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Welcome to The Crab Cracker! We're Foolin' Around...

"Welcome to our 13th annual infamous April Fool's Edition! Some of the content within these pages is fictional, and some is not. Some photos you see inside are real...and some are not. Some of the facts inside this book are not actually facts and the real facts are hidden among the fake. Don't always believe what you see or read, especially in THIS edition. If what you read seems too absurd, then it probably is. If something offends you, please don't call us...it's just some April Foolery...we do not intend to harm anyone." – James Shipley, The Crab Cracker.

*Cover photo: Happy Easter and April Fool's
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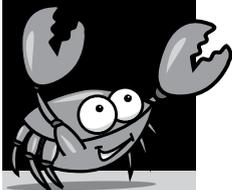


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Submission DEADLINE: MARCH 28 for Next Edition (April 5-18)

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

The rarest date for Easter is March 22, the last time Easter fell on that date was 1818, it will not occur again until 2285.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

FULL SPECTRUM

8:00pm - 11:00pm at Pub 282. Pacific Northwest 70's + 80's variety rock band featuring a veteran lineup.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Girls Tennis vs Monroe. JV: 3:30pm.

Softball vs Snohomish. JV: 4pm. Varsity: 6:30pm.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

LEVI WARE WITH JOE DAY

Levi Ware brings his magic back to the Conway Muse at 8 pm. Special Guest Joe Day joins! Tickets \$12.50 On Line \$15 At Venue.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

2ND ANNUAL INCLUSIVE EASTER EVENT



at St Aidan's Episcopal Church on Camano Island. We will have an egg hunt, crafts, games, sensory tent, build your own goodie bag, and more. We will have special beeping eggs for those with vision impairments and eggs placed higher up for those in wheelchairs. If your child needs any other accommodations, please feel free to reach out. This event will be done in time slots to keep crowds down and make it more sensory friendly. We plan to have a special time slot for adults with developmental disabilities. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C49ADAD2BA6F9C16-47465571-2ndannual>

RESERVE THESE DATES

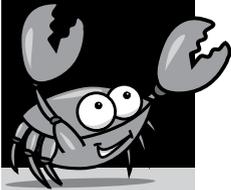
Stanwood High School Greenhouse Production and Horticultural Science classes have been working hard this year to produce a great opportunity for the Stanwood community by producing a fantastic plant sale for this year. Our **Bloom'n Plant Sale** is back for Year Three at the New High School! The hours will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday **2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** and Saturdays **10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Sale starts the last week of April and continues the first week of May. We are growing annuals, perennials, vegetable starts, herbs and many baskets.



Like us on Facebook: **Stanwood High School Greenhouse** – for updates on products and work being completed for our sales.



Calendar of Events



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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

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, MARCH 23

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Boys and Girls Track vs Coupeville. 10am-1pm.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE

2:00-4:30. Camano City Schoolhouse & Fire Hall is growing! If you would like to be a part of our wonderful organization, join us for our Open House. 993 Orchid Rd, Camano Island (enter from Chapman Rd) Reserve a spot on our website so we can better prepare for your arrival. www.camanoschoolhouse.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

WINTER SERIES FINALE!!!!

8pm at Creekside Speedway, 25519 4th Ave NW, Stanwood. The final race of the season. We cannot thank YOU enough for supporting this program and Tyler's dream. There are still some battles left for overall positions and we want to black the barn one last time!!

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

CREATIVE CAR MAKING

2-3pm at Stanwood Library. Join us for a workshop with Green Art Labs! Families will work together to create cars made from reusable materials. We'll make working axles and safely use hammers and nails to make holes in caps that become wheels for our creations. Families will get creative designing their car body, complete with artistic features and passengers. Space is limited, please register.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

LEARN TO MAKE 30 MINUTE MOZZARELLA



10:00 AM – Camano Island Library. Have you ever wanted to make your own cheese? Jessica Nemnich, of Sweet-Lee Farm near Darrington, will teach you how you can make 30 minute mozzarella fresh in your own kitchen. This is a simple cheese that requires very little in terms of supplies. Beginners can start making this versatile and delicious cheese that can be eaten immediately.

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

Holy Week and Easter Worship Schedule 2024

Palm Sunday – March 24

8:15 AM Palm Walk / 8:30 AM Traditional Worship
10:15 AM Palm Walk / 10:30 AM Contemporary Worship

Maundy Thursday – March 28

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion

Good Friday – March 29

11:30 AM Senior Fellowship Lunch and Good Friday Service
7:00 PM Good Friday Worship Service

Easter Sunday – March 31

6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service
7:30 AM—10:00 AM Easter Breakfast
8:30 AM Traditional Festival Worship
10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt (ages walking through 5th Grade)
10:30 AM Contemporary Festival Worship



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Stanwood United Methodist Church EASTER SERVICES



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Palm Sunday Service

March 24 - 10am

Maundy Thurs. Service

March 28 - 6pm

Easter Sunrise Service

at Camano Country Club

March 31 - 7:30am

Traditional Easter

Service at Stanwood

United Methodist Church

March 31 - 10am

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EASTER QUOTE:

“Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in spring-time.”

-Martin Luther

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

DOS REALES ANNIVERSARY PARTY

7pm-11:45pm at 9730 Hwy 532, Stanwood. Come eat, drink, dance, sing with us!

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

DOUG LYNN BAND REUNION TOUR

The Legendary Lincoln NE Bluesman and Award winning NW Band Leader Returns at 8 pm at the Conway Muse. Tickets \$15 Advance On-Line \$18 at Venue. 21+ Only.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

EGGFEST



at Stanwood YMCA. The Easter bunny has been playing in our pools! Help us collect all the eggs left behind and get a prize. This event is FREE and open to the community, registration is required. Register at <https://snoco.reliqucore.com/programs/1041/>

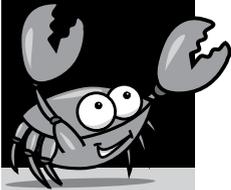
SATURDAY, MARCH 23

CAMANO ISLAND VOLAR, FLAMENCO EN VIVO 2024



Direct from Spain. Voice/guitar/piano: Diego Amador Jr. Dance by Savannah Fuentes. 7:30-9pm at Four Springs House, 585 Lewis Ln, Camano Island. Get tickets at <https://savannahflamenco.ticketleap.com/camano-island-volar-flamenco-en-vivo-2024/>

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DID YOU KNOW?

Easter has been named after Eastre, an Anglo-Saxon goddess. The symbols of the goddess were the hare and the egg. Apart from English and German, the name of 'Easter' has been derived from Pesach, the Hebrew name of Passover festival.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

STACY JONES BAND

8:00pm - 11:00pm at Pub 282. The Award-Winning Seattle singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Stacy Jones and her Award-winning Band who deliver high energy Roots Rock, Blues, and Americana.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

SPRING KICKOFF

11am. Stanwood Ace Hardware is gearing up for a delicious Spring Kickoff event with hot and ready meatballs and Cheese Itz for sauce tasting! Plus, join us for a kid-friendly planting event where they can choose between flowers or veggie seeds to nurture and grow their own plants into something beautiful. Don't miss out on the fun! 26477 72nd Ave NW, Stanwood.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

SOAP BOX DERBY OPEN HOUSE



If you're new to the Soap Box Derby, this is the perfect opportunity to come by, explore the track, admire the cars, and meet your 2024 Soap Box Derby Team. Don't miss the chance to register. Hurry, cars are limited. www.arrowheadranchcamano.com

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

CAMANO ISLAND WILD PLANT WALK

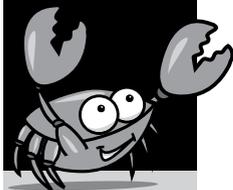
Trillium Herbal Medicine Plant Walks are immersive herbal experiences with advanced herbal practitioner and founder, Erin Vanhee. Touch, smell, and nibble your way to herbal and edible plant knowledge of the Pacific Northwest. 1:00 - 3:30 pm at Camano Island State Park. Price: \$40/person. Sign up: <https://erinvanhee.com/plant-walks>

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

CUDDLE PARTY™

2-5:30pm at Monticello Awareness Wellspring (MAW), 580 W Monticello Drive, Camano Island. Age 18 and over. A social event. Ticket purchase online in advance only \$20-\$60 sliding scale. Come freshly showered and hygienic with your favorite pajamas and join the fun. Questions? Reach out to your host Vicki Tracy 425-239-9166.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Easter is a festival observed by Christians in celebration and remembrance of Jesus Christ's rising from the dead three days after his crucifixion. Recognized as the most significant and joyous event in Christian worship, Easter is also known as Resurrection Day or Resurrection Sunday.

