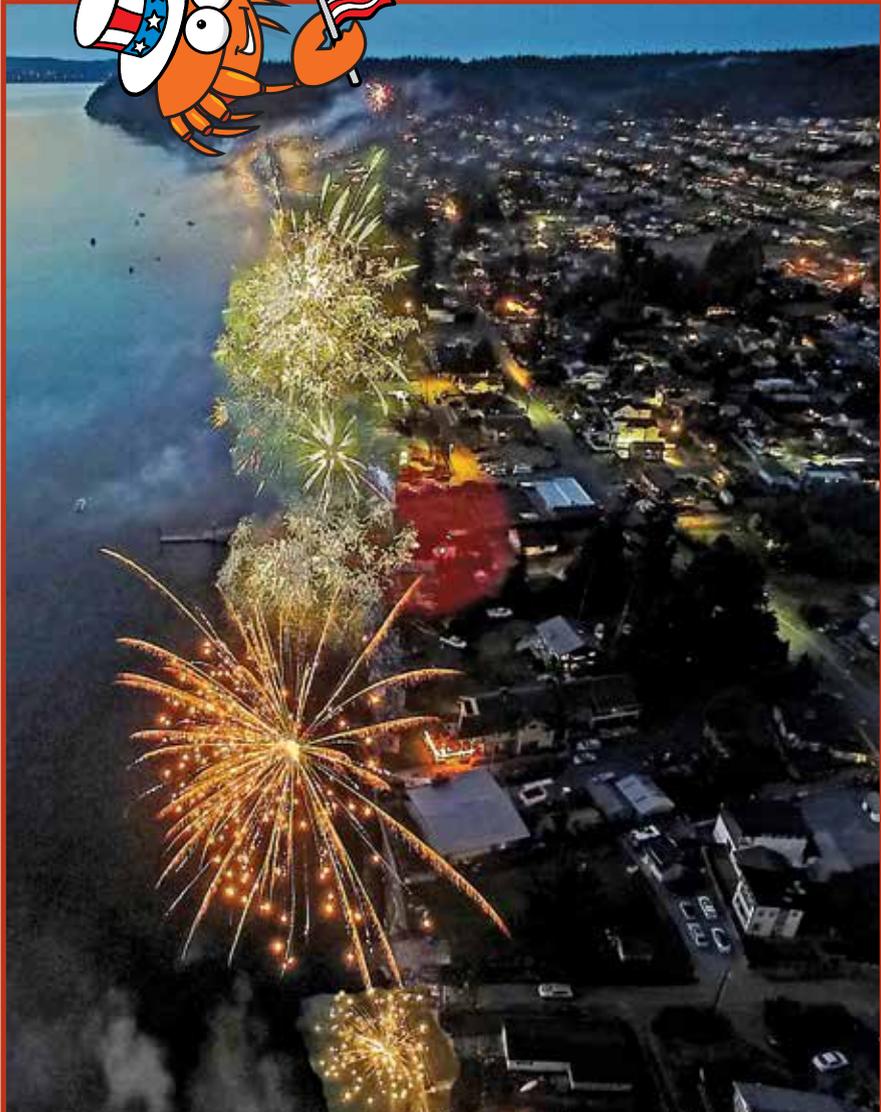


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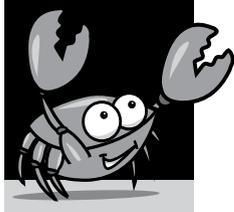
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Welcome to The Crab Cracker! Here's What's Crackin'...

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

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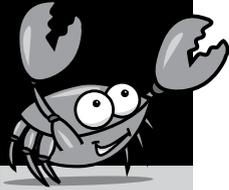


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Submission DEADLINE: JULY 4 for Next Edition (July 12-25)

Calendar of Events



4TH OF JULY TRIVIA

Question: Who ruled England when the Colonies established independence?

Answer: King George III

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

STANWOOD FARMERS MARKET

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

ART ADVENTURES IN LITERACY: PETE THE CAT

11am-12pm at Camano Island Library. Join us for an exciting summer art class series just for kids! Art teacher Callie will guide the class in bringing famous children's book characters to life through art. This month's class features one of literature's most beloved felines: Pete the Cat! We will use mixed media to bring this cool cat to life in our own original art creations. All materials are provided but we do have a limited number. To ensure your place, we recommend that you arrive promptly. More info: 360-770-6776.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

JOEL ASTLEY

8:00pm - 11:00pm at Pub 282. Blues, rock, funk, soul, jazz, Americana, country. Award winning harmonica and vocals, & visual arts!

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

RANDY WEEKS & THE DIMES

8 pm - Conway Muse. 18444 Spruce St., Conway. Tickets \$15 Advanced \$18 Day of Show

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

SCIENCE IN THE OUTDOORS

12pm - 2pm at Camano Island State Park. Learn about how science and nature mix! Join staff from the Snohomish Conservation District to learn about the science of the outdoors.

FRIDAY, JUNE 28

STEWART WOODS - FRIDAYS IN THE SPEAKEASY

6:30 - 8 pm at the Conway Muse. No Cover. Bring your dinner in and enjoy Stewart's music and a cocktail!

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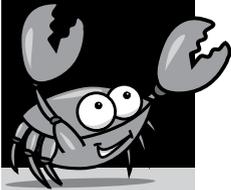
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SATURDAY, JUNE 29

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. Social distancing will be maintained. Please wear a mask!

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

TOY BOAT WORKSHOP

10am – 2pm at Camano Island State Park. Stop by our “shipyard” station and learn how to build a wooden toy boat. The best part? You get to bring it home as a souvenir! For safety, all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. \$5 suggested donation. A Discover Pass or Day Pass is needed for parking.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

KIDS NIGHT OUT

4:30-8:30pm at Stanwood YMCA. This month's theme is Pond Life. From algae and amphibians to insects, kids will have the opportunity to create their own pond utilizing everyday items like cardboard and paper. We will be playing games in the gym, having fun in Kids Zone and enjoying spaghetti with meat sauce for dinner. Register now: Kids Night Out – YMCA of Snohomish County (recliquecore.com)

Wana Duma Children's Project

African Market

Sunday, July 14th, 1:00-5:00pm
1410 Beach Drive, Camano Island

Jewelry, gifts, and decor from Kenya.
All proceeds benefit
Wana Duma Children's Project

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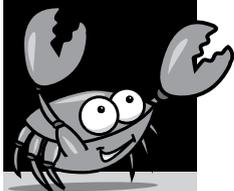


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Thank you.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

KYLE FINDLEY-MEIER SEND OFF PARTY

8 pm – Conway Muse. Come say bon voyage to Kyle Findley-Meier. Tickets \$15 Advanced \$20 Day of Show. Bring your to-go food in and enjoy some Muse Cocktails and beverages while listening to a local Skagit favorite as we take advantage of our last chance before Kyle heads off to Europe! 21+ only.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

CRIMINAL SQUIRREL ORCHESTRA

8:00pm - 11:00pm at Pub 282. A band dedicated to the fascination that original music brings to the squirrely soul, and how harmonies, nuance and nuts make things more fun.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

SNOHOMISH COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS

will be staffing a clinic at Haggen from 10-2. Please come and bring your gardening concerns. (It is very helpful if you bring samples and/or photos so that we can identify the issues & give accurate advice.).

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

CELEBRATE OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY WITH US!

at Orchards Nursery. Thank you for your support. Food, Live Music, Great Deals. 10521 SR 532, Stanwood. More info: 360-629-3586

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

POTLUCK PARTY - "38TH INTERNATIONAL JURIED PASTEL EXHIBIT"

Plus, several Stone Carver's sculptures. 5-7:30pm at Matzke Fine Art Gallery and Sculpture Park, 2345 Blanche Way, Camano Island. Open every weekend Friday - Saturday - Sunday 11-5, Monday - Thursday by Appt., 360-387-2759.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

100TH ANNIVERSARY BLOCK PARTY



ACE Hardware is turning 100 – join us for a FREE Community Block Party to celebrate – fun for the whole family! Party with us from 11 am to 2 pm at Camano Plaza. Kids cornhole, spin the wheel, prizes, raffles, steaks, beef burgers, and franks.

Calendar of Events



4TH OF JULY JOKE

What did the colonists wear to the Boston Tea Party?

