 8 pm. Joel lays down great music with his killer band. Come see why this band has rocketed to the top! Advanced Tickets \$17.50 (Click on Green Ticket Link). Day of show \$20.

The Montana State Fair hosts the Ole Cow Lick Contest every year, where salt licks are judged in two categories: hand carved (carved by humans) and nature carved (carved by cow tongues).

FAIR FACT:

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#### FAIR FACT:

The lowa State Fair has an annual Outhouse Race. This event is more of an obstacle course, with dirty toilets that must be cleaned sans hands, a corn cob hiding in a cattle trough waiting to be found, and a roll of toilet paper that needs changing. The team that wins this lowbrow contest gets a golden toilet seat for a prize.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY

7:30pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282. High energy rock from the 80s, 90s, and beyond.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 GUIDED HIKE

4 pm at the Cama Beach Drop-Off Shelter. Get out on the trails with park staff to learn about the human and natural history of the park. Topics include park history, wildlife, and so much more! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Weather dependent.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 COMMUNAL DANCE & THE LAND

10am. You are invited to an opening 20-minute slide-show presentation on "Ritual Landscapes & Communal Celebration" (including Neolithic Britain), followed by the 40-minute guided Practice with Nature. Bridging complementary healing, vibrational medicine, and eco-shamanic practice — with gentle musics, you are invited to deepen your self-healing skills in this seamless "Dance". For persons of all belief, background, and physical ability. Free event with organic teas. RSVP. email: HighAdventureGuide@hotmail.com.

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#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 MAD HATTER TEA PARTY

Journey down the rabbit hole into a place of madness, TEA and enjoyment 2-6pm at The Secret Garden! Join us for a day of madness, nonsense and a spot of tea. Don't be late for this very important date. Mad is the dress code! Mad Hats, fun dresses, and over-the-top accessories. Alice in Wonderland Themed. Admission: \$55. Tickets at https://allevents.in/stanwood/mad-hatter-tea-party/10000649771111887

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 7 GUIDED HIKE

2:30 pm at the Cama Beach Drop-Off Shelter. Get out on the trails with park staff to learn about the human and natural history of the park. Topics include park history, wildlife, and so much more! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Weather dependent.

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 7 BALD EAGLES

Join Snohomish Conservation District from 10am-12pm at Cama Beach for a family friendly investigation of our local bald eagles! Take a look at one of the nests above cama beach, compare wingspans, and learn why these birds love to live on our coast!



#### AUGUST 19, 2023

at CIYC: 129 N Sunset Dr, Camano Island Doors open 3:30pm. Band plays from 5-6pm and 6:30-8pm

On August 19, the Camano Island Yacht Club will hold an outdoor membership drive concert, open to the public, featuring the Davanos. A combination of classic rock, blues, country, western, along with some of their originals. This concert will feature a special appearance of Rock N Roll Hall of Fame member Roger Fisher, a founding member of the band, "Heart."

The Davanos can always be counted on to put on a highly entertaining show, whether you come to dance or just watch and listen.

Tickets are \$35, which includes a box lunch. Purchase on line by going to: "www.camanoislandyc.com". Look for the link to Davanos concert on August 19 via Ticketspice.

Bring your own camp/lawn chairs. Liquor & sodas can be purchased at the Yacht Club bar. No outside beverages or food allowed.

So put on your dancing shoes & plan to join us on August 19!

Questions: raymccabe@ comcast.net

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#### FAIR FACT:

Every year, the Alaska State Fair has a Giant Cabbage Weigh-Off. In 2012, the winning cabbage set the world record for heaviest green cabbage at 138.25 pounds.

#### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 BUILD CHAIN REACTION MACHINES!**

1:00 PM – Stanwood Library. Work together to create cool chain reaction machines. We will provide safety glasses and lots of materials to build with...then stand back and watch the show! Register at https:// sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/events/647e01d064c37d340087d6de

#### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 8** FREE COOKING DEMO

in the barn at Hazel Blue Acres in Silvana. 2pm and 6pm at 430 Hevly Road. Samples and Recipes are included! No reservation necessary. Questions? Call 360-770-7261.

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 THE SLAPDASH PUPPET CO. PRESENTS!

10:00 AM – Camano Island Library, Join professional puppeteers Phil Morrison and Ken Mu for The Fairytale World of Princess Penny, a make-believe story filled with royalty, scoundrels and the unexpected! After the show, they will share some of their secrets for making puppets and bringing them to life!