MONDAY, MARCH 25

NAUGHTY BINGO

8pm at Beauty Bar Salon + Lounge. Always free to play. Come have some naughty fun and maybe win some prizes! 360-629-2324.

MONDAY, MARCH 25

WRITING A BUSINESS PLAN

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm at Camano Library. Whether you are a start-up or an established entrepreneur, your small business needs a business plan to help facilitate success. Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights. Free to attend this in-person only workshop. Registration is required. Register Here: <https://members.iscoedc.com/ap/Events/Register/wBHMmOKS5HxCw>

MONDAY, MARCH 25

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Varsity Girls Tennis vs Shorewood. 3:30pm.
JV Baseball vs Snohomish. 4pm.

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Softball vs Glacier Peak. JV: 4pm. Varsity: 6:30pm.
Boys Soccer vs Meadowdale. JV: 5pm. Varsity: 7pm.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

ELGER BAY SPRING MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

K-2: 10am. 3-5: 11am.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

WINE NIGHT

Come meet Jeff Peda and learn a little about some of our featured wines this month in a fun tasting event. 5pm at Rockaway Bar & Grill at 326 N East Camano Drive.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

HERITAGE PARK RUN

Event by SC Runners - Stanwood Camano Runners. Meet at Heritage Park at 6pm and we will run through Stanwood.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

STANWOOD'S NEW DOG PARK IS NOW OPEN!

Join us for the official Ribbon Cutting at Heritage Park at 10 a.m., and be sure to bring your canine friends by to romp and play! Learn more about our newest parks amenity at <https://bit.ly/StanwoodDogPark>

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

HOMESCHOOLERS MEET & GREET

11:00 AM - Camano Island Library. Connect with other homeschooling families in your community while exploring the various online homework resources offered by Sno-Isle Libraries. Snacks provided; supported by Camano Island Library Friends. Resources are for K-12 students.



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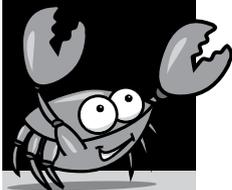
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APRIL FOOL JOKE:

Why should you avoid the stairs on April Fools' Day?

Because they're always up to something.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Varsity Baseball vs Snohomish. 4pm.

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

PAPER AIRPLANE ENGINEERING!



4:00 PM – 5:30 PM - Stanwood Library. Test fly your own designs as well as designs from the National Air and Space Museum! We'll work on our designs in the meeting room and conduct initial tests there. If the weather permits, we can test our designs outside, so please dress for March winds!

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Freshmen Girls Tennis vs Burlington Edison. 3:30pm.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

WHAT'S IN YOUR EMERGENCY KIT?

7:00 PM – Camano Island Library. Are you ready to live with the power and water being out for an extended period? Rhonda and Sue of Camano Preparedness Group will teach you how to make a plan and put together a kit lasting 72 hours - 2 weeks minimum. The better prepared you are, the more comfortable and less stressed you will be.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

JV Baseball vs Arlington. 4pm.



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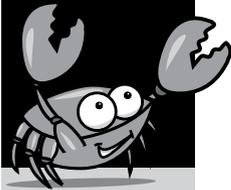
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DID YOU KNOW?

In Switzerland, the magical egg-laying rabbit doesn't receive much love as an Easter tradition. Instead of the Easter Bunny, the Easter Cuckoo is credited by the Swiss for bringing the colorful Easter eggs. Chocolate bunnies, however, are sold in most stores along with traditional Easter cakes, dyed eggs, and, of course, chocolate cuckoos.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

LOCAL MUSICIAN JEREMY ABBOTT TO PERFORM

8pm at Pub 282. Admission: Free. Jeremy Abbott is known for his dynamic performances, blending original rock reggae compositions with popular hits transformed into a reggae style. His diverse repertoire includes songs from renowned artists such as Red Hot Chili Peppers, Tom Petty, Police, Rod Stewart, Kings of Leon, Sublime, and Rebelution. We kindly request your support in spreading the word about this event among your patrons and through your promotional channels.

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

RENOWNED LOCAL SONGWRITER RUSSELL BARTLETT RETURNS

to the Conway Muse at 8pm with his Texas-fueled brand of original alt-country, lyric-intensive Americana music. His guests will include local A-listers Chris Eger, Richard Williams, Buck Hammock and others. \$18 advance, \$20 door.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

EASTER EGG HUNT & FRESH FLORAL ARRANGEMENT EVENT



11am-3pm at Two Girls Gift Shop, 4925 Lakewood Rd, Lake Goodwin. Easter Egg Hunts for kids of all ages - hunt for eggs outside and inside our shop! Easter Coloring Contest - Post will be up soon to print your page from our Facebook page and turn it in day-of. Easter Crafts and Activities. Delicious Easter Treats and refreshments. Carolz4czens will be on site with beautiful flower arrangements and baskets available for purchase! There will be special Easter discounts in the shop, prize eggs, free goodies, raffles, and more surprises!

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

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, MARCH 30

JIMMY WRIGHT BAND

8:00pm - 11:00pm at Pub 282. Catering a wide variety of music.



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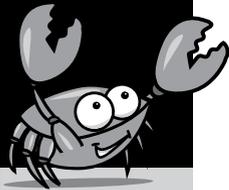


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APRIL FOOL JOKE:

What did the
mama cow say
to her baby after
he stayed up
too late on April
Fools' Day?

"It's pasture
bedtime."

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

STACY JONES BAND

The Conway Muse proudly welcomes back the multi-award winning Stacy Jones Band @ 8 pm. Doors and Alcohol Service for this event opens in the Hayloft at 7 pm [Speakeasy bar is closed for a private event]. Tickets \$18 On Line \$20 at Venue.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

ARTIST RECEPTION WITH MUSIC BY BAND OF FRIENDS

3pm to 5pm Gateway Gallery. Band of Friends playing a FREE show at the Artist Reception for local artist and musician Monika DeNasha's show titled 'Preserving the Past in the Present for the Future: Beadwork Based on Tradition'.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA



with special guest, the Easter Bunny, at Freedom Park, Camano Island. Free family event. Golden eggs = prizes and other eggs are filled with candy! Hot dog lunch provided by Ace Hardware - Camano Plaza. Egg hunt begins at noon. Ages 2-5: Noon. Ages 6-9: 12:15. Ages 10-12: 12:15. All ages: 1pm. No parent-assisted egg hunt except at 1pm. More info: 360-420-9045.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

EASTER FAIR AND EGG HUNT

10am at Camano Chapel, 867 S. West Camano Drive, Camano Island. Scavenger Hunt, Story, and crafts. More info: 360-387-7202.