Tea-shirts.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

SANDY ROWE

performing live at 4:30pm at Dos Reales, 9730 Hwy 532, Stanwood.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES - JOE T. COOK BLUES BAND



2-4pm on the brick road, 270th and 100th, Stanwood. Event by Stanwood Commerce Alliance and City of Stanwood. Come feel the rhythm and blues! Voted as 2024 Washington Blues Society BB Awards for Best Blues Band and Best Traditional Blues Band, the Joe Cook Blues Band will make sure that your soul will be dancing! Fun and FREE for the whole family! There will be some tables and chairs available or feel free to bring your own chair and/or blanket. Dogs welcome on leash. Please remember to pick up and dispose of trash.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

FIRE EDUCATION

Don't miss your chance to learn from Captain (Ret.) Mike Gagliano. He'll talk about on-scene decision-making in the art of go/no-go and firehouse leadership in this house rocks. 8am to 5pm at Madrona/Vista Fire Station, 273 N West Camano Drive, Camano Island. Register now: <https://firenuggets.regfox.com/cifrgagliano>

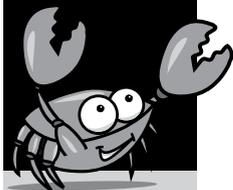


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4TH OF JULY TRIVIA

Question:
Where was the
Declaration of
Independence
stored during
World War II?

Answer: Fort
Knox, Kentucky

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

LAVENDER FARM SEASON OPENER - COMMUNITY CELEBRATION



10am at Our Legacy Fields, 27031 36th Avenue NW, Stanwood. We are growing something special here in Stanwood. We can't wait to throw open the gates and welcome back our community of lavender-loving friends, family and neighbors. We will have games for the entire family, food trucks, live music, ice cream, cold beverages, farm-made gifts and goodies, U-Pick Flower Field, warm sunshine, picnic tables, blankets (if you forgot yours), neighbors (if you forgot yours), compliments, hugs, tutorials on beekeeping, lavender harvesting and pruning, baby lavender starts for you to take home to your own backyard garden, really happy people and much much more.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

HOOVES AND HEROES COFFEE BREAK

A free social event for active duty, veterans, first responders, emergency support personnel, and their families. Meet with members of your community and learn more about our program with the help of some coffee. 9-10am at 2532 292nd St NW, Stanwood. More info: info@herehoovesandheroes.org.

SATURDAY, JUNE 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.

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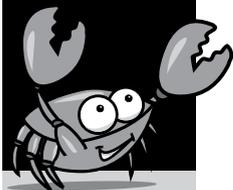
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4TH OF JULY TRIVIA

Question:
George Wash-
ington read the
Declaration of
Independence
in front of the
city hall of
which city on
July 9, 1776?

Answer: New
York City. In
fact, a riot broke
out amid the
reading, in part
as a reaction
to the fact that
British naval
ships were
occupying the
harbor at the
time.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

CO-ED ULTIMATE FRISBEE

9-11:30am at 7401 272nd St NW, Stanwood. Join us for a fun morning of co-ed Ultimate Frisbee pickup games in Stanwood. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the sport, this event is open to all levels.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

CD RELEASE PARTY

Album: "What Have You Done...?" By: Gary Kanter With Greg Deer. Special Guests: Camano Island's "Band of Friends". Host: Jack Gunter 6pm at Island County Multi Purpose Building. Cost: FREE. Gary Kanter: Songwriter, Humorist, Irritant, Songs of Labor & Social Justice. Camano Resident, Gary Kanter is a highly regarded folksinger, songwriter and social justice activist. Camano Island's own Band of Friends is a bluegrass group comprised of seasoned players who have separately and collectively played in the Northwest for decades. They will also be sharing their new CD, conveniently titled, "Band of Friends." For further info, contact: (425) 246-8613 or gary@garykanter.com.

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

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!

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

COFFEE WITH A RANGER

10-11am at Camano Island State Park. Join park rangers to start your morning right! Learn about the history and wildlife of the park while enjoying a cup of coffee with one of our park rangers.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

"WHITE LIGHTNING" MONSTER TRUCK RIDES



8am-3pm at Coastal Vie Coffee, 9001 SR 532, Stanwood. Come ride in a real life monster truck!!! \$10 tickets for two hot laps around Viking Village.



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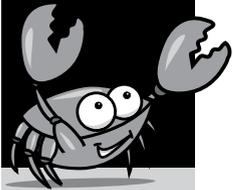
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4TH OF JULY JOKE

What was the
most popular
dance in 1776?

Independ-dance.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30 TWIN CITY IDLERS CAR SHOW



The 20th Annual Twin City Idlers Show & Shine features a mile of colorful cars in downtown Stanwood. The area's largest car show will have an array of timeless automobiles, from vintage marvels to modern classics. Step into a world where chrome gleams, engines roar, and nostalgia fills the air.

SUNDAY, JUNE 30 CAR SHOW BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

The American Legion is putting on a Car Show breakfast from 7-10am - \$12 for pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs, fruit, coffee & tee. Then a lunch from 11-1pm - \$12 Cheeseburger, baked beans & chips or \$9 Hot Dog, Baked beans & chips on Sat, Jun 30 during the Car Show.

MONDAY, JULY 1 BREWCADDE WEEKLY 3 STRIKE TOURNAMENT

6pm at The Brewcade, 7009 265th St NW #102, Stanwood. \$5 buy-in 3 strike Pinball tournament. Should end around 10pm. All money payed to top three players. All skill levels are encouraged. Sign ups start at 6:00pm and flippers up at 6:30pm Pot splash happens if there's over 15 players!



Before Having a Blast, Know the Laws.

In Washington state, it's illegal to sell or discharge firecrackers, bottle rockets, sky rockets & missiles.

Fireworks are also prohibited in ALL Island County parks.



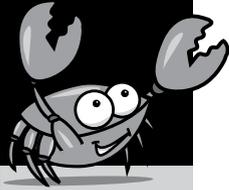
For information about local fireworks laws & tips for how to keep safe, scan this QR code.



**Please, keep
it safe and
legal this
Fourth
of July!**



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JULY 1

**SUMMER
CRABBING
SEASON
STARTS!**

MONDAY, JULY 1 ADULT FUTSAL



Futsal is a soccer-based game played on a hardcourt, using the basketball court at Camano Chapel. 6pm-8pm, ages 18+. Cost is free!

MONDAY, JULY 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, JULY 1 SCIENCE IN THE OUTDOORS

12pm – 2pm at Camano Island State Park. Learn about how science and nature mix! Join staff from the Snohomish Conservation District to learn about the science of the outdoors.

TUESDAY, JULY 2 SALISH SEA EARLY MUSIC FESTIVAL - JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

harpichordist Irene Roldan and flutist Jeffrey Cohan. 7pm at Fir-Conway Lutheran Church, 18101 Fir Island Road, Conway. Additional information: www.salishseafestival.org/skagit. Admission by suggested donation (a free will offering) of \$20 to \$30. 18 and under: free.



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4TH OF JULY JOKE

What does the
Statue of Liberty
stand for?

It can't sit down.

TUESDAY, JULY 2

2024 DUBS!

Event by Stanwood Disc Golf Club. 5:30pm-8pm at Church Creek Park, Stanwood. Church Creek random flip dubs. \$10 buy in: \$5 to the pot, \$1 ace pot, \$1 birdy bash, \$1 CTP, \$2 club fund, Ace pot, birdy bash, CTP.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

SCIENCE IN THE OUTDOORS

12pm – 2pm at Camano Island State Park. Learn about how science and nature mix! Join staff from the Snohomish Conservation District to learn about the science of the outdoors.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

LEGO® AFTERNOON

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM at Stanwood Library. Stop by for an afternoon of LEGO®! Build alone or with friends -- we'll provide everything you need.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!



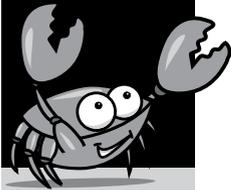
a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence, which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, establishing the United States of America. The Founding Father delegates of the Second Continental Congress declared that the Thirteen Colonies were no longer subject (and subordinate) to the monarch of Britain, King George III, and were now united, free, and independent states.

Annual Lost Lake Community-Wide Garage Sale



Follow the signs
and stop by the
Clubhouse for lunch
and to enter the
quilt raffle!

Calendar of Events



4TH OF JULY TRIVIA

Question: What was the first newspaper in the Colonies to run the Declaration of Independence in print in its July 6, 1776, edition?