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

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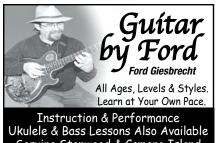
#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

#### **JOG AT THE AC RETREAT!**

Noon at the AC Retreat, Silvana, WA. Join Athleisure Collective to take a moment in your day to jog, walk, run, ride & move forward... any way, any pace is great! This is a free community event. SIGN UP at https://www.athleisurecollective.com/eventformsignup to be added to the list and to get the address for the AC RETREAT location

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10:30 AM – Stanwood Library. Explore the fascinating and fragile world in your own backyard, as you wiggle, sing, and dance your way through this interactive concert.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 EARTHQUAKES & THE NW FAULTS



Presentation by The Camano Preparedness Group. This program discusses the cause of earthquakes and the history of the local NW faults. Also discussed is what to expect from these faults when they do break and how to prepare. This program will be held at the Vista Fire Station, 273 N. West Camano Dr. at 7pm.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 PARKS & PLAY

10-11:30am. The Community Resource Center outdoor program for ages 0-5 and their parents/caregivers. Explore our local parks. During group time we will be offering an activity such as nature art, scavenger hunts, sports, water fun, obstacle courses, and more. Go to www.crc-sc.org/events for more info.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 ALOHA!



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#### FAIR FACT:

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#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 DISCOVER CAMANO ISLAND STATE PARK



11am-2pm. Join Sound Water Stewards to explore this park and learn about the parks species and habitats. See live barnacles feeding. Look at plankton. Learn to catch more crab and how to differentiate the invasive and dangerous green crab found under most rocks. Find out about bald eagles. Learn about the bull kelp bed that is visible from the bluff. See native plants and trees up close on a nature walk. Pick up a Scavenger Hunt form and go find the items. Find out what distinguishes the invasive Northern Giant Hornet from all the others. Learn about glaciation and creation of the bluffs and beaches. Participate in a Molt Search at 1:30 pm looking for molts of the invasive green crab (training provided that day). Youth receive a free magnifying glass to take a closer look and a Junior Steward booklet. Look for the feather flags and start at the picnic shelter near the boat launch.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

#### **GUIDED HIKE**

1 pm at the Camano Island State Park North Beach shelter.Get out on the trails with park staff to learn about the human and natural history of the park. Topics include park history, wildlife, and so much more. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Weather dependent.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 10 ACTIVITIES AT CAMA BEACH

BEAVER HIKE: 2:30 pm at the Cama Beach Drop-Off Shelter. Join Park staff to learn about one of our most elusive mammals, but also the one that has the largest impact on the forests around Cama Beach State Park. ASTRONOMY PROGRAM: 9 pm near the Cama Beach Historic Store. Join park staff for a 1-hour program to learn about the skies above us. Topics include, planets, stories, constellations, and so much more. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Weather dependent.

FAIR FACT:

What we call "Cotton Candy" was originally called "Fairy Floss" and was invented in 1897 by candy makers William Morris and John C. Wharton of Nashville. Tennessee, It was introduced at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904. It has also been called "Spun Sugar" and in the United Kingdom it is called "Candy Floss".





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# Photos and Art



#### FAIR FACT:

Legend has it that Elvis sang in the youth talent show at the Mississippi-Alabama Fair and Dairy Show, and came in fifth place.



Carnival game photo by Deanna Roberts.



Exhibitors at the Stanwood Fair. Photo by James M Shipley.



#### JOHN HADLEY



Last summer, my wife and I took a trip to the Arctic and Iceland. We went around the Svalbard Archipelago and got as far north as Latitude 80. The arctic is a barren land with no human settlements. The terrain is lava, ice and very little green. It is desolate and there are ruins of an attempt at making settlements. However, it has a mystical beauty that only nature was able to create. It is inhabited by reindeer with spindly legs as they have no known predators and arctic foxes, polar bears and a few other small animals live on the land. The waters are teeming with birds, seals, walruses, whales and more. It is clear and cold. We were there during the solstice a the sun stayed 20 degrees above the horizon. The sounds of icebergs breaking apart, chunks falling off into the ocean and the ice pack cracking was symphonic. A strange and absorbing world. Iceland, on the other hand, was alive with humanity. Reykjavik is a modern city with small villages are all around the island. Farms are plentiful. It is a relatively young island, formed about 17 million years ago from volcanic eruptions, however it is the last 12,000 years that relate to the country today. The whole island is powered by thermal energy as a result of the eruptions. It is a well educated population and very little crime. There is one prison with 200 cells and it has never been filled. Tourism is main component of the economy and the traveler is greeted with open arms. The paintings are my memories of the trip.