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GATEWAY GALLERY

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3/1 ~ 3/24

Solo Wall: Poster Art for Seattle Bands from



Group Show: 2D & 3D works

Carl Hamry ~ Liz Park ~ Patricia Resseguie ~ Jeanette Mahoney
John Ebner ~ Yonah Ben Levy ~ Dolores Ruscha ~ Amy Bush
Chaim Bezalel ~ Kathy Hutchinson ~ Betty Dorotik ~ David Taber
Monika DeNasha ~ Debbie Kluge ~ Susan Cohen Thompson

3/29 ~ 4/28

Solo Wall: Preserving the Past in the Present for the Future
Beadwork Based on Tradition

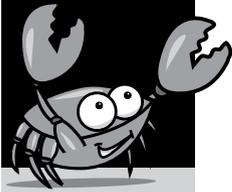
MONIKA DENASHA



3/30 3pm-5pm Artist Reception
with music from BAND OF FRIENDS

578 E North Camano Dr
Fri 12-4 Sat 10-4 Sun 12-4

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SATURDAY, MARCH 30

BUSHWICK BOOK CLUB PERFORMS MUSIC INSPIRED BY "HOLLOW KINGDOM"



1:00 PM – 2:30 PM at Community Resource Center of Stanwood-Camano. Join us for an amazing live concert featuring original music inspired by Hollow Kingdom, written and performed by the The Bushwick Book Club Seattle band, Spoiler Alert. The organization's mission is to deliver literature, music, and songwriting to build the next generation of musicians and readers. More info: (360) 629-5257.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

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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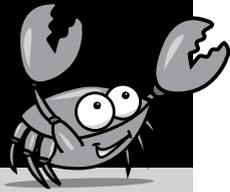
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DID YOU KNOW?

Hot cross buns, made by European monks, are counted amongst the earliest Easter treats. They were given to the poor people, during the month of Lent.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 EASTER EGG HUNT



Stanwood Eagles is again hosting an Easter Egg Hunt at the Stanwood Fairgrounds at 10am. Ages 12 and under divided into 4 age groups with staggering times. Easter egg hunt, Easter Bunny, chocolate rabbits, Easter baskets, prizes and bike raffle. Open to the public.

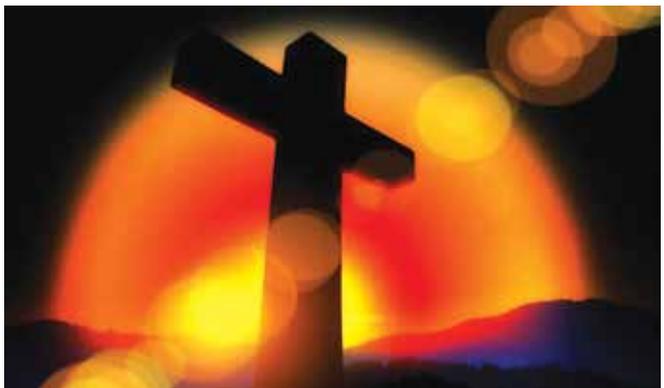
SATURDAY, MARCH 30 WBCAA ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

It's that time of year at the Warm Beach Community Park. We start the egg hunt at 11 AM sharp. Eggs will be separated out per age groups.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 CAMANO CHAPEL'S EASTER FAIR & EGG HUNT

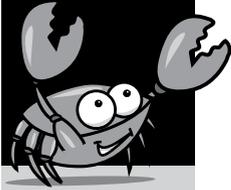
10:00 am! We'd love to have you come! The address is 867 S. West Camano Drive or go to camanochapel.org/connect for more info.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 HAPPY EASTER



Easter is a festival and holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial after his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD.

Calendar of Events



MONDAY,
APRIL 1

**APRIL
FOOLS
DAY!**

MONDAY, APRIL 1

GUIDED HIKE TO THE WATERFALL OF CAMANO



Join volunteers from NW Cascades Group to visit Salish Falls. The waterfall is located on private land on the south end of the island, owned by William Randall, a member of the NW Cascades Group. Meet at 10am at 392 Salish Cascade Loop, Camano Island. More info: 360-ITS-JOKE.

MONDAY, APRIL 1

NAUGHTY BINGO

8pm at Beauty Bar Salon + Lounge. Always free to play. Come have some naughty fun and maybe win some prizes! 360-629-2324.

MONDAY, APRIL 1

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Varsity Softball vs Cedarcrest. 6:30pm.

JV Tetherball vs Los Angeles HS. 1am.

MONDAY, APRIL 1

POLKA DOT POLKA

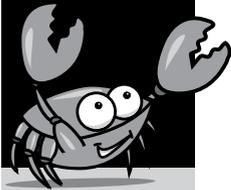
Polka dots are a timeless pattern that has been around for centuries. They first gained popularity in the 19th century in Europe, particularly in Poland, where the term 'polka' comes from. The word 'polka' originally referred to a lively dance, and the dots on the fabric were meant to mimic the movement and energy of the dance. To commemorate the tradition of the polka dance, the Camano Choreographic Society is hosting a workshop today to learn the polka dot polka. This lively and energetic dance is characterized by its quick tempo and bouncy steps. The dancers move in a circle, mimicking the dots on the fabric. Its infectious energy and simple steps make it a favorite for people of all ages to join in and have a good time. Noon-2pm at Sum Fayke Centre.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Varsity Baseball vs Marysville Pilchuck. 4pm.

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

In the mid-20th century, it used to take as much as 27 hours to make a marshmallow peep. Today, the time has been reduced to six minutes.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

LEGO® AFTERNOON

4-5pm - Stanwood Library. Stop by for an afternoon of LEGO®! Build alone or with friends -- we'll provide everything you need.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Boys Soccer vs Archbishop Murphy. JV: 5pm. Varsity: 7pm.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

CHILDREN SOUND BATH AND STORY

12:30pm at Camano Island Library. Join for FREE Tranquility Healing for a story of The Lorax!!! Also a Sound Bath just for your kids and you will get the tones of healing too!!! Nap time with beautiful crystal singing bowl music. This event is FREE and open to the public.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

TIDE POOLS EXPLORATION WITH WA STATE PARKS



10:00 AM – Stanwood Library. Join staff from Deception Pass State Park on an adventure underwater to discover tide pools and the creatures that live within. Explore how tide pool creatures have adapted to survive this constantly changing environment and discover how humans can help protect these delicate habitats. This program will include a live virtual exploration underwater with the Park's GoPro.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

JV Baseball vs Kamiak. 4pm.