Answer: The Pennsylvania Evening Post

THURSDAY, JULY 4

FOURTH OF JULY FARM SUPPER

4-8pm, South Camano Grange. A farm to table supper and evening program of songs and inspiration to celebrate freedom, farming, and spirit. Brought to you by the folks at the Farm Ashram. By RSVP only and capped at 100 guests, reserve your tickets at www.CamanoFarmAshram.com.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE & OLD-FASHIONED ICE CREAM SOCIAL



The parade begins at 11 am. The route starts at the Josephine Caring Community parking lot and ends at the Floyd. The Ice Cream Social will be held in the Floyd with games on the Pearson House Lawn. All interested groups are invited to join in the parade. Bring your horses, antique cars, fire trucks, floats, or wagons. Parade participants should meet at the Josephine Caring Community parking lot on July 4th at 10:15 am. Festivities include a costume contest for children, with the best costume depicting a historical, patriotic, or fourth of July theme. The winners will receive certificates and prize money during the Ice cream social at the Floyd after the parade. Our Ice Cream Social at the Floyd begins immediately following the parade and will include ice cream with strawberries, cookies, lemonade, and coffee. The mayor will participate. There will be children's games with prizes on the Pearson House Lawn. All refreshments are free. Sponsored by Stanwood Area Historical Society and the Stanwood Commerce Alliance.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

4TH OF JULY AT SEAHAWKS HOUSE

6pm at 27116 104th drive NW, Stanwood. Annual 4th of July party! Everyone welcome, FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT! Potluck... bring a dish to share if you are able to, however it is not required!! Bring your own alcoholic drinks, and chairs. We will have sno-cones and nonalcoholic drinks for the minions.

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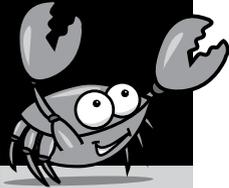
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Leslie Tripp State Farm	Urban Trends
Molina Healthcare	Warm Beach Free Methodist

...and many more

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4TH OF JULY TRIVIA

True or false: A woman's signature appears on some copies of the Declaration of Independence.

Answer: True. Though she's not an official signer, Mary Katharine Goddard, who was commissioned by Congress to print copies of the important document, added her name below the original signers' names.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

SILVANA FIRE DEPT 4TH OF JULY BREAKFAST



7am-noon at Willow & Jim's Cafe, Silvana. Come see and support your firefighters. We will once again open the cafe to our Silvana Firefighters Association to come serve you. Come and help us support them and have a great breakfast at the same time. So remember to tip them big as they get 100% tips and 70% of our profit for the day!! We love our little fire department and all they do for this community. We could not think of a better way to give back. So bring your family and friends and come join us for breakfast before you start your 4th of July celebration. It's a blast!!!!

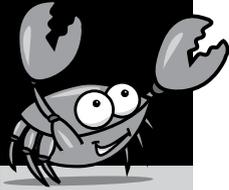
THURSDAY, JULY 4

4TH OF JULY PARADE



at Camano Country Club. 10am. Decorate your bike, tractor, lawn mower, stroller, or yourself and come celebrate!

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4TH OF JULY TRIVIA

Who was the youngest person to sign the Declaration of Independence?

Answer: Edward Rutledge, who was 26 years old

THURSDAY, JULY 4

MADRONA BEACH 4TH OF JULY PARADE



EVERYONE WELCOME! DRESS UP (or don't). BRING YOUR NOISE MAKERS! YOUR RIDES! YOUR FUN! Meet at 10:45 on Sunset and Alder - for 11:00 AM - START TIME!

THURSDAY, JULY 4

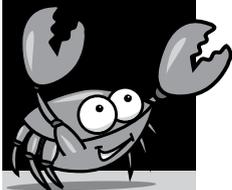
UTSALADY JULY 4TH BAKE SALE & PATRIOTIC WALK



Bake Sale: 10am ~ arrive early! We sell out fast. Patriotic Walk: 11am. After, the walk, enjoy the Boy Scout flag raising, patriotic sing-along, and popsicles at the Ladies Aid Building



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4TH OF JULY JOKE

What ghost
haunted King
George III?

The spirit of '76.

THURSDAY, JULY 4

OPEN MIC

at Conway Muse Hayloft. No Cost. Come in and join us! 6 PM we open, open mic begins at 6:30. Please hang out outside until 6, as to let everyone get comfortably set up. Food is still welcome to come in with you or be delivered.

FRIDAY, JULY 5

SCIENCE IN THE OUTDOORS

12pm – 2pm at Camano Island State Park. Join staff from the Snohomish Conservation District to learn about the science of the outdoors.

FRIDAY, JULY 5

STANWOOD FARMERS MARKET



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

FRIDAY, JULY 5

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6:30 – 8 pm at the Conway Muse. No Cover. Bring your dinner in and enjoy Stewart's music and a cocktail!

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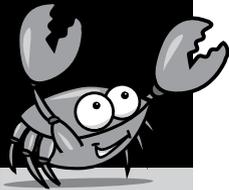
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4TH OF JULY TRIVIA

One of the signers of the Declaration of Independence recanted his support of the Colonies' independence. Who was it?
Answer: Richard Stockton. On Nov. 30, 1776, Stockton was captured by the British and forced to repudiate his declaration of independence and to swear his allegiance to King George.

FRIDAY, JULY 5

CD WOODBURY TRIO

8:00pm - 11:00pm at Pub 282. "The NW's best kept secret", an internationally recognized rising star of the Pacific NW blues scene with his work as singer, songwriter, and guitarist.

FRIDAY, JULY 5

BEACH 1 GALLERY RECEPTION FOR KIM SLATER



5-7pm at the gallery inside Camano Country Club Clubhouse. Kim Slater is an artist, writer, and teacher. As an artist and art teacher, she works in a wide variety of media but specializes in acrylic painting. Nature and mythology are among the top inspirations for her artwork. Her art will be displayed and for sale the entire month of July. The Gallery is open 7 days a week. We will be serving pop, wine, bottled water and bags of chips for the reception.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JULY 5-6

NO TAG SALE! ANNUAL REIGNING HOPE FUNDRAISER

9am-4pm. Reigning Hope is a nonprofit 501c3 under Visions Made Viable to Haiti. Misc clothing, household, tools, records, craft and art supplies, fishing, golf, camping, vintage... something for everyone! 180 Shumway Road, Camano Island. More info: 360-420-2368.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

AUTHOR SIGNING SATURDAY

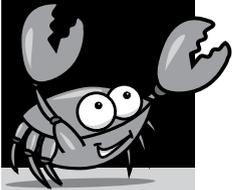
Author Signing with JA George and Alex Harvey-Rivas. Noon at Wit's End Books, 10123 270th St NW, Stanwood.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

E-CYCLE

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

Calendar of Events



4TH OF JULY TRIVIA

The Declaration of Independence was finalized as a written document on July 4, 1776—but on which date did the Continental Congress vote in favor of declaring themselves independent of British rule?

Answer: July 2,
1776

SATURDAY, JULY 6

RANGER PROGRAM AT CAMANO COMMONS

2pm – 3pm at Camano Commons, 848 N Sunrise Blvd. Join park staff at the Camano Commons/Terry's Corner for an informal program to learn about the common plants, animals and birds that make Camano Island their home.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

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, JULY 6

CO-ED ULTIMATE FRISBEE

9-11:30am at 7401 272nd St NW, Stanwood. Join us for a fun morning of co-ed Ultimate Frisbee pickup games in Stanwood. Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the sport, this event is open to all skill levels.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

ACTIVITIES AT CAMANO ISLAND STATE PARK

Toy Boat Workshop: 10am – 2pm. Stop by our "shipyard" station and learn how to build a wooden toy boat. The best part? You get to bring it home as a souvenir! All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. \$5 suggested donation. **Table Talk:** 10am – 11am. Learn about park history and wildlife! **3 C's of Crabbing:** 11am – 12pm. Learn how to catch, care for, and cook crabs. **Junior Rangers:** 12pm – 1pm. Join park staff for this one-hour kid-friendly program. You'll learn about the park and the animals, plants, and humans that make their homes in our parks. A Discover Pass or Day Pass is needed.

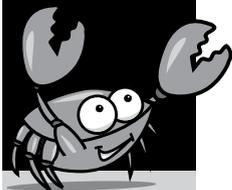
SATURDAY, JULY 6

POP ROCKS!



11:00 AM – 1:00 PM - Camano Island Library. Join us for some rock painting bubble popping fun! We will have all the supplies (including the rocks!) to paint your own masterpiece. When you're done, you can keep them, give them away, or hide them in public places as 'kindness rocks' for a stranger to find. After you paint your rock pop on over to the bubble station to create magnificent bubbles to send off into the summer sky.