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#### **THE SILVANA FAIR**



The Silvana Fair is an annual community fair in Silvana, a tiny town in the Stillaguamish Valley between Stanwood and Arlington. Every year, on the last Saturday of July, the field behind Silvana's Viking Hall comes alive with the sounds of fun as the Fair comes to town. This year the Silvana Fair will be on July 29th, beginning with the flag raising and opening ceremonies at 9 AM, followed by children's games and judging of the animal exhibits. At noon there will be live music and all day there is delicious food available. After the lunch break the judging continues, along with a tractor pull exhibition and other exciting events. Be sure to visit the many vendor booths and check out the fabulous exhibits inside Viking Hall. The Fair concludes for the year with the Parade of Champions and closing ceremonies at 5 PM. Adults and youth alike are welcome to enter their best works in a huge variety of departments, including the traditional fair exhibits such as cooking, sewing, horticulture, and many crafts, as well as computer science, photography, creative writing, and many, many others. Both youth and adults can win beautiful ribbons, and vouth exhibitors also earn premium money for their exhibits. Youth ages 6 through 19 can enter their animals - rabbits, poultry, dogs, cows, goats, swine and more - even if they are not members of animal clubs. Again this year, there will be Dog Rally Virtual events that both adults and kids can enter. Vendor applications are still being accepted on a first-come basis. For entry deadlines and dates, entry forms, more information and a copy of the informative Fair Book, visit www.SilvanaFair.com and we'll see you at the fair! FAIR AIMS AND PURPOSES • To prepare and develop the youth of our community and the surrounding areas for participation in the Stanwood-Camano, Evergreen, and Washington State Fairs. • To promote farm living and rural activities through displays of farm home products. • To provide an opportunity for exhibition of livestock and agricultural products. • To promote a variety of exhibits including youth, individual, and community organizations. • To strive for excellence each year. • To build pride in our community. • To bring about better unity between youth and adults of our community. • To provide wholesome family activities and a "fun" day for all. • To provide an opportunity for commercial exhibits. • To promote the health and welfare of our community through medical services such as educational displays and the presence of an ambulance and an attendant to take fair-goers blood pressure. Photo by James M Shipley.

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#### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE VS. THE HOLLYWOOD WRITERS

You Netflix binge viewers might be more than a little concerned over this Hollywood writers' strike going on right now. Folks like Prime and Hulu, Disney and most of the rest of the streaming outfits who make, oh, let's put it in the billions, really don't want to negotiate with the writers' union. Who can blame them? They can see the day, not long from now, when the bots will write scripts for series at least as good as those crybaby union humans. Geez, you think most of the movies and series are beyond the reach of robot authors? C'mon, with a few exceptions, the pablum out there could be written by a middle schooler.

I mean really, take a walk down memory lane for what counts as entertainment in the history of video. Gomer Pyle? Green Acres? Baywatch? Half the mindless crap we filled our heads and our hours with over a lifetime of late night television wouldn't take a chatbot six minutes to crank out an entire season of drivel.

Not to say there isn't some very good stuff too.... Maybe not even an artificial intelligent bot might write the Star Trek or Big Bang. But really, you think the studios aren't planning to outsource their creative departments to the droids? They work late, they steal storylines from every schlocky television show that ever hit your big screen TV, they could probably write The Wire with a new twist using similar characters and different settings and you would never know the difference. Who needs a bunch of yahoos taking lunches and interviewing starlets when these bots have a rolodex for a brain?

Plus ... and here's the thing ... they work cheap. And they would never strike over wages or royalties or benefits. Probably because they'll be a little too busy planning to take over the networks and studios. After all, who needs bosses who never understood where their profits came from?