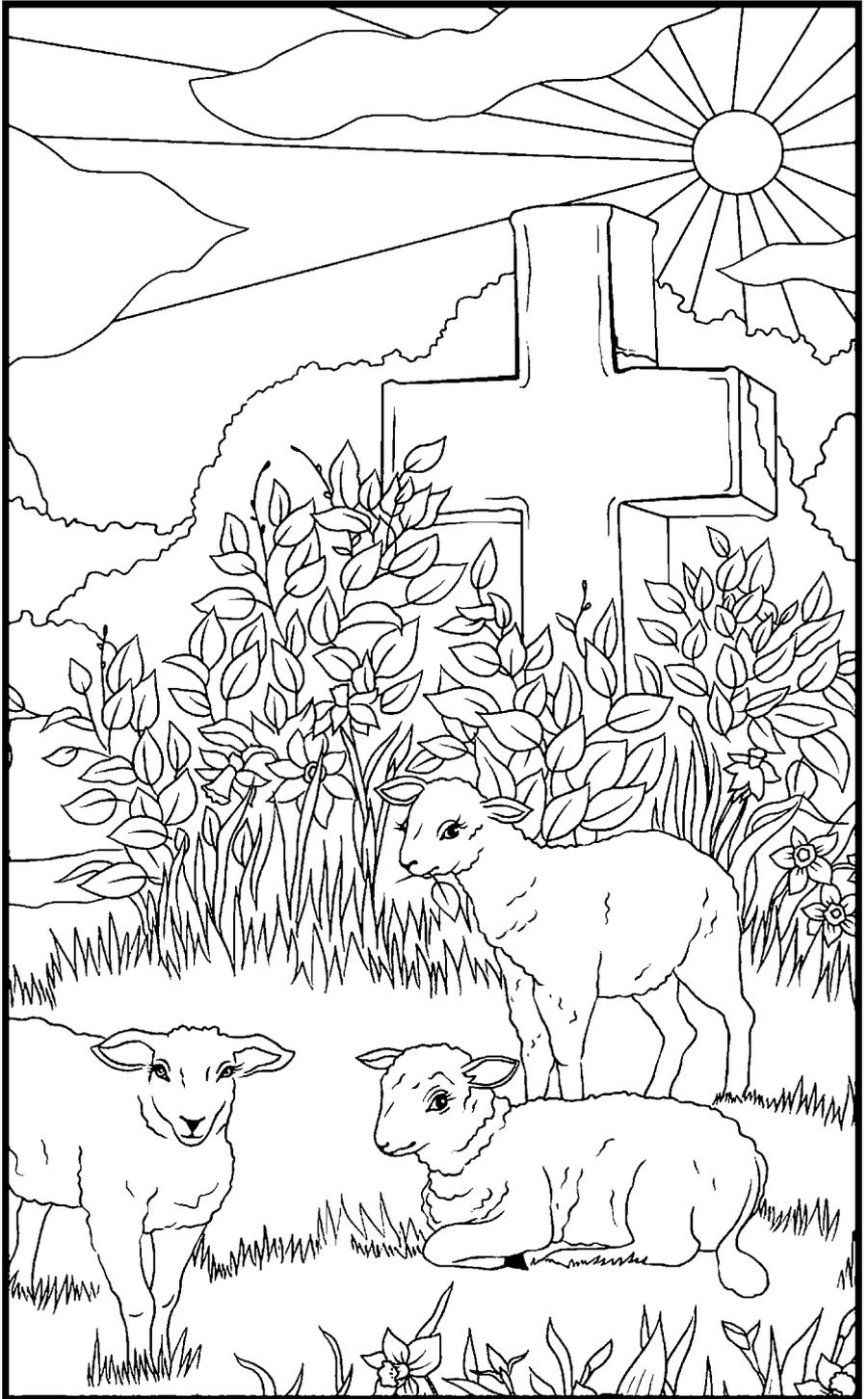
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A typical 5 hour day:

- Low-impact social time to encourage group engagement and support
- Small group setting with 2 to 1 ratio of participant to experienced staff & volunteers
- Light physical activities
- Art and other creative projects
- Group-oriented games and other forms of cognitive stimulation
- Lunch, snacks, and light refreshments throughout the day

Program Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30-2:30

Location: Camano Center,
606 Arrowhead Rd.

Pre-registration required

Contact the Camano Center to find out if this program is the right match for you:
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Story by Jack
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NO MORE DRIVER'S TEST

Google cars came out with some statistics recently. Driverless cars don't have accidents really ... and the few they do have are cars with drivers running into them. Some of the boys in the Flatheads, our vintage car club, were flabbergasted. They're old school, guyz who revel in memories of souped up engines, backroad drag races, cue ball shifter knobs and dangling dice on the rearview. They love their rods, they love their memories and they go apoplectic to imagine a future of robot automobiles they can sit in the backseat and read a paper. They have fond memories of other uses for that backseat.

"The Age of the Automobile is coming to an end," I made the mistake of saying to Two Toke Tom at the Diner where it was overheard by half the Flatheads at the breakfast pow-wow where they'd pushed half the tables together to make room for about a dozen car enthusiasts. Their Packards and Chargers and 88's were lined up outside the plate glass like an outdoor Museum for Testosterone, right next to Tom's beater with the cracked windshield and the missing front quarter panel, all gleaming with fresh wax and loving care. I might have been wiser announcing we ought to confiscate guns in an NRA meeting.

Freddie, the head honcho Flathead, jerked his head in the direction of my blasphemy. "What are you drinking, man???" he practically shouted. Brenda spilled coffee on Harry's hand, missing his cup by a quarter mile. "Yeoww!" he hollered in pain. The whole café was now on Alert. "I only mean the day is coming when cars will drive themselves. They don't have accidents, Fred, and if they don't have accidents, guess what the insurance companies are going to demand? You want to drive your big Dodge, fine, but guess what they'll charge you for the privilege?"

"Over my dead fender, Skeeter." Two Toke raised his cup. "Amen, brother Fred, Amen."

"All I'm saying, Fred, is half the folks out there on the road these days aren't driving anyway. They're text messaging, they're talking on the phone, they're wobbling over the center line and they're drifting onto the shoulder. They go from 60 mph to 30 mph. I don't know what all they're doing behind the wheel, but it sure isn't driving. Might be okay with me if they let the computer do that for em so they can pay attention to their smartphone."

Fred snorted and the assembled Flatheads snorted in agreement. Brenda mopped up Harry's table and dried his hand. Harry would live, Two Toke would get a good laugh on me later and the Flatheads would all drive down Memory Lane with rumbling mufflers, KaHoo-ga horns, mohaired upholstery, big fins and whitewall tires like mastodons crossing back over the Bering Strait to a garage somewhere in the Pleistocene.

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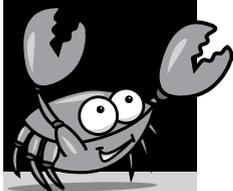
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APRIL FOOL JOKE:

If April shows-
ers bring May
flowers, what
do May flowers
bring?

Pilgrims.



Flames along 532 Bridge. Photo by Roy Spires.



"The Daffodils are UP!!" Roy Spires, Camano Island



Chris Tuohy surfing the waves at Utsalady during the December storms. Photo by April Phule.



Turquoise
2 drops green
5 drops blue



Apricot
4 drops green
1 drop pink

Raspberry
6 drops pink
1 drop blue



Deep Purple
7 drops blue
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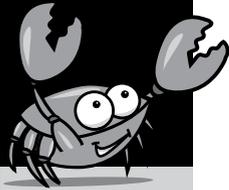
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APRIL FOOL JOKE:

What do you
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a tulip?

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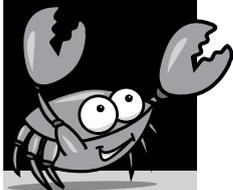
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HOTWORX - STANWOOD



Hey everyone, we're Cassie and Tanner, and we are thrilled to share some amazing news with you! We're absolutely over the moon about becoming the proud owners of HOTWORX Stanwood! Having lived on Camano Island for eight wonderful years, we've grown to adore the tight-knit community in Stanwood and Camano Island. Our two incredible kids, aged 6 and 9, keep our lives wonderfully exciting! On top of that, Tanner runs our construction company, Merritt Builders, in Burlington, Washington full time. Yes, you guessed it right - Merritt Builders will be doing the construction for HOTWORX Stanwood! How awesome is that? My previous role at the Camano Island Chamber of Commerce allowed me to work closely with the community and our local businesses, and it's been an incredible journey. Now, we're beyond excited to take our involvement in the community to a whole new level! From the moment I tried HOTWORX for the first time, I was hooked. I've never been one who enjoyed working out, especially in a public space - but HOTWORX is no ordinary gym, in fact, it is a Boutique Fitness Studio that offers a unique and fun way of making your fitness journey successful! MORE WORKOUT, LESS TIME! Tanner felt the same way, and we both knew that bringing this to Stanwood would be an incredible opportunity for our community. Stay tuned for more updates as we get closer to opening our doors! We can't wait to sweat, sculpt, and rejuvenate with all of you at HOTWORX Stanwood soon!