Calendar of Events



4TH OF JULY JOKE

Was the
Declaration of
Independence
written in Phila-
delphia?

No, it was
written in ink.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

BEAUTY BAR DIVAS

Show starts at 9pm at Beauty Bar Salon + Lounge, 10011 - 270th St NW, Suite A, Stanwood. More info: (360) 629-2324.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

COFFEE AND CARS AT COASTAL VIE

with Twin City Idlers. 8-11am at 8807 SR 532, Stanwood. Come have coffee and admire our local hot rods. Car shows, hot rods, muscle cars, auto. Free admission to general public and free to bring by your custom Car. Participants in the car show with a custom car will receive a free 6 count of mini donuts and one 16 ounce coffee drink.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

INDEPENDENCE WEEKEND SWINGING



3-6pm at Dusty Cellars Winery, 529 Michael Way, Camano Island. Come join the groove with The Hipness Factor featuring special guest the incomparable Mike Faast! Don't miss out on an evening of stellar music and exquisite wines. Grab your lawn chairs and picnic blankets and be part of a memorable afternoon.

NATIONAL FRIED CHICKEN DAY



JULY 6

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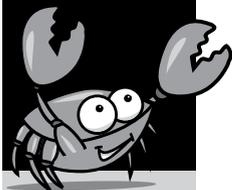
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4TH OF JULY JOKE

Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Lexington?

Because the horse was too heavy to carry!

SATURDAY, JULY 6

JOE COOK BLUES BAND

8:00pm - 11:00pm at Pub 282. The members are all award winning blues professionals with more than 30 years experience as gigging blues musicians. High energy traditional Chicago and west coast style blues, with elements of the old school Texas sound.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

AMPHITHEATER PROGRAM

7pm - 8pm at Camano Island State Park Amphitheater. Join experts for this one-hour, family-friendly talk to learn about a variety of topics related to our Camano Island parks. Discover Pass needed.

SUNDAY, JULY 7

COMEDY NIGHT



6:30pm at Camano Country Club Clubhouse! Comedians: Headliner Tyler Boeh, Featuring Cara Rosellini, and hosted by Neeraj Srivivasan. Come have an evening of fun & laughter! 21 & over. Bring your snacks & byob. Tickets \$25 Or Reserve a table of 8 for \$200. Tickets available at clubhouse 1243 Beach Dr., Camano Island or online at our events page on Camanocountryclub.com

SUNDAY, JULY 7

CAMANO ISLAND COFFEE WITH A RANGER

10-11am at Camano Island State Park. Join park rangers to start your morning right! Learn about the history and wildlife of the park while enjoying a cup of coffee with one of our park rangers.



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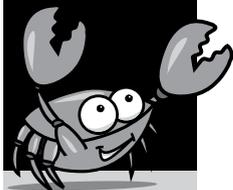
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JULY 8

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4TH OF JULY TRIVIA

According to the American Pyrotechnics Association, how much did Americans spend on fireworks in 2023?

Answer: \$2.3 billion

SUNDAY, JULY 7

LIGHT LANGUAGE DRUMMING CIRCLE

10am-noon at 2532 292nd St NW - Stanwood. Raise vibrations through sound on farmland amidst therapy horses, for people of all ages. Bring your enthusiasm and instruments! Drums, rattles and anything that makes a joyful noise! Additional instruments will be provided. Light Language Drumming Circles are designed to build community, deepen your spiritual gifts, and express your soul through sound. PAY-WHAT-YOU-LIKE DONATIONS ARE APPRECIATED (BUT NOT REQUIRED) TO HELP SUPPORT NON-PROFIT, HOOVES & HEROES (an organization that helps veterans & first responders).

MONDAY, JULY 8

COMMUNITY OPEN SEW

with Camano Island Quilters. 10am - 2pm at Stanwood United Methodist Church, 27128 102nd Dr NW. Open to public, Want to sew with others, need help on a project? We are here to help you with your sewing needs.

MONDAY, JULY 8

ADULT FUTSAL

Futsal is a soccer-based game played on a hardcourt, using the basketball court at Camano Chapel. 6pm-8pm, ages 18+. Cost is free!

MONDAY, JULY 8

BREWCAD WEEKLY 3 STRIKE TOURNAMENT

6pm at The Brewcade, 7009 265th St NW #102, Stanwood. \$5 buy-in 3 strike Pinball tournament. Should end around 10pm. All money payed to top three players. All skill levels are encouraged. Sign ups start at 6:00pm and flippers up at 6:30pm Pot splash happens if there's over 15 players!

MONDAY, JULY 8

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, JULY 8

SCIENCE IN THE OUTDOORS

12pm - 2pm at Camano Island State Park. Learn about how science and nature mix! Join staff from the Snohomish Conservation District to learn about the science of the outdoors.

TUESDAY, JULY 9

2024 DUBS!

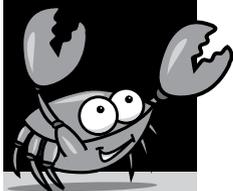
Event by Stanwood Disc Golf Club. 5:30pm-8pm at Church Creek Park, Stanwood. Church Creek random flip dubs. \$10 buy in: \$5 to the pot, \$1 ace pot, \$1 birdy bash, \$1 CTP, \$2 club fund, Ace pot, birdy bash, CTP.

TUESDAY, JULY 9

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.

Calendar of Events



4TH OF JULY TRIVIA

What is the largest 4th of July fireworks display in the U.S.?

Answer: The Macy's 4th of July Fireworks celebration in New York City

TUESDAY, JULY 9

GAME NIGHT!

5:30 PM-8:00 PM. Come play games with us at the Camano Country Club Clubhouse. Join us for a fun night playing games. It's a great way to meet new friends and have fun! Country Club members and residents are FREE. Everyone else is \$5 per person.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

MAKERS SERIES: SHRINKY DINKS® ART



2-4pm - Camano Island Library. Tweens and teens will experiment with a variety of mediums. In this session, participants will experiment with Shrinky Dinks® art! Shrinky Dinks® is a type of plastic that can be drawn on and then shrinks down when heat is applied. The possibilities are endless with this medium. Anything from jewelry to personalized key chains can be made.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

KLESICK FARM RUN

Event by SC Runners - Stanwood Camano Runners. 6PM. Park in the gravel lot in front of the fairgrounds and we'll run down through the farm lands.

THURSDAY, JULY 11

PARKS & PLAY

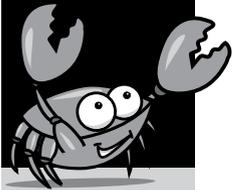
10-11:30am at Church Creek Park, 27116 72nd Ave NW, Stanwood. The Community Resource Center outdoor program for ages 0-5 and their parents/caregivers. Explore our local parks while doing arts and crafts, sensory activities, waterplay, reading stories, pop tunnels, music and more!

THURSDAY, JULY 11

OPEN MIC

6:30 pm - 10 pm @ Conway Muse Hayloft. No Cost. Come in and join us! 6 PM we open, open mic begins at 6:30. Please hang out outside until 6, as to let everyone get comfortably set up. Food is still welcome to come in with you or be delivered.

Calendar of Events



4TH OF JULY TRIVIA

How many original copies of the Declaration of Independence are believed to have been printed?

Answer: 200

THURSDAY, JULY 11 DRAWN TOGETHER



6-8pm at Arrowhead Ranch, 615 Arrowhead Rd., Camano Island. Join SCAAC community members for an open draw session. Bring your own art project, or borrow a piece of paper and a pencil. This is a casual get together – a chance to have a bite and a drink and get creative. RSVP (at <https://www.scaacwa.org/event-details/drawn-together-6>) or you can just meet us there! Come when you can, stay as long as you like.

THURSDAY, JULY 11 DANGEROUS CURVES

7:30pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282. These 3 women are all engaged in the music scene and bring their own unique flavor to the rock world. Missy Squire on Drums & Vocals, Judy Williams on Bass & Vocals and Selena Mac on Guitar and Vocals.

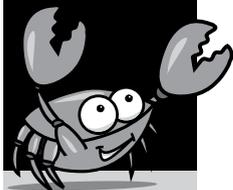
THURSDAY, JULY 11 STORIED PAST . . . A SHARING, CARING & UPBEAT GATHERING TO CELEBRATE LOST LOVED ONES

“When Someone You Lost is Found Again!” Come & Share a Favorite Story about Someone You Loved and Lost! A Community Celebration of Our Most Common Human Experience. 10:30 at the Camano Island Library (in the Community Room). Event facilitated (with a Smile) by Danny Koffman, For more info contact Danny: dan@koffman.net.