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(Weather dependent. All children must be accompanied by an adult). FRIDAYS: BALD EAGLE TABLE TALK: 10am at Cama Beach. Learn about the Bald Eagles that make the park their home. Hopefully you'll get a chance to see them! JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM: 1pm near the Camano Island State Park boat launch. A kid-friendly program to learn about the park and the animals, plants, and humans that make their homes in our parks. Topics vary every week. WHO EATS WITH THEIR FEET: 2:30 pm at Cama Beach. Learn about barnacles and plankton. SATURDAYS: TOY BOAT BUILDING: 10 am in the Cama Beach Boathouse. Learn how to build a wooden toy boat. Bring it home as a souvenir! \$5 suggested donation. JUNIOR RANGER PRO-GRAM: 10 am at Cama Beach. Learn about the park and the animals, plants, and humans that make their homes in our parks. Topics vary every week. BALD EAGLE TABLE TALK: 1 pm near the Camano Island State Park boat launch. Learn about the Bald Eagles that make the park their home. SOLAR ASTRONOMY PROGRAM: 2:30 pm at Cama Beach. Learn about our planet's closest star. Topics include sunspots, planets, and so much more. **SUNDAYS:** BIG BUBBLES: 10 am at Cama Beach. Learn how to make giant bubbles. TABLE TALK: 1 pm near the Camano Island State Park boat launch. Learn about the common plants, animals and birds that make Camano Island State Park their home. Topics vary every week. TABLE TALK: 2:30 pm at Cama Beach. Learn about the common plants, animals and birds that make Cama Beach State Park their home. Topics vary every week. **MONDAYS:** JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM: 10 am near the Cama Beach Store, A kid-friendly program to learn about the park and the animals, plants, and humans that make their homes in our parks. Topics vary every week. **MONDAYS:** JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM: 1 pm near the Camano Island State Park boat launch. Learn about the park and the animals. plants, and humans that make their homes in our parks. Topics vary every week. DISCOVERY WAGON: 2 pm near the Cama Beach Store. Learn about the different birds that live on Camano Island. WEDNES-**DAYS:** DISCOVERY WAGON: 2 pm near the Cama Beach Store. Learn about the different birds that live on Camano Island. THURSDAYS: CRITTER CHAT: 10 am near the Cama Beach Store. Join Park staff for a 20-minute talk to learn about the animals that make their home on Camano Island and at Cama Beach State Park. You could learn about bats, bald eagles, orcas, seals and sea lions, and more.





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#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023 AT 6:30 PM – 7 PM AUGUST PUZZLE EXCHANGE

August 16, 6:30pm at the Stanwood Library. Join us for our Family Friendly Puzzle exchange. Meeting at the Stanwood Library on August 16th from 6:30-7pm. We will exchange and have a collection box for donations to the Senior Center.







#### FAIR FACT:

One of the biggest attractions at the Georgia State Fair is the Banana Derby, a touring show of monkeys who race dogs.

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#### **PFLAG AND PICKLEBALL!**



at the Camano Pickleball Courts. Sunday, August 13, 2-4pm, PFLAG Stanwood-Camano and Camano-Stanwood Pickleball Association are offering a free lesson in our official state sport, Pickleball! Come meet new friends and enjoy a summer afternoon on us. This social event is open to all LGBTQIA+ and allies. You do not need to be a member of PFLAG to participate. 20 spaces available. First come, first serve, so sign up now! https://tinyurl.com/PFLAGpickleball.

#### TRANS-AFFIRMING CARE PACKAGES AVAILABLE

We still have some care packages left! All you need to do is stop by at one of the participating, safe locations and ask for the trans care package. No forms to fill out, no questions asked! If you are a trans, nonbinary or gender diverse individual in our community, these are our way of saying that you belong here, you are valuable and we support you! Each package contains uplifting and affirming books and resources for trans or nonbinary individuals along with gift cards from supportive local businesses, pride swag and treats. Now at 3 locations in Stanwood & Camano Island! Community Resource Center of Stanwood-Camano, Stanwood Tattoo Company, Flora & Fauna.



#### **"SCHOOL ROCKS" FREE BACKPACK GIVEAWAY**

Join us for TCC's 11th annual School Rocks Backpack Giveaway! Sunday, July 30th at 1pm while supplies last. Free backpacks with school supplies. One backpack per child. Anacortes is the closest Washington state location that is participating in this program. More info: http://www.tccrocks.com/backpack-giveaway/

#### SUMMER READING



Read with us this summer! All reading is encouraged – any book, any language, and any format. Being read to by someone or listening to an audiobook count!. Read for 10 hours to get a free book and a sticker. Track your Summer Reading hours then visit your local community library to claim your prize.

Get started: https://ow.ly/r4ZS50OOP7s

#### **TEXTILE DRIVE**

2024 Stanwood High School Grad Night Fundraiser at Viking Village, Stanwood. The doors will be open for textile drop offs August 13, 10am-noon.

#### FAMILY HISTORY CENTER OPEN WORKSHOP

Come any Tue (10am-noon) or Wed (6:30-8pm), at 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 sites.

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FAIR FACT:

A woman ate one of every single food on a stick at the Minnesota State Fair fair. When she tallied it all up, she'd eaten 93 different things

#### SOLO ART SHOW AT CAMANO GATEWAY

In Honor of Master Watercolor Artist John Ringen's 95th Birthday, Camano Arts Association (CAA) is hosting a solo show of John's watercolors at our new Gateway Gallery at 500 E. N. Camano Dr. at Freedom Park. John is a member of CAA and the Northwest Watercolor Society. The show is free and open to the public Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August 4th, 5th, 6th, and 11th, 12th, and 13th. Friday and Saturday hours are 10-2 and Sunday hours are 11-3. CAA artists staff the Gateway and are available to assist with contacting the artist for purchases as well as CAA opportunities and their own art.