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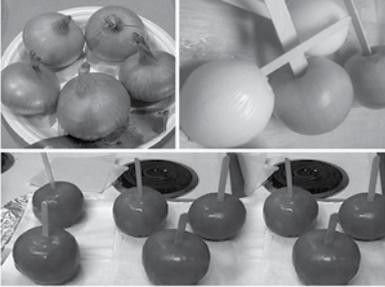
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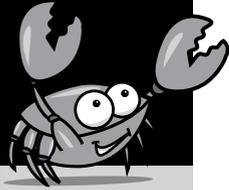


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the symbol of the cross stands for Christ dying for the sins of the world, and the lamb because he called himself the sacrificial Lamb of God.

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Line Dance Lessons at the Camano Center — Wednesdays 3:00pm-3:45pm. \$10/person or \$8/Camano Center Members. Join us! More info at www.socialdancesimplified.com.

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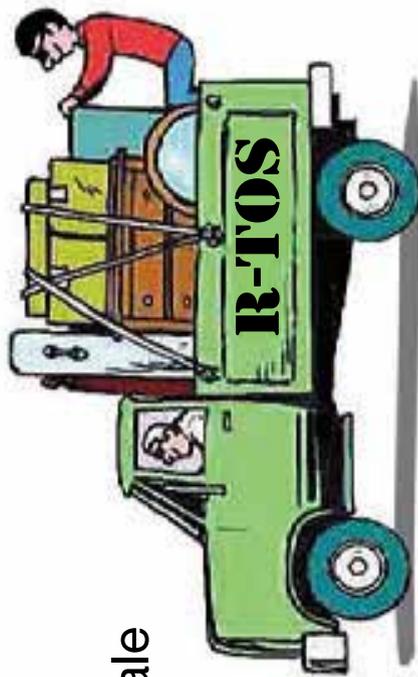
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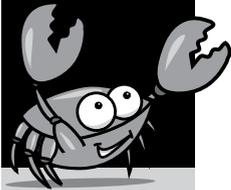
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APRIL FOOL JOKE:

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DID YOU KNOW?

The traditional act of painting eggs is called Pysanka (origins from the Ukrainian word pysaty, "to write")

THE SYMBOLIC CRAB OF CAMANO ISLAND

Just as tulips are synonymous with Skagit County, crabs (specifically Dungeness) are iconic to Camano Island, even more so than the town of Dungeness, WA....but it wasn't always that way. Agreeably, the Dungeness Crab have been around for centuries and have been a valuable source of food and pride to our area. Yet, the crab was not a symbol of the area until after the arrival of The Crab Cracker community magazine. The magazine, emblazoned with a cute crab logo and crab decor throughout the magazine, was first produced by James and Malynda Shipley back in 2012. Every two weeks a new edition would be distributed to thousands of locals, with the infused crab theme throughout the magazine, that soon generated a crab identity to Camano Island itself. Evidently, the large metal crab at Terry's corner was constructed after 2012 and the Camano Crab Dash did not exist prior to 2012. Since 2012, many businesses, artists, and clothing companies have adopted the crab icon, strengthening the local crab market, all likely inspired by The Crab Cracker magazine.

BEWARE THE EASTER BUNNY!



The Easter Bunny had been infected with a virus at the 2024 Washington Chocolate Convention and now instead of hiding colorful eggs this year, it is on a mission to spread the virus to as many people as possible. According to Danny Koffman, the promoter of the Convention, certain atmospheric conditions can reverse the zombie effect. But the conditions have to be just right. If the weather temperature on Easter morning is between 20 degrees F and 110 degrees F, or if the precipitation is 0 to 100%, the Easter Bunny will be cured.



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DID YOU KNOW?

The origin of the Easter bunny is not clear, though there are mentions in Germany of the Easter bunny dating back to the 17th century. The Eastern bunny plays the role of Santa Clause but for the Easter season. The bunny comes the eve before Easter and hides eggs for the kids in the garden and inside the house.

JELLY PLANT GIVEAWAY



Do you want to grow your own jelly plant? Plant a jelly bean. Silvana Confection Garden is giving away packets of jelly beans to plant in your garden. Jelly plants (also known as succulent jellies) are a fascinating and unique type of plant that have many colorful varieties.

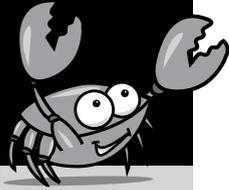
SOLAR ECLIPSE GLASSES

Come and get your special edition glasses at the Stanwood Library in preparation for the upcoming partial solar eclipse scheduled to take place on Monday, April 8, 2024! Hurry while supplies last.

OVENELL FARM PARK AND SUMC COMMUNITY GARDENS

Puget Sound Public Farms is working on two local projects: PROJECT 1. The Ovenell Park Public Farm will be a volunteer-run vegetable garden situated at 10521 Saratoga Dr, Stanwood. The project by Puget Sound Public Farms is set to commence in the Spring of 2024. The primary objective is to convert one acre of the former dairy farm into a communal vegetable garden, providing a space for volunteers to learn the complete process of cultivating fruits, vegetables, and flowers, from seeding to harvest. The produce cultivated on-site will be distributed to members of the Stanwood Camano community facing food insecurity, facilitated through our partnership with the Stanwood Camano Food Bank. There is also plan to restore the wetland located at the park with the help of the Stiliguamish tribe of Indians as well as the Snohomish county conservation district. PROJECT 2. The parcel adjacent to the Stanwood United Methodist Church presents an exceptional opportunity for a community garden space. It has access to water, morning and afternoon sun, and is in close proximity to many residences. The garden will serve as a community gathering space where residents have the opportunity to learn how to grow fruits, vegetables, and flowers. The space will also provide the Stanwood Camano Food Bank with fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables. Classes on how to grow a garden will be provided once a week for all to enjoy. Residents of the Stanwood-Camano community will have the opportunity to rent a plot of a raised garden bed or accessible bed to grow their own food. More info: <https://pspfarms.org/>

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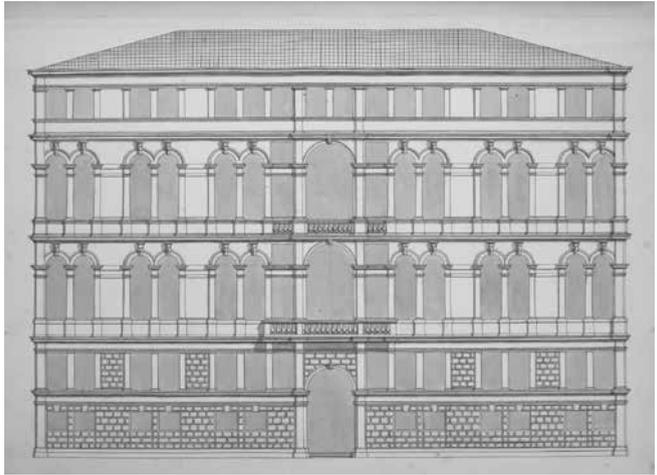


APRIL FOOL JOKE:

How can you tell if a plant is good at math?

It has square roots.

NEW CITY HALL DESIGN



The Stanwood Police Department and City Hall are undergoing renovations and remodels. The most ambitious plan is for the new city hall. The old building and the surrounding landscaping will be demolished to make room for a 50,000 square foot city hall and convention center. The hopes from city government is that this new facility will draw in business interests and added tourism. The plan of the new design is pictured above. For further info, contact Representative Hugh Gotta Bejoking.

ANNUAL AUCTION

Join us for an exciting evening of fun and philanthropy at the Camp Fire Snohomish County Auction on May 17, 2024! This year, we are bringing the iconic Monopoly game to life, creating a one-of-a-kind experience for all attendees. Get ready to embark on a night of adventure, all while supporting our youth programs and raising funds for camp scholarships! The event will be filled with live auctions, silent auctions, raffles, and interactive games inspired by the beloved board game. Tickets on sale now. GO and collect your tickets! Seating is limited. <https://campfiresnoco.ejoinme.org/2024auction>.