THURSDAY, JULY 11 HOOVES AND HEROES COFFEE BREAK

A free social event for active duty, veterans, first responders, emergency support personnel, and their families. Meet with members of your community and learn more about our program with the help of some coffee. 9-10am at 2532 292nd St NW, Stanwood. More info: info@herehooivesandheroes.org.

Kid's Korner



4TH OF JULY JOKES

What does the
Statue of Liberty
say when visitors
leave?

"Stay in torch!"

How come there
aren't any knock-
knock jokes
about America?

Because freedom
rings.

4TH OF JULY BUG-AWAY CANDLEHOLDERS



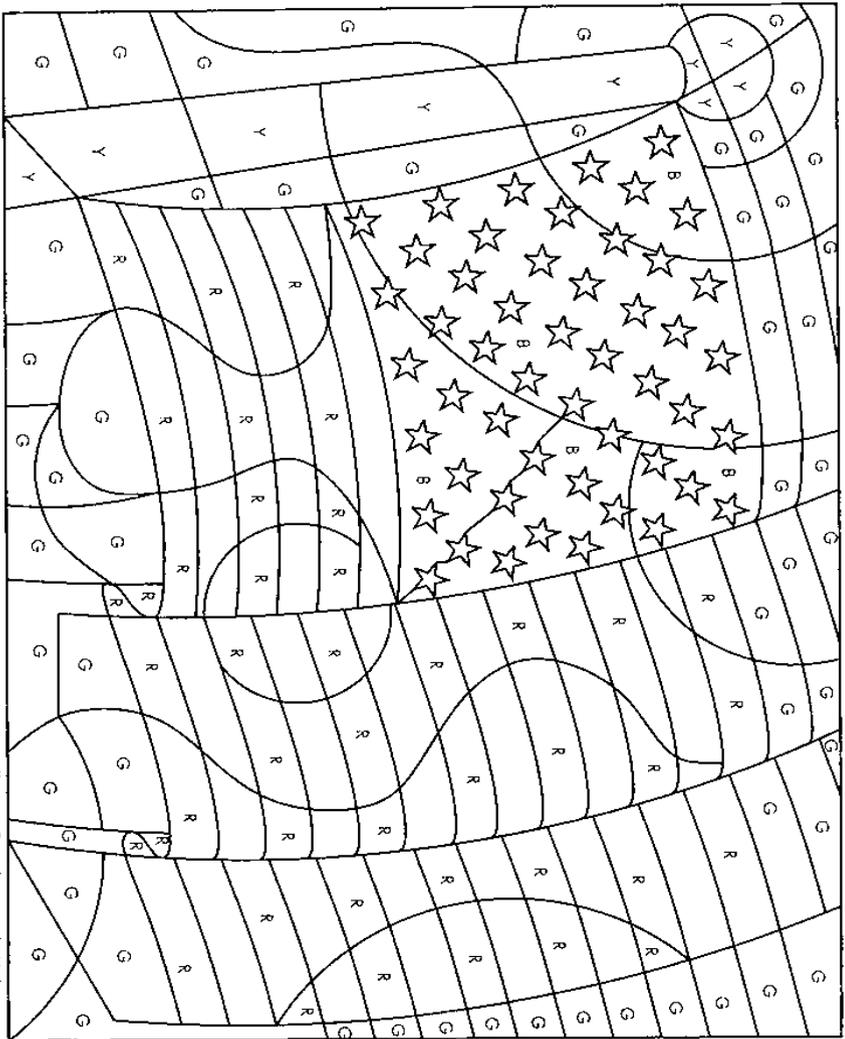
Along with creating a festive Fourth of July table, these patriotic candleholders are scented with smells that keep bugs away from your guests and grub. And most of the materials needed for this easy DIY can be found at the dollar store for only a few bucks. So set the table, light the candles, and get ready for a bug-free celebration!

What You'll Need: 2 pounds rice; Red food coloring; Blue food coloring; Lemongrass, lemon eucalyptus, or citronella essential oil; 3 small bowls; 2 sheet trays; Parchment paper; 4 small glass votives; 4 tea candles; Rubber gloves (optional)

Directions: To create the colorful rice, place a sheet tray over your work area to protect it from the food coloring. You can also don old duds and a pair of rubber gloves to prevent ruining your clothes and staining hands. Evenly distribute the rice between three bowls, and then add the red food coloring to one bowl and the blue to another. Use a spoon to mix and distribute the color. Now, add five to 10 drops of the essential oil to each bowl, and stir to coat the rice. Bugs don't care for the smell of citronella, lemongrass, or lemon eucalyptus. Remove the bowls of rice from the sheet pan, and cover the pan with parchment paper. Scoop one bowl of the colored rice onto the covered pan, and evenly distribute to create a layer of pretty rice. Rub the grains together with rubber-gloved hands to ensure grains are totally coated with color. Do the same on the other sheet pan with the blue rice. Place the sheet pans in a 200°F oven, and warm for one hour. Allow the rice to cool before creating the layers of color. Line up the glass votives to help make the layers even. We found glass votives and vases at the dollar store in a variety of shapes and sizes, all of which would make fun containers for this project. Scoop the blue rice into the base of the glass, putting equal amounts in each votive. Now add the white rice to the glasses, and then add the red, leaving about two to three inches of space at the top of the votives. Place a tea light in the center of the red layer, and you're ready to party. Source: <https://www.popsugar.com>.

4TH OF JULY COLOR PAGE

B = Blue G = Green R = Red Y = Yellow



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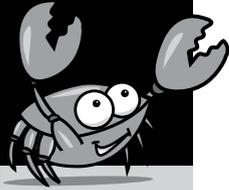


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Artist of the Week



JACQUELINE DE JONGE



Camano Island Quilters Raffle Quilt for 2024 is "Infinity" by Jacqueline De Jonge. Traditionally volunteers from Camano Island Quilters create a quilt of unique design to be presented as a raffle quilt. The quilt is displayed throughout the year where raffle tickets are sold. Proceeds from the Raffle quilt go into the general fund that supports our mission and community outreach programs. The raffle quilt is always a genuine work of art that anyone would feel honored to own. In addition, the quilt will be displayed at the "Quilty Pleasures" Quilt Show Aug 16th and 17th at Port Susan Middle School. Tickets are on sale now. Price: \$1 per ticket.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Help us care for the Salish Sea! The Marine Resources Committee (MRC) is interested in gaining your perspective on our work and your assistance in reaching out to our local communities.

- We are looking for 2 Camano citizens to serve on the Committee
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4th OF JULY PARADE and ICE CREAM SOCIAL

THURSDAY, JULY 4TH
11 AM IN STANWOOD - AT THE WEST END

Everyone is welcome to join in the parade. Come line up in the Josephine Caring parking lot at 10:15 am.

Afterwards, enjoy ice cream with strawberries and games at the Stanwood Area Historical Society.

4TH OF JULY PARADE ROUTE

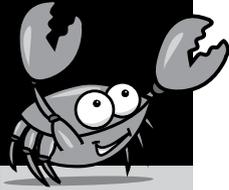


Costume Contest for children with the best costume depicting **historic, patriotic, or 4th of July**. Winners will receive award certificate and prize money.



INCIDENT OR QUESTION?	CALL 911?	IF NOT A CALL TO 911, WHO SHOULD I CALL?
There is an injury from using fireworks	YES – call 911	
A fire has started from the use of fireworks	YES – call 911	
I found a short piece of pipe with a fuse coming out of it	YES – call 911	Leave the device where it is, do not touch it or pick it up
Are fireworks legal within the city or county I live?	No	Please refer to the Snohomish County Fire Marshal's website or previous Snohomish County 911 posts regarding banned areas
I want to report fireworks violations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being used in a banned area • Using fireworks outside the approved timeframe • Illegal fireworks (M-80s, explosives, etc) • Noise Complaint 	No	You may report firework violations to Snohomish County 911's non-emergency line: 425-407-3999
My dog/cat went missing, they hate fireworks	No	Please report lost/missing/found animals to Snohomish County 911's non-emergency line: 425-407-3999 *note: you may be referred to an animal control hotline based on where the animal is/missing from

Classes and Workshops



4TH OF JULY TRIVIA

Question: How many people who signed the Declaration of Independence also signed the Constitution?