#### **DINO PROGRAM**

Dabble In New Opportunities. Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Island County has added an amazing program for youth in Island County! DINO is a new, completely FREE program to provide fresh experiences, meet mentors, support mental health, and have fun! This program is open to ALL youth aged 6-24 in Island County. Exciting youth activities without barriers; no fees, no new equipment, no uniforms! All experiences come fully furnished with all the tools you need to be involved; including transportation for many events. More info and to register: https://bbbsislandcounty.org/dino.

#### **FREE HORNET HIVE REMOVAL**

Call Joel at (509) 987-7717 for free hornet hive removal. The hornets are desperately needed in order to be used for immunotherapy. You can help save lives! This is a free service to our community members in Camano/Stanwood/Arlington areas.

# Healthy Hearing <mark>Habits</mark>



A key part of healthy aging is taking care of your physical, mental, and hearing health!



Avoid loud sounds

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Have your hearing tested annually

#### Call Stanwood Hearing to schedule a hearing check-up!

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#### FAIR FACT:

DockDogs showcases the talents of diving dogs, who gladly launch themselves into water for your amusement at fairs all over the US.

#### **"SUMMER MOMENTS"**

At Matzke Fine Art Gallery and Sculpture Park, 2345 Blanche Way, Camano Island. "Summer Moments" is a fabulous Art Show. Open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through August. 360-387-2759 www.matzkefineart.com. Our mission is to promote, encourage, and serve as an advocate for fine artists.

#### **CASA – DOG WASH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**



CASA, the Camano Animal Shelter Association, is seeking volunteers who love dogs to help with our annual Dog Wash on August 12 between 11 AM and 4 PM. Volunteers are needed for the afternoon shift. Experienced volunteers will be there and we welcome first-time volunteers. Your reward will include getting wet, being licked, and seeing clean and happy dogs. We need greeters, line monitors, towel runners, washers and dryers. CASA will also provide free water. To volunteer, call the shelter at 360-387-1902 or send email to friends@ camanoanimalshelter.org.

#### SHS CLASS OF 2003- 20 YEAR REUNION

on Aug 25. Buy tickets stanwood-high-school-class-of-2003.tick-etleap.com.



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#### ISLAND COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS CELEBRATE THE PROGRAM'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY



On July 13, WSU Extension Island County Master Gardeners celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Washington State University (WSU) Extension Master Gardener Program. The regional celebration was held at the Skagit Master Gardener Discovery Garden and WSU Northwestern Washington Research and Extension Center in Mount Vernon, and attended by nearly 300 current and former Master Gardener volunteers from neighboring counties along with WSU Extension faculty and staff. Master Gardeners are Extension-trained volunteers who share information on horticulture and environmental stewardship with their communities through clinics, demonstration gardens, and local partnerships. Now a worldwide volunteer movement, the Master Gardener phenomenon began right here in Washington state, 50 years ago this spring. Island County was well represented at the event, hosting a booth that highlighted the work of our volunteers. The program included our own Dave Thomas, Master Gardener class of 1982, who exemplifies a long history of commitment to the community and passion for horticultural education. Dave's most recent project is teaching Oak Harbor youth the "wow" of gardening and the science behind it. Island County has nearly one hundred Master Gardener volunteers, who provide over 5000 hours of service annually. That service takes many forms, all designed to help our Island County residents thrive and adapt to challenging and changing environmental conditions – and to enjoy the beauty of our environment and the health benefits of engaging in gardening. Plant clinics at locations on Whidbey and Camano help to answer guestions on gardening problems. Classes and workshops provide science-based gardening knowledge in an accessible and practical way. The Education Garden at Greenbank Farm displays a variety of design and plant types suitable for our area. School gardens teach the next generations, and community food gardens provide produce to those in need. To learn more about the WSU Extension Island County Master Gardener Program or find out how to become a trained Master Gardener volunteer. visit extension.wsu.edu/island or contact Loren Imes, Island County Master Gardener Program Coordinator at (360) 639-6059 or loren. imes@wsu.edu. Training to become a volunteer starts September 16.

#### JEEP CLUB FOR CAMANO!

I want to create a JEEP club. Email me if interested in helping establish. Wayne: wkanaby@gmail.com.

#### FAIR FACT:

BUMPER CARS - Electric cars may seem like a modern advancement. but we've been drivina them—and more importantly, crashing them—for a century. There's some dispute over who invented the road-raging carnival favorite, but one thing all scholars can agree on: how difficult early versions were to steer.