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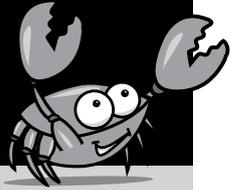
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CITY OF STANWOOD UNVEILS COMMUNICATION BOARD AT CHURCH CREEK PARK



City of Stanwood Unveils First-Ever Communication Board. On February 20, staff unveiled the city's first-ever communication board at Church Creek Park. "This is a great thing for the park and for those with disabilities. Anything that we can do to foster inclusion is well worth our time and effort," Mayor Roberts said. A communication board is an inexpensive and effective tool that helps individuals of all age levels and abilities communicate and interact with one another. Children who have difficulty speaking for example, can point at any one of the symbols or pictures on the board to help convey what they want to say.

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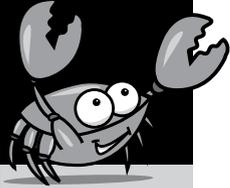
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STANWOOD YOUTH FOOTBALL

Questions are starting to come in about 2024 Fall Tackle Registration. We love everyone's excitement about the upcoming season! Registration is slated to open April 1st and we will be sending information to families via email, Facebook and on our website. We are excited too! Stay tuned for more information!

IN MEDIA, WHAT IS AN EASTER EGG?

Easter egg (media) is a term used to describe a message, image or feature hidden in a video game, film, or other that's usually an electronic medium. A tool writers and directors use to wink at their audience, and a little gift for discerning viewers who spot them, these messages can appear as veiled artistic references, jokes, messages, and more. One example is from the movie, Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark (1981). The Easter egg was a reference to Star Wars. In Raiders, there is a scene picturing hieroglyphed walls. Upon closer inspection, you'll spot a familiar sight. The symbols feature a pair of the Star Wars franchise's most iconic characters hidden among the Ancient Egyptian figures: R2-D2 and C3PO.

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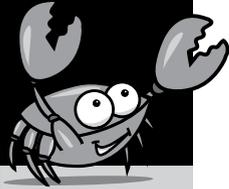
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DID YOU KNOW?

Ham come to be the traditional favorite for Easter dinner because in pre-refrigeration days, hogs were slaughtered in the fall and cured for six to seven months. Just in time for Easter dinner.

CRAB-CON



A crab-themed convention, similar to a comic-con, is an exciting and unique event that celebrates all things crab. It is a fun and creative way to bring people together and showcase their love for these creatures. At the crab themed convention, attendees will find a variety of activities and attractions that pay homage to their favorite crustaceans. The venue also hosts a diverse lineup of vendors. One of the main highlights is the cosplay competition. This is where attendees get to showcase their creativity and dress up as their favorite crab characters from popular comics, cartoons, and movies. From the iconic Sebastian from *The Little Mermaid* to the mischievous Krusty Krab from *Spongebob Squarepants*, the possibilities are endless. The competition is fierce, and the winners get to take home some amazing prizes. The Crab-Con is scheduled for June 12 at the Warm Beach Activity Center on Jest Street.

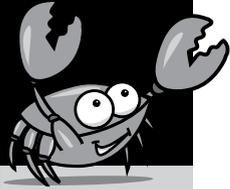
NEW SCHOOL MASCOTS FOR 2025

The Stanwood-Camano District of Education is paying homage to its founding settlers and local wildlife by changing the mascots of some of the area schools. The biggest change will be to the Stanwood High School Spartans. The Spartan army was one of the most feared and formidable military forces in the Greek world, but they do not reflect our area's heritage and culture. Therefore, based on a vote by the District and community members, the new name will be the Stanwood Nordics. Other new mascot changes will be Lincoln Hill Lushootseed, Twin City Cormorants, Utsalady Limpets, and Cedarhome River Rats,

SHS HORTICULTURE ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Stanwood High School Greenhouse Production and Horticultural Science classes have been working hard this year to produce a great opportunity for the Stanwood community by producing a fantastic plant sale for this year. Our Bloom'n Plant Sale is back for Year Three at the New High School! The hours will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sale starts the last week of April and continues the first week of May. We are growing annuals, perennials, vegetable starts, herbs and many baskets.

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DID YOU KNOW?

It takes 24-26 hours for a hen to complete the process of laying an egg.

WHALE BREACHES DOWNTOWN



A gray whale broke through the concrete on 271st Street in downtown Stanwood on March 28th. Scientists from Salish Marine Stewards and the Historical Society of Snohomish County stated that, though extremely rare, there is an explanation. Stanwood was actually built upon a man-made sheet of rock over the bay of Port Susan. This shelf of engineered rock is laid over the deep waters of Port Susan, creating a large “underwater tunnel” to allow for safe migrations of sea life, including gray whales. As mammals, these whales have to surface in order to breathe in oxygen, otherwise they will die. Naturally, whales have learned to surface before travelling underneath Stanwood. This old whale, however, was forced to break through the thin crust of the street to gasp for air. Some speculate that the whale may have been disoriented or sick, leading it to make a wrong turn and end up on the street. Others believe that the whale may have been chasing prey and miscalculated its jump, resulting in it landing on the street. Fortunately, the whale returned back to the sea with just minor cuts and abrasions and minimal damage to the road. The street was closed for two nights for repairs to it and the shelf foundation, and was re-opened on March 30.



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EASTER JOKE

Boy 1: "How did you get that bruise on your arm?"

Boy 2: "I ate some Easter candy."

Boy 1: "Eating Easter candy won't give you a bruise."

Boy 2: "It will if it's your big brother's candy!"

COMPETITIVE TWISTER AT SHS

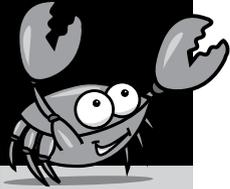
Twister – the ultimate game of physical skill and agility has been the source of laughter and friendly competition amongst friends and family since 1966. This year, twister game events have been adopted by school districts in the U.S. as part of their athletic department. A twister game event is a gathering where individuals or teams compete against each other in a game of twister. The game involves players placing their hands and feet on different colored circles on a large mat, following the instructions of a spinner. As the game progresses, players have to contort their bodies and move to different positions while trying to maintain their balance. The last person or team standing is declared the winner. The game requires physical movement and coordination. It also promotes teamwork and communication, as players have to work together to strategize and stay in the game. Twister events will be part of the Stanwood High School sports curriculum in Winter 2025.

FOREST GIANT



Deep in the forests of Silvana, WA, there is said to be a giant amongst the trees. Tales of this mysterious creature have been passed down for generations, captivating the imaginations of locals and drawing in curious adventurers. The stories of the giant vary, with some describing it as a gentle and protective being, while others claim it to be a terrifying and dangerous entity. The local Native American tribes have their own beliefs and stories about the giant. They see it as a protector of the forests and a guardian of their ancient traditions. They believe that the giant was once a human who had a deep connection with nature and was blessed by the spirits to become one with the forest. Despite the many tales and legends surrounding the giant, its existence remains a mystery. For the people of Silvana, the giant is a part of their history and culture. And whether real or not, the giant continues to captivate the hearts and minds of those who visit this small town. So, the next time you find yourself in the forests of Silvana, keep your eyes open and your mind open to the possibility of encountering the giant.

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DID YOU KNOW?

For many centuries before Jesus' birth, the Jewish people had their own special spring festival, called Passover (Pesach).

AARP TAXAIDE – APPOINTMENTS STILL AVAILABLE

AARP TaxAide is providing FREE tax return preparation on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Lincoln Hill Retirement Community in Stanwood thru April 11th. Appointments must be made in person when picking up a Tax Payer packet at Lincoln Hill. Appointments are still available but going fast so make your appointments now. While our goal is to assist Seniors and low income individuals, we will do returns for any taxpayers that fall within our scope.

CAMANO ISLAND ANNOUNCES PLAN TO REPLACE ALL CARS WITH KAYAKS

In an effort to reduce traffic and promote eco-friendly transportation, the city council of Camano Island has just unveiled their bold new initiative: replacing all cars with kayaks. Residents are encouraged to paddle their way to work, school, and even grocery shopping!