Answer: Six (Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, George Read, James Wilson, Robert Morris and George Clymer)

Chakradance classes at Bee Authentic Pilates in Stanwood. Fridays at 4pm on: July 19th. Chakradance is a unique healing process combining Jungian Psychology, meditation, chakra resonant music, dance and mandala art work. Guided by imagery, participants dance through the chakras, shedding layers and releasing blocked energy. Sign up online or call the studio at 360.572.2112.

Camano Fire offering two firefighter education classes June 29. Retired Captain Mike Gagliano from Seattle Fire will offer two firefighter education classes on Camano Island: The Art of Go no Go, and This House Rocks. This is a two-part seminar offered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Madrona/Vista Fire Station, 273 NW Camano Drive. Register online at <https://firenuggets.regfox.com/cifrgagliano>

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4TH OF JULY JOKE

Which flag is the most highly rated?

The American flag. It has 50 stars!

MAKE THIS THE SUMMER OF A LIFETIME, GIVE BLOOD.

Visit a mountain, hang out at the beach, take a ferry ride, find a new trail, or check out a festival. For many of us, summertime and great weather are an invitation to load our “to do” list with many more activities than we can accomplish before the arrival of fall. Just remember to include donating blood on your summer “to do” list. Summer activities can sometimes prevent donors from stopping by to donate blood. But the need for blood is constant, so please be sure to make an appointment to give blood this summer. It takes 1,000 people every day to keep our local blood supply at safe and reliable levels. It only takes an hour to donate and just think, your donation, your gift of life, will make it possible for others to enjoy this summer and many summers to come. Blood donations not only help those who’ve suffered trauma, they also help with cancer treatments, surgeries, premature babies, and others who cannot live without the support of volunteer blood donors. Please add blood donation to your summer “to-do” list and save a life. Join us in saving lives at the upcoming blood drive in Stanwood! Stanwood Community Blood Drive - Community Resource Center of Stanwood/Camano , 9612 271st St. Nw. Stanwood. July 18th & 19th. Appointments are required for the best possible donation experience; photo ID is also required. Please visit BloodworksNW.org/GiveBlood or call us at 800-398-7888. Same day appointments are available at most locations. For questions, including those about eligibility, call 800-398-7888 or go to www.bloodworksnw.org.

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.

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4TH OF JULY TRIVIA

According to the National Hot Dog & Sausage Council, roughly how many hot dogs are eaten on the 4th of July?

Answer:
150 million

ADULT SCHOLARSHIP CYCLE OPEN

The Stanwood-Camano Area Foundation has several scholarships available for adult students seeking advanced education or needing additional training or education to compete in today's workforce. To be eligible, applicants must either reside or be employed within the boundaries of the Stanwood-Camano School District, and have financial need. Individual scholarships may have additional eligibility requirements. Applications are due July 12. More info at www.s-caf.org.

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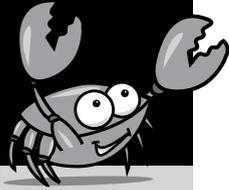
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July 8-12. We are excited to announce tryout dates for 2024-2025 season! Please go to www.stanwoodcannons.com to register for tryouts at all levels. We have two baseball teams looking for a coach (10u & 14u). If you are interested, please email us at stanwoodcannons@gmail.com. GO CANNONS!

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4TH OF JULY JOKE

What do you call an American revolutionary who draws cartoons?

A Yankee Doodler.

OUTDOOR BURNING BAN IN ISLAND COUNTY

TYPE I BURN BAN IN EFFECT AS OF: MIDNIGHT, SUNDAY, JUNE 30. NO OUTDOOR BURNING OF NATURAL DEBRIS – EVEN WITH A PERMIT RECREATIONAL FIRES ARE ALLOWED IN APPROVED FIRE PIT. The use of barbecue grills using propane or briquettes, or self-contained camp stoves are also allowed. Atmospheric conditions of reduced moisture levels, low humidity, and warmer weather have increased the risk of fire within the confines of Island County, THEREFORE, in concurrence with the Fire Protection Districts of Whidbey and Camano Islands and the Northwest Clean Air Agency, I, Sheriff Rick Felici, serving as the Island County Fire Marshal, do hereby proclaim a BAN on ALL outdoor burning (except for recreational fires) within the entirety of Island County. REPORT VIOLATIONS TO 911. This Ban will remain in effect until further notice. FOR ISLAND COUNTY CALL THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT: 360-679-7350. FOR NORTHWEST CLEAN AIR AGENCY CALL 360-428-1617.

FARM ASHRAM VISITING DAY

Saturdays 12-3pm, June-Sept., 732 Haven Pl., Camano island. Visit the nature farm and yoga ashram on the south end of Camano. Visit with farmers, alpacas, goats, chickens, pigs, dogs, and cats. Farm produce, herbal products, garden tours, and farm food available. A wonderful day outing to spend with your friends and family. (We have working farm dogs - so please don't bring your dog) www.CamanoFarmAshram.com.

CALL FOR ART!

Submit your design for Snow Goose & Birding Festival's 2025 poster. Winner will receive \$250! Open to professional, amateur, and student artists over 18. Artwork can take the form of ANY medium that can be professionally photographed (photography, paint, fiber, 3D, 2D, etc). Artwork will also be resized or cropped to be used on rack cards. Full details and deadlines: www.scaacwa.org/callsforart.

WE NOW HAVE PUBLIC RESTROOMS DOWNTOWN!

"One of my priorities since taking office has been getting public restrooms built to support community events like the Farmer's Market and parades. This project is yet another exciting enhancement for our city, making mainstreet more welcoming for visitors, businesses and residents," Mayor Roberts.



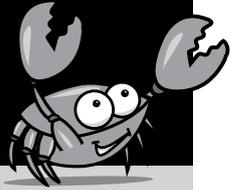
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How many people were estimated to be living in the Colonies when they gained independence?

Answer: 2.5 million

SUMMER SKETCHBOOK SERIES



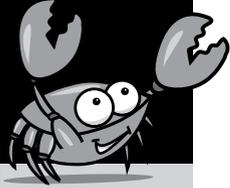
at Camano City Schoolhouse & Fire Hall, 993 Orchid Rd, Camano Island. June 27 & July 18,25 & August 15,22,29 from 1-3 PM. Bobbi Samples, long time Art Teacher, is celebrating the Schoolhouse history and its beautiful setting to teach nature sketching, landscape, perspective, color and illustration, in a variety of mediums. Classes build on each other or can be taken singly. Come & learn to illustrate your inner and outer world! Kids ages 8-14 (3rd-8th grade), parents welcome. \$20 per 2 hr. class/workshop, supplies included. Register at camanoschoolhouse.org (Events).

KAYAK POINT IS OPEN FOR THE SUMMER!



Remember - it is open in an interim stage and construction is not finished. "We are very excited we can open Kayak Point Regional Park early – giving visitors three extra weekends to enjoy the park this summer," said Sharon Swan, Snohomish County Parks Director. "The park is still not complete, and construction on the pier will continue through the summer, but in the interim the community can still enjoy their favorite saltwater park." **WHAT WILL BE OPEN?** Beach, trails, parking, restrooms; Picnic shelters (reservations are open but not reservable until July 1); New boat launch; Campground; Overflow parking; Water trail campsites. **WHAT WILL BE CLOSED?** Pier (no access; no fishing/crabbing from pier); Not all ADA amenities are constructed yet in the interim phase; Playground. **WHAT WILL BE DIFFERENT?** Be aware of new traffic patterns – pay attention to all signs; New boat launch lane, queuing lane, boarding float, trailer parking, tie-down areas; Pier construction may impact noise and traffic

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LIFE JACKETS



Remember: Camano Island Fire & Rescue offers loaner life jackets at all public boat launches. If you're planning to be out on the water and you don't have a life jacket, please borrow one!

FREE HEARING AID CLEANINGS

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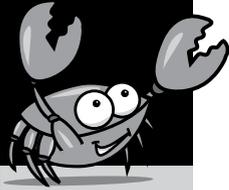


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4TH OF JULY JOKE

Why doesn't fire get to enjoy a day off on the 4th of July?

Because fire works.