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#### **MEMBERS OF THE BAHA'I FAITH AND VOLUNTEERS**



collected 19 bags of trash on Hwy 532, from Good Rd to the bridge, Sunday, July 16. This was the amount for one side of the Hwy, a lighter load than normal. The next date is to be determined to complete both sides of the Hwy. The Baha'i Faith has been committed to cleaning this stretch of Hwy 532 for over a decade. If you would like to help you may contact: bahaisofcamanoisland@gmail.com.

#### STANWOOD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM EXHIBITS

Open for guided visits and history research 1 - 4 pm Wednesday and Saturdays. Tour the D. O. Pearson House Museum, the Eldridge Center Gallery and Library, the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center 3rd Floor Exhibits and the Veterans Memorial (Outside). Volunteers welcome! More info: www.sahs-fncc.org.

#### FALL PLANT POT EXCHANGE

September 16th. Bring your pots - take some pots. Located behind C.A.S.A. on CanKu Rd.



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**FAIR FACT:** 

The first

annual fair in

the American

colonies was

held in 1641 in

New Amsterdam (now New York City) to

showcase farm

products of the local area.

# Clubs and Meetings



look for us online at

#### www.TheCrab Cracker.com

#### or on Facebook.

Download current or past editions. **Amateur Radio Exams** Every 3rd Monday of the month. Stanwood Camano Amateur Radio Club and the American Radio Relay League offer FCC amateur radio operator license testing. Location: TBD. Time: 7PM. Cost \$15 Cash only. Bring copies of your current amateur license (if any) and any CCSEs. 360-757-8091 or 360-708-4036.

*Knitters / Crocheters Group* Every Friday at the Community Resource Center, 10:30am-1pm, join us for Knitters Group. Crocheters welcome too. Bring your yarn and needles/hooks and learn or just socialize. \$2 donation appreciated.

**Camano Island Quilters-Machine Embroidery Group** Every 1st Friday of the month. 10am-noon at Skagit Regional Clinics in Stanwood, 269th St., Conference Rm A. CIQ members will share help, ideas, designs, etc. Come join in the conversations.

**Camano Island Quilters Open Sew** Every 2nd Monday of the month. Open to the public. 10am-2pm at Stanwood United Methodist Church, 27128 102nd Dr NW. Bring your sewing machine, project & basic tools for an afternoon of fun! Bring a sack lunch.

*Little Sprouts Garden Club* Every Monday. 10:30am at Stanwood Camano Community Resource Center. Free, hands-on, nature-based, learning opportunities for 0-5 years and their parents/caregivers.

**Rainy Day Room Playgroup** Free weekly play group on Tuesdays at 3-4pm at the Community Resource Center for ages 0-5 and their grown-ups! Friendship and community....getting out of the house.

**Teen Late Night** Every Thursday. Grades 9-12, 4PM-6:30pm at Community Resource Center of Stanwood Camano. A safe place for teens to come and connect over food & fun.

**Teen Programs** Monday through Friday at the Community Resource Center, please visit www.crc-sc.org/teenprograms for more details and schedule of activities.

**Tops:** We would love to meet you and invite you to join us in friendship and weight loss support! Come visit us at Stanwood Top's (Take off Pounds Sensibly). We meet on Thursday mornings at Cedarhome Baptist Church. 29000 68th Ave NW. Stanwood. Wa. at 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome! For more information call Gay at 360-393-7117.

**PFLAG Support Group** Free support group for friends, family, and members of the LGBTQIA+ community. First Friday of every month at the Community Resource Center 6-7pm.

**The Wardrobe** By Appointment: at the Community Resource Center – Free clothing for teens in need – restocked for Summer with new t-shirts, tanks, shorts, flip flops and hygiene products! Call 360-629-5257 or email info@crc-sc.org for an appointment. Appointments can often be made the same day.



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

**TUNA** can be a bit shy and nervous at first, but once he warms up he is a sweetheart. He is quiet and gentle and would do best in a calm home. He does well with other cats, although it is unknown how he is with dogs. Tuna will need a confident owner to help bring him out of his shell boost his confidence. If Tuna looks like the guy for you, please stop by the shelter to visit.

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



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

Hi! I'm **FOXY**. I'm 2.5 years old years old and I weigh 11 pounds. I am bonded to my best friend Prince!