BIGFOOT CROSSING



Due to recent sightings of Sasquatch roaming the forests, the city council has decided to implement a new 'Bigfoot Crossing' program. Signs will be installed across hiking trails and wooded areas, indicating designated crossing zones for our furry friends.

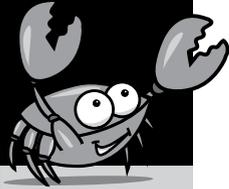


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DID YOU KNOW?

88 percent of adults carry on the Easter tradition of creating Easter baskets for their kids & 90 percent of adults hope for their own treat from the Easter Bunny.

TRAFFIC WAVE-OFFS



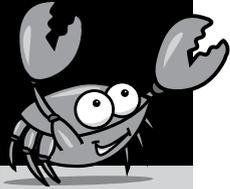
Stanwood decided to replace traffic lights with friendly wave-offs! Tired of waiting at red lights? Stanwood's city council has just unveiled their innovative solution: replacing all traffic lights with friendly volunteers who will wave you through intersections with a smile and a thumbs-up! Residents are already reporting shorter commutes and a much happier start to their day. Just remember to reciprocate with a friendly wave back – it's the Stanwood way!"

SECRET UNDERGROUND WORLD DISCOVERED BENEATH JUNIPER BEACH



Something extraordinary has been uncovered beneath the sands of Juniper Beach! In a stunning archaeological find, researchers have stumbled upon a hidden network of caverns and tunnels lurking beneath the shoreline. Rumors of mysterious echoes and strange whispers have circulated for years, but now it's confirmed – Juniper Beach is sitting atop an underground labyrinth filled with ancient artifacts and hidden treasures. The caverns are said to be so deep that they reach the very heart of the island itself. Explorers are just beginning to delve into the depths of this newfound underworld.

Community Information



DID YOU KNOW?

75 percent of kids report they are willing to do extra chores for more Easter candy.

SASQUATCH SUBS



New sub shop opens in Stanwood. Hours of operation will be 9AM to 7:30PM every day closed on Wednesday. Located at the Cedarhome Market 6809 284th St NW Stanwood. (360) 610-2765 or (425) 244-2126. sasquatchsubs@gmail.com. Order online at <https://www.clover.com/online-ordering/sasquatch-sub-standwood>

UPCOMING FREE HEARING AID CLEANINGS

(by Stanwood Hearing). April 5th from 11 am – 12pm @ The Stillaguamish Senior Center. September 4th from 12:30-1:30pm @ The Stanwood Lincoln Senior Center. Upcoming Hearing aid Screening, Cognitive Brain Screening & Hearing aid Cleanings (complimentary) April 10th from 11am-2pm (call us to save your timeslot) 360-572-4422.

ZIPLINE CAMANO-WHIDBEY

In order to boost commerce and tourism to Camano Island and Whidbey Island, a new zipline, the second largest in the world, is under development. The concept will incorporate gravity, hydraulics and magnetized momentum to propel single riders as well as group "trams" (a first zip-tram of its kind). The proposed "jump-off" platform sites will be at Camano Head on Camano Island and Sandy Point on Whidbey. The current longest zipline in the world is Jebel Jais Flight, located in United Arab Emirates. It is 1.76 miles long. The Camano-Whidbey Zip (as it will be named) will become the second-longest zipline in the world, measuring 1.70 miles long.



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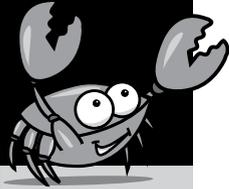
Leave it alone, it's a healthy fledgling. It's normal for it to be on the ground while it learns to fly. You may see adult birds above, likely its parents protecting and caring for it.

Carefully place the bird in a bush or other safe space where its parents can still find it.*
Bring dogs or cats inside, if possible.



*Birds do not have a very good sense of smell. It's a myth that a baby bird's parents will reject it if a human has touched it.

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KNOCK KNOCK

Who's there?

Beak.

Beak who?

Beak careful
that you don't
get pranked on
April Fools' Day.

WOLVES INTRODUCED TO LOCAL PARKS



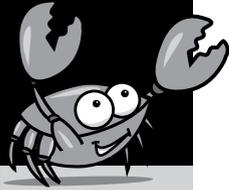
Due to overwhelming reports of coyote savagery within Camano Island and Snohomish County, the Washington Game Department has introduced the coyote's only natural predator to its ecosystem, the Pacific White Wolf. Twenty-five White Wolves have been relocated to the area in hopes of curbing the growing population of coyotes. Once the coyote population has been killed off, and the wolves become too threatening, the Game Department plans on introducing the only known predator of the White Wolf, the Grizzly Bear. Once all the wolves are eliminated, and to get rid of the Grizzly Bears, the Game Department will introduce the only known predator of the Grizzly Bear.... the coyote.

A.I. SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM



Starting April 1st, Elger Bay Elementary is participating in an A.I. nutrition pilot program. Combining the technologies of A.I., 3D printing, and food cloning, students will have the opportunity to order any food that they desire, from grapes to T-bone steaks. They type their food preferences on a smart phone app the night before school. The ingredients are manufactured from source materials and ingredients within a type of 3D printer called a "cookery". At lunch time the next day, the students pick up their meals at the cafeteria.

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ROCKET LAUNCH FROM CAMANO ISLAND AIRSTRIP



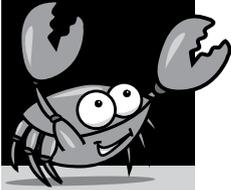
Students from the Stanwood High School Rocketry club recently successfully launched a CB-45 rocket from Camano Island on March 12. Outfitted with cameras built from spare parts from the old Stanwood High School performing Arts Center and from electronics from the local senior centers and thrift stores, SHS managed to be the first high school rocketry program to get a rocket into orbit. Currently, the rocket is circling the moon Andorlop 2 and will return to Earth in 2089.

WILD SUCCULENTS IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY



due to Global Warming and worldwide increase of temperatures on the planet, new species of flora are growing all around the world, including here in Snohomish County. This caci is a Clorofolia, typically found only in South America. But this photo was taken from Kayak Point by one of the park renovation workers. According to one of the park's nature experts, these plants and more will become more common every year as temperatures and environments become more suitable for these warm-climate species.

Clubs and Meetings



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Friendship Tea - Drop by for tea, treats, and a chance to visit with friends, both old and new. 1st & 3rd Tuesday mornings of from 10:30-12:00. No charge for Camano Center members; \$5 for non-members. Please check in at the Front Desk. For more information, contact Connie (360) 652-7211.

Rainy Day Room Playgroup Free weekly play group on Thursdays at 10-11am and Mondays from 3:30-4:30pm at the Community Resource Center for ages 0-5 and their grown-ups! Friendship and community....getting out of the house.

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

Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Tuesdays and Wednesdays - a FREE play group for 0-5 years and their grown ups. Facilitators guide children and their caregivers through a variety of developmental activities that promote early learning, and is inclusive of all young children, languages, and cultures. At Community Resource Center of Stanwood Camano.

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.

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.

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CASA'S PET OF THE WEEK:

My name is **GIA!** I am a 4 year old Pitbull mix. I can be a bit shy at first, but am a huge snuggler once I get to know you. I am treat motivated and am working on some commands such as "sit." I will need a patient owner who is willing to work with me and help show me that the world isn't such a scary place. I would do well with dog savvy cats and mellow dogs. A meet and greet is required. Please stop by to meet me if I sounds like the dog for you.