CAMA BEACH PROJECT



The State Parks and Recreation Commission will be holding a public meeting on Monday, July 15 at 6pm at Stanwood High School. This meeting is to share information with the community on what we've learned about the infrastructure failures at Cama Beach State Park. Additionally, staff will be sharing a recommendation that the based on the failure of the seawall and septic system, sea-level rise projections, and other infrastructure challenges that the cabins cannot be reopened where they currently sit. The Commission is inviting the public to comment on the staff recommendation and the future of the park in-person, virtually, or in writing at this meeting. The Commission will not be making any decisions at this special meeting, the purpose is to share information and solicit public feedback on the staff recommendation and the planning process for the future of the park. The plan is for the Commission to make a decision on whether the cabins can be reopened during their regularly scheduled meeting on October 10. We will be collecting public comments through the end of September to help inform the Commission decision. Pre-registration is required for people to provide virtual public comment at the special meeting. To register, people will need to email commission@parks.wa.gov by 5pm on July 9th. Additionally, we've set up a website for people to learn about the most current information and to submit comments. <https://parks.wa.gov/about/strategic-planning-projects-public-input/projects/cama-beach-project>. Photo by John Dean.



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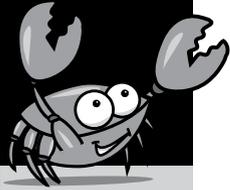
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4TH OF JULY TRIVIA

Who is credited with writing the Declaration of Independence?

Answer: Thomas Jefferson

How many signatures are on the Declaration of Independence?

Answer: 56

THE STANWOOD - CAMANO ROTARY PARADE IS ONLY A FEW WEEKS AWAY!

Parade Participants - It is not too late to sign up to walk, ride or dance your way down the Stanwood Rotary Parade route! Contact Kathy Moe for more information: stanwoodrotaryparade@gmail.com

WHAT'S IN SMOKE?

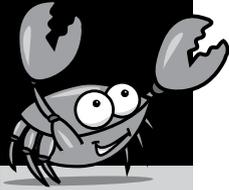
From wildfires to wood stoves, understanding smoke sources is the first step to being #SmokeReady. Smoke from wildfires, prescribed burns, wood stoves, and other household sources contains a mixture of harmful substances like particulate matter, carbon monoxide, and volatile organic compounds. These pollutants can have negative impacts on our health and the environment. As we gear up for wildfire season in the Pacific Northwest, let's prepare ourselves by understanding the dangers of smoke and the sources that contribute to it. Together, we can help our communities be #SmokeReady.. Stay informed, stay safe.

PET TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION

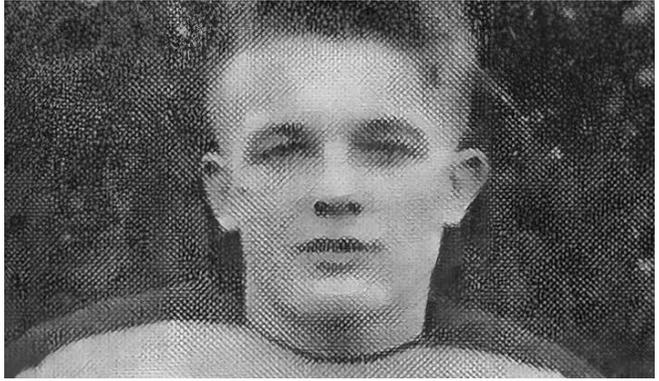


Starting August 1, dogs entering the United States will require additional documentation under a new requirement set forth by the CDC. This new rule is primarily aimed at dogs being imported into the United States, but as currently written, it impact dogs traveling back and forth across the border, even if only for the weekend. CDC issues regulations to control the entry of dogs into the United States from other countries. These rules apply to all dogs, including puppies, service animals, and dogs that left the United States and are returning. They also apply whether you are a U.S. citizen, legal U.S. resident, or foreign national. If you don't follow CDC's rules, your dog won't be allowed to enter the United States. If denied entry, your dog will be sent back to the last country of departure at your expense. Country of departure is where the last trip originated—not where the dog was born or where it lives. In addition, you must comply with U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) and your U.S. destination's regulations. Please be aware that dogs imported for commercial (resale or adoption) purposes have additional requirements from USDA. More info: <https://www.cdc.gov/importation/bringing-an-animal-into-the-united-states/>

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SHS HALL OF FAME



Please join us in honoring the newest class of Stanwood High School's athletic Hall of Fame! The Stanwood High School Athletic Hall of Fame committee has announced the school's 10th annual slate of inductees. Among them are six individual athletes, a contributor, a coach, and four teams who will be inducted in a ceremony and banquet on Saturday, Oct. 26, at Stanwood High School. Ticket sales will begin in September. Keep an eye on the Stanwood High School Athletic Hall of Fame page for details! Read about all the 2024 inductees here: https://www.stanwood.wednet.edu/about/news/what_s_new/2024_s_h_s_hall_of_fame. Congratulations to all! Photo: George Ovenell, a 1950 graduate of Twin City High School who lettered 10 times in three different sports.

4TH OF JULY TRIVIA

Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest has happened on each Independence Day since 1972. Where does the competition take place?

Answer: Coney Island, New York

"SUN BUCKS"



The state is launching a new Summer EBT program, also known as "SUN Bucks." This new grocery benefits program that provides families \$120 for each eligible school-aged child to buy groceries when school is out. Summer is a time when many children lose the free and reduced-price meals they get at school, and when households might need a little extra help putting meals on the table. Most families will get these benefits automatically, but some parents will need to apply. Learn more about SUN Bucks online here: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sunbucks>. Additionally, learn more about our local Free Summer Meals program and Stanwood-Camano Food Bank services on our Food Services Department webpage: https://www.stanwood.wednet.edu/departments/food_services

Build a TOY BOAT

*Saturdays from 10am to 2pm.
At Camano Is. State Park go to
the North Beach Picnic Shelter.*



*Follow the signs
← in the Park. →*

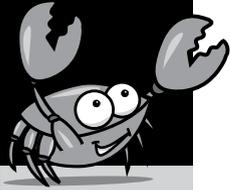


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4TH OF JULY TRIVIA

Which three U.S. presidents died on the 4th of July?

Answer: John Adams (July 4, 1826), Thomas Jefferson (July 4, 1826) and James Monroe (July 4, 1831)

Which president was born on the 4th of July?

Answer: Calvin Coolidge (July 4, 1872)

LIBRARY STORYTIMES

A play time or activity will follow after storytime). Monday: Toddler Storytime with Jennifer - 10am - Camano Island Library. Jump and bounce together into a world of stories, music, and movements. Tuesday: Family Storytime with Jennifer - 10am - Camano Island Library. Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and creative activities together as a family. Wednesday: Family Storytime with Vicky - 10:30am - Stanwood Library. Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and creative activities together as a family. Thursday: Toddler Storytime with Alex - 10:30am - Stanwood Library. Jump and bounce together into a world of stories, music, and movements.

FREE PICKLEBALL BEGINNER LESSONS AND ROUND ROBIN GAMES AT HERITAGE PARK!

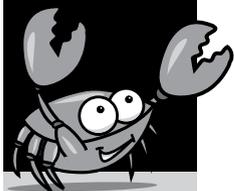


Free Pickleball Beginner Lessons and Round Robin Games at Heritage Park! The Camano Stanwood Pickleball Association will be giving Beginner Pickleball lessons, as well as arranging for a series of friendly Round Robin pickleball sessions from May to August. These sessions are for adults 18 years or older who would like a basic introduction to the fun sport of Pickleball. These free classes are for new players only. The Round Robin events are for people who have previously attended one of our lessons. Limit 10 players per session (on a first reserved basis). Tennis shoes required. **BEGINNER LESSONS:** July 25, August 6. **ROUND ROBIN SESSIONS:** July 13, August 10 (Round Robin Tournament). **TO SIGN UP:** www.camanopickleball.com/heritagepark.

BABY SALMON LIVE HERE BINGO

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, learn how to protect and preserve Camano Island salmon habitat, visit key restoration sites created to help bring juvenile fish back out into saltwater, and meet with salmon scientists to learn how to help protect this valuable species for generations to come. Submit your bingo card with at least 5 boxes completed to be entered for various prizes (each row completed is an entry). More info: <https://soundwaterstewards.org/baby-salmon-live-here>.

Photos and Art



*"Banjo is back on the island for the Summer. First stop Tapped for Tots!"
- Wendy Evans*

4TH OF JULY JOKE

I'm sure the fireworks sales around the 4th of July are booming.



4th of July folk art. Photo by Linnae Malliete.

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Moonshine Wisdom & Wit



Story by Jack Archibald.