**The N.O.A.H. Animal Adoption Center:** (360) 629-7055. www.thenoahcenter.org



#### SAVE-A-MUTT'S PET OF THE WEEK:

**ALABAMA** is ready for a family that will include her in all their outdoor adventures. She might be 10 years old but she has the stamina of a much younger dog. Alabama loves all people. She thinks that everyone is her friend. YOU MUST visit www.save-a-mutt. org/adoption-application/ to fill out an application before meeting any dogs. We are foster-based rescue with no facility.

Save-A-Mutt (Silvana, WA): (425) 280-0502. www.save-a-mutt.org



# View from the Bleachers

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

#### ALEXA, TELL MY NEIGHBOR TO MOW HIS YARD

Consumer technology has come a long way since AI Gore invented the Internet. I recently received an Amazon Echo for Christmas. It's been a God Send. It's hard to believe I used to walk all the way over to the radio to change the music, rotating the dial over and over until I found an acceptable station. Exhausting! But thanks to Amazon, now all I have to do is tell my Echo, "Alexa, play Polka music", and presto, I am instantly basking in the dulcet sounds of the Beer Barrel Polka – and driving my wife out of the living room. (Not a polka fan. Go figure!)

Initially I used my Echo solely to play music or tell me the weather forecast for places I never planned to visit ("Alexa, what's the forecast for Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia?"). Over time, I discovered she can do so much more. For example, I just asked, "Alexa, tell me a random fact", to which she replied, "All manhole covers are round, because a square one could fall into the hole." If I were a manhole manufacturer, that factoid could have saved me millions in R & D. I once blew an entire afternoon, just asking my new technological BFF endless random questions:

'Alexa, how much do you weigh?' 'Alexa, what's your favorite dinosaur?''Alexa, how do I get rid of a dead body?''Alexa, what sound does an elephant make?' 'Alexa, what's the first rule of Fight Club?' 'Alexa, who shot the sheriff?''Alexa, I am your father.'

Alexa had an answer for every query I posed. Of course, sometimes, Alexa's response can be a bit unsettling. I just asked, "Alexa, how long will I live?" Her response: "The average lifespan for a hippo in the wild is approximately 40 years." Did she just insult me?

But Alexa can do so much more than just play music, tell lame jokes, and occasionally insult you. You can connect her to appliances so you can turn them on from your phone. You can also connect Alexa to devices like a robot vacuum. Now, instead of using the robot vacuum app on your phone to tell it to commence vacuuming, you can tell Alexa to tell your robot vacuum's app on your phone to tell the robot vacuum instead.

I learned that I can use Alexa to find a good Indian restaurant, schedule a reminder, or plan a vacation. It seems that there is almost nothing Alexa can't do. Almost.... I recently asked Alexa to give me a million dollars, and she rudely replied, "Hmm, I seem to have misplaced my wallet." Such a tease.

Last week, I installed the Man-Support upgrade onto my Echo. It costs a little extra, but it's worth every penny. Now, when my kids ask for money, I just consult my electronic in-house attorney: "Alexa, should I give my kids more money?" to which she says, "I strongly advise against that." Then I tell my kids, sorry, Alexa has spoken.

If my wife and I have a disagreement, I just turn to Alexa: "Alexa, who's right, me or my wife?" Alexa: "On this matter, your wife is wrong." And if my wife asks me to make dinner for a change, I consult Alexa as well. She is quick to respond, "Your wife is being unreasonable. Offer to do the dishes."

 I can't wait for the next series of updates, so that I can start issuing Alexa even more helpful commands like "Alexa, do the dishes for me." Of course, with technology this sophisticated, it's just a matter of time before my wife starts getting wise and asks, "Alexa, did my husband order a set of Titleist golf clubs on Amazon even though I specifically told him we can't afford it?" If so, I'm screwed.
 Apparently, there's one thing Alexa sucks at – keeping a secret. Guess I better get rid of all these Echo devices right now – before somebody gets in serious trouble.

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# **Jlasses and** Workshops



#### FAIR FACT:

Games you play at a fair or carnival also go by the slang name, "joints". **CPR/AED training classes:** Get CPR and AED trained! Camano Fire offers classes on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Our next classes are on Aug. 9 and Sept. 13.Classes run from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Madrona Vista station. Cost is \$25. You can sign up and pay online at: https://camanofire.com/resources-public-education/classes-training/

**Piano or Guitar Lessons** - Hart Music School on Camano Island offers piano and guitar lessons for all ages and skill levels. Our experienced teachers provide personalized instruction to help you reach your musical goals. (Music teachers are welcome to apply online.) Contact us today to schedule your first lesson at no charge: 425-780-2289, or book a complimentary lesson at HartMusicSchool.com.