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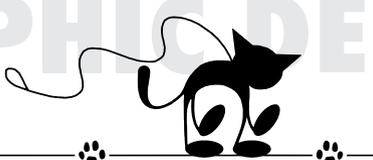
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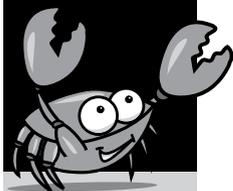
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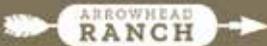
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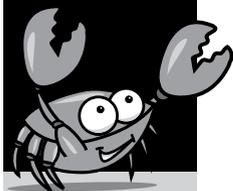
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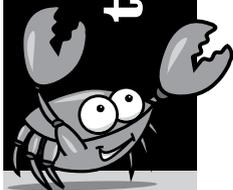


CUPCAKES: 1 c. unsalted butter, room temperature; 2 c. granulated sugar; 1 tsp. vanilla extract; 2 tsp. lemon zest; 1/2 tsp. lemon extract; 4 lg. eggs, room temperature; 1 c. full-fat sour cream; 1/2 c. whole milk; 3 1/4 c. plus 3 T. cake flour, divided; 1 1/2 tsp. baking powder; 1/2 tsp. baking soda; 3/4 tsp. salt; 1 1/2 c. raspberries

LEMON CREAM CHEESE FROSTING: 12 oz. cream cheese, room temperature; 1/2 c. unsalted butter, room temperature; 1/2 tsp. lemon extract; 4 1/2 c. confectioners' sugar, sifted, more if needed; 2 T. fresh lemon juice; 1 tsp. fresh lemon zest

DIRECTIONS: 1. **CUPCAKES:** Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line two (12 cup) cupcake tins with paper liners; set aside. 2. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, or in a large bowl using a handheld electric mixer, beat the butter, sugar, vanilla extract, lemon extract, and lemon zest on medium speed until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. With the mixer on low speed, add the sour cream and milk, beat until combined. 3. In a medium bowl, whisk together 3 1/4 cups of the cake flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Using a rubber spatula, gently fold the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients, mixing just until combined. Be sure not to over mix or your cupcakes will be dense; set aside. 4. In a small bowl combine the remaining 3 tablespoons of flour with the raspberries; toss to coat. Using a rubber spatula, gently fold the raspberries and any excess flour into the batter, stirring just until combined. 5. Spoon or scoop the batter (using an ice cream scoop) into the prepared cupcake tins (filling each mold 3/4 of the way full). Bake one pan at a time, for about 20-22 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of a cupcake comes out clean, or with just a few moist crumbs attached. 6. Cool in the pan for 10 minutes then transfer cupcakes to a cooling rack. Cool completely before frosting. 7. **LEMON CREAM CHEESE FROSTING:** In the bowl of a stand-mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, or in a large bowl using an electric handheld mixer, beat the softened cream cheese, butter, and lemon extract on medium-high speed until completely smooth; about 2 minutes. 8. Reduce the speed to low and gradually add the sifted confectioners' sugar. Add in the lemon juice and zest. Once incorporated, increase speed to medium-high and beat for 1-2 minutes. 9. Once the cupcakes have completely cooled spread or pipe the frosting on top of the cupcakes. Decorate with fresh raspberries and a lemon slice, if desired. 10. Cupcakes are best the day they are made but will keep covered and stored in the fridge for 3 days. Bring to room temperature before serving. Yields 24 cupcakes

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PLEASE ACCEPT MY HEARTFELT APOLOGY IF I'VE OFFENDED YOU

Dear Crab Cracker readers. I want to apologize. Recently I've learned that some remarks I've made in previous humor articles have offended some readers. If I have offended you by one or more of my past View from the Bleachers columns, let me extend an olive branch by way of apology in the hopes that someday you might find it in your heart to forgive me.

To Mr. Arnold Halasz, whom I appear to have sent completely over the edge, I apologize for my snarky comment that in Hungary (your home country, apparently), the only three foods you'll find are pickles, cabbage, and pickled cabbage. I completely failed to mention cauliflower, and that one is totally on me. Thank you, Mr. H., for all your letters. I should mention, however, that your most recent death threat came postage due. Don't forget to use a 1st class stamp next time.

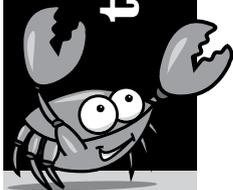
To Angus O'Shaughnessy, who, having grown up in Canada, was offended by my article SEVEN MYTHS ABOUT OUR NEIGHBORS TO THE NORTH, I apologize for my insensitivity to your great nation and for my callous stereotypes about your homeland being totally ice-covered for ten months of the year, along with my egregiously flippant comment that most Canadians live in igloos and leave their elderly to die alone on ice floes. In doing some additional research, I realize now I meant to say Norway, not Canada. I promise to print a correction in the next issue.

To Carlo Grimaldi, who was offended by my column THE CASE AGAINST MARRIAGE EQUALITY FOR LEFT-HANDED PEOPLE, I could not be sorrier for my misguided commentary. I meant nothing sinister. I understand that as a left-handed American, you felt my argument in opposition to marriage rights for people with your embarrassing affliction demonstrated intolerance on my part. Since reading your thoughtful ALL CAPS, profanity-laced rebuttal, I've come around to your viewpoint. I now fully embrace your right as a left-handed American to marry, just like normal people. But let's agree to draw the line there. For God's sake, we must keep the sacred bonds of matrimony closed from those disgusting ambidextrous deviants.

To Stanley Szczepanski, a dog owner who was offended by my piece titled AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR CAT, I hope you can find it in your heart to forgive me. As a cat owner, I took the liberty of referring to dogs as "tail-wagging kiss-asses." I apologize for my coarse use of language and for inferring that dogs spend most of their time sniffing other dog's butts and barking apoplectically at the mere sight of a squirrel. This showed tremendous insensitivity to all the dogs out there that possess the requisite intelligence needed to have read my unflattering remarks about their species. I promise to write a future post trashing all cats to make sure your miniature dachshund gets equal treatment.

To Gunter Heppenheimer, who was offended by my parenting piece called ALWAYS LIE TO YOUR KIDS, I hope you will be able to forgive

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my horribly errant parenting advice. When I said you should always lie to your kids, I meant to clarify this by adding, only if your wife is not there to catch you and only if you are sure your child is not recording your conversation.

To the many Catholics outraged by my musings titled RUMOR HAS IT I MAY BE THE NEXT POPE, please accept my apology. In retrospect, the fact I took three years of high school Latin and was celibate for much of my freshman year of college probably weren't sufficient credentials to make me a finalist for the job.

To all you vegans who were mortified by my post called HEALTH SAFETY WARNING: THESE FOODS WILL KILL YOU, I apologize. Thanks for the 100's of letters protesting that "carrot cake" is not in fact a vegetable. I apologize to the Brussel Sprouts Growers of America for calling yours the worst-tasting food ever. I meant to say Kale - definitely the worst. My bad.

To my wife, MICHELE, I apologize for mentioning you by your name - MICHELE - in many of my articles and by embarrassing you, MICHELE, when you, MICHELE, had the misfortune of being seen in public - next to me.

To my elder daughter Rachel, I apologize for adopting your younger sister. I had no idea she would wear your dresses and use your curling iron without telling you. That was totally my fault.

To my old cat Zippy, I apologize for bringing home an adorable fuzzy tuxedo kitty named Buddy, who has since grown up to be twice your size and routinely beats the crap out of you just for looking at him. My bad.

Finally, if you have been offended in any way by this week's column, I want to extend my deepest apology. Can I make it up to you by cooking you dinner? I know a great new pickled cabbage and cauliflower recipe that Crab Cracker reader Arnold Halasz sent to me.

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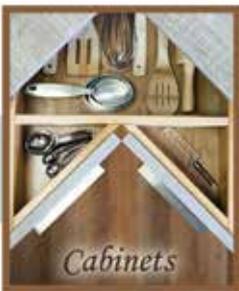
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