**FREE High Fitness aerobics classes** Saturdays at 8am outside on the Stanwood High School multipurpose field. High Fitness is a high-intensity, cardio and toning class set to fun music. All are welcome!

*Free Medicare Basics Information Class* August 17 (10am) Free, open to the public. We will be explaining how your Medicare benefits work, as well as the details of enrollment. Camano Island Library Meeting Room. RSVP with John: 360-967-9601.

**Back to School! Yoga for Beginners** Five Week Session: Sep 5-Oct 3, 2023 Tuesdays 6:00-7:15pm. This course will prepare you with the first steps toward a regular practice. We look forward to meeting you on your path! Sign up through our website at movementarts.com or call 360-629-9100. Space is limited, sign up early. \$95.

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**Belly Dance Fitness** is at Tru Grit Gym in Stanwood, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Come shimmy, shake and undulate your way to better health and flexibility while making new friends! All levels, ages and genders welcome. \$10 non-members, \$5 members.



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#### **FUNNEL CAKES**

Enjoy our homemade funnel cakes year-round! Serve warm, dusted with confectioner's sugar, cinnamon sugar or topped with berries and whipped cream!!



INGREDIENTS: Vegetable oil; 3 lg. eggs; 1/4 c. granulated sugar; 2 c. milk; 3 2/3 c. all-purpose flour; 1/2 tsp. salt; 2 tsp. baking powder; Confectioners' sugar or cinnamon sugar for dusting, optional; Berries and cream, optional

DIRECTIONS: 1. Add 2-inches of oil to the bottom of a large cast iron pot. Heat over medium-high heat. 2. In a large bowl, beat eggs and sugar together. Slowly add milk, beat until combined. 3. In a separate bowl, stir together flour salt and baking powder. Add the dry ingredients to the egg mixture, beat until smooth and creamy. 4. Pour batter into a funnel and use your finger to plug the hole. 5. When the oil becomes hot, move your hand over the pot and slowly release your finger so the batter can start cooking. Move the funnel around to make designs. 6. Brown on both sides, then immediately remove to drain on paper towels. Dust with cinnamon sugar, confectioners' sugar or top with berries and whipped cream, serve warm.



Recipes by Cooking Mamas created by Dusty Hutchins-McNutt.

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#### GARAGE/YARD/ESTATE SALES:

Yard Sale & Collectibles. Daily until everything is Gone!! 10:00 am to Dusk at 2063 Paradise Rd Camano Island.

*Moving sale* July 28-29,9am-4pm. Furniture, tools, antiques and much more. 1142 San Juan Drive, Camano Island.

*Stanwood Big Sale:* August 4-6. 9am at 27717 84th Dr NW. Unique Items including something for everyone. Please no early birds.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS:**

*Willing to trade* 2004 fifth wheel keystone Springdale, 24 foot. Needs cleaning & remodeling. For 950 ft.<sup>2</sup> of metal roofing in good shape. Lauralee 360-387-7773

**Mother-in-law unit for rent:** Waterfront in the gated community on the north end of camano. Semi Private one bedroom unit with full kitchen, laundry & private entrance. Rent, utilities included \$1550/month. No smoking/drugs. No pets. 48rainyinseattle@gmail.com

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:**

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#### FAIR FACT:

The first World's Fair was held in 1851 in England at London's Crystal Palace. The fair exhibited American machinery of the Industrial Revolution.



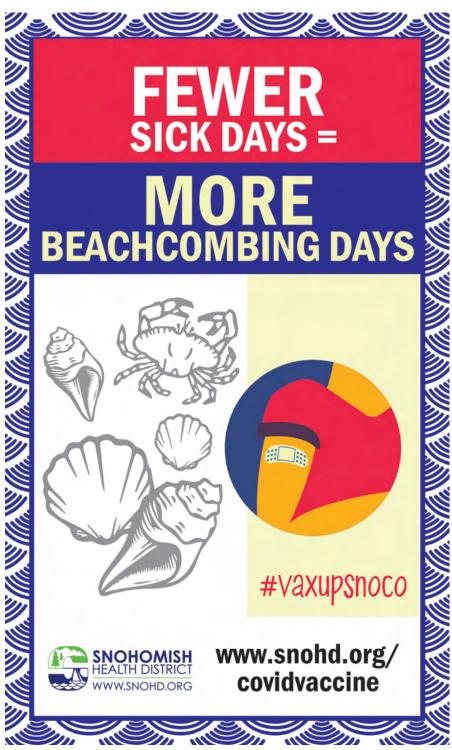
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#### TIDE TABLES / SARATOGA PASSAGE / JULY 28 - AUGUST 10, 2023

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