For further moonshine wisdom and wet powder wit, check out the SKEETER DADDLE DIARIES at www.skeeterdaddle.net

INDEPENDENCE DAYS

Some of us layabouts at the Poker Parlor were trying to think up something special for an upcoming 4th of July celebration. We figured we got so many Vets down this way the Diner might as well declare itself a VFW South End Auxilliary. And since most of them are vintage car guyz too, they could hold their own annual Independence Day Parade from Camano Head to the Elger Bay Store. I, of course, wanted to just use these militiamen as an excuse to secede from the Island, but cooler heads prevailed. As usual.

Two Toke Tom served in Viet Nam and now is pretty much anti- every war. Jimmy Z, who's old enough to be Tom's old man, maybe even is grandfather, fought the Japanese in WW2. Tom thinks Jimmy's still fighting em and maybe so, but I notice Jimmy driving a Toyota pickup now even though he swore for 60 years he'd never buy a 'Jap Car'. Baghdad Bill fought in the second Iraq War and Big Larry just got back two years ago from Afghanistan. Jerry spent a year in Korea and frostbit a couple of fingers he wishes he had back, but he still can play a mean guitar. We even got Crazy Eddie who 'liberated' Grenada. We're missing Somalia and Panama and Bosnia, but with all the newcomers rolling in, we may cover those too eventually.

Sometimes the boyz argue among themselves about those wars and sacrifice and what patriotism really means at the Friday night poker game we've been running since 1986 down at the Marina and Bait Shop. Two dollar limit on bets, no limit on alcohol. The pots don't do much damage, but single nettle Daddle Distillery moonshine sometimes does. I sit in with these war-hardened patriots most Fridays and serve as their patsy and their sometime referee, the one who never served even in peacetime. Or what Two Toke calls a draft dodging, student deferred, flag burning, Summer of Love hippie protester. He takes great joy in telling me I would've loved the smell of napalm in the morning over there on the Delta. Jimmy Z chimes in how his platoon could've won Viet Nam single-handed although Jimmy never once has told us one iota the hell that must have been lwo Jima. But he's the one who puts a liver spotted hand on Bill's arm whenever Bill gets overwhelmed by memories of buddies lost in the HumVee he was driving when it was blown off the road to the airport in Baghdad.

We've fought too many wars, I think, before realizing I've said it out loud. I see by their pinched lips and averted eyes I won't get an argument tonight. Patriotism comes in all uniforms, even no uniform at all. Big Larry finally breaks the swelling silence, pushes a handful of quarters into the pot and says, real quiet, "I'm willing to spend a couple bucks, Skeeter, to see if you got more than bluff in this hand." Grateful to change the subject, I say, "Name of the game, Big. Read em and weep."

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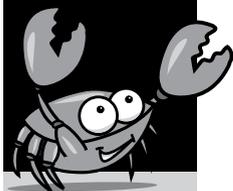
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Which city hosted the first official Independence Day celebration on July 4, 1777?

Answer:
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When was the first 4th of July celebration held at the White House?

Answer: July 4, 1801, when Thomas Jefferson was president.

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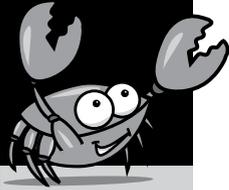


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Friendship Tea - Drop by for tea, treats, and a chance to visit with friends, both old and new. 1st & 3rd Tuesday mornings of from 10:30-12:00. No charge for Camano Center members; \$5 for non-members. Please check in at the Front Desk. For more information,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

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

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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.

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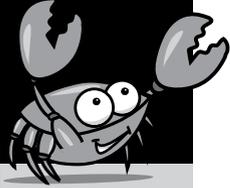
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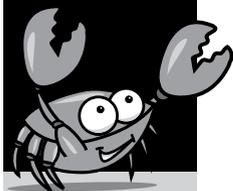
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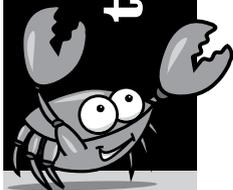
Celebrate the 4th of July with these festive cake batter cookies topped with cake batter cream cheese frosting and red, white, and blue sprinkles!



CAKE BATTER COOKIES: 1 1/2 c. salted butter, softened; 1 1/2 c. granulated sugar; 3 lg. eggs; 1 1/2 tsp. cake batter flavoring (I use LorAnn super strength flavoring); 4 1/2 c. all-purpose flour; 3 tsp. baking powder; 1/4 c. red, white, and blue sprinkles. **CAKE BATTER CREAM CHEESE FROSTING:** 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, room temperature; 1/4 c. butter, softened; 1/2 tsp. cake batter flavoring (I use LorAnn super strength flavoring); 4 c. confectioners' sugar; 1-2 tsp. milk to thin frosting, if needed; Red, white, and blue sprinkles for decorating

DIRECTIONS: 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line 2 rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper and set aside. 2. **CAKE BATTER COOKIES:** In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a whisk attachment, cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy, scraping down the sides as needed. Add the eggs, and cake batter flavoring. Beat until combined. 3. In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour and baking soda. Add the flour mixture to the butter and sugar mixture a cup at a time. Using a paddle attachment beat until combined. Add sprinkles to the cookie dough, stir to combine. 4. Scoop out 1/3 cup of dough and roll into a ball. Arrange 6 dough balls per baking sheet. Gently flatten the dough balls with the bottom of a floured cup or glass, it should resemble the shape of a hockey puck. Repeat with remaining dough. 5. Bake for 14-16 minutes or until the centers of the cookies have puffed up and are no longer glossy. Remove the baking sheet from the oven to a wire rack and allow the cookies to cool. 6. **CAKE BATTER CREAM CHEESE FROSTING:** While the cookies are cooling, make the frosting. In a large bowl, using a hand mixer beat the softened butter, cream cheese, and cake batter flavoring until smooth. Add the confectioners' sugar, one cup at a time, beating after each addition until it is fully incorporated. If needed, add milk a teaspoon at a time until you've reached the desired consistency. 7. Add the frosting to a piping bag, fitted with a 2A tip. Starting in the middle of the cookie, pipe the frosting into a spiral. Sprinkle with some red, white, and blue sprinkles. 8. Store leftover cookies in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to 3 days. Bring to room temperature before serving. Enjoy! Yields 16 giant cookies.

View from the Bleachers



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

THE SECRET TO HAPPINESS: ALWAYS REMAIN TWENTY-THREE

Great news for all of you who have reached the big 50 milestone and are depressed that the best part of life may have passed you by. It has, of course, but be patient. In just 19 years you'll feel happy again. That's the findings of a recent study by the London School of Economics. The study determined that 23 and 69 are the two ages at which people are the most satisfied with their lives. And every age in between pretty much sucks.

According to the study's findings, we experience several up and down periods, peaking at age 23 before dipping in a long, slow decline of satisfaction with our lives by our mid-50s, after which age our happiness rebounds, peaking again just before age 70. After that, for most of us, there really is no point to go on living. So if you're planning on having a mid-life crisis, the study suggests 55 is the perfect age to plan on having your world shatter into a million meaningless pieces.

Why 23 and 69? Because they're prime numbers? Good guess but no. (And to those of you who just got out your calculators and figured out that 69 is not a prime number, congratulations.) According to the study, at 23 you're confidently picturing an optimistic future of wealth and career success, probably with an attractive life partner and 2.5 well-behaved kids who get into Princeton on a full-ride merit scholarship. Perhaps you're already envisioning that second home in the Hamptons or on Cape Cod.

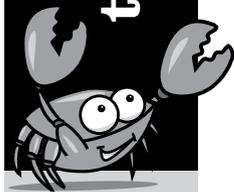
Statistically speaking, you can expect to reach your apex of happiness somewhere around July of your 23rd year, which is about the time you'll get your first raise and impulsively purchase that Audi S6 (starting price \$67,900). Shortly afterwards, your happiness begins to ebb, as you soon realize you'll never be able to afford the \$650 / month car payments and trade it in for a Hyundai Elantra.

By age 55, your life, statistically speaking, has changed a lot from your Audi S6 glory days. You're probably hoping your Elantra with 215,000 miles will make it to 250,000, wondering if your wife is going to leave you for a younger man, and barely squeaking by on your unfulfilling job in a telemarketing call center. You're counting the days until your 2.5 annoying, self-absorbed teenagers have moved out of the house and have self-absorbed kids of their own.

When you hit 55, you realize your life is a hollow shell of the life you'd planned back at age 23. The high point of your day is most likely watching Wheel of Fortune after a dinner which consists of leftover cold pizza from the lunch you ate while you were chained to your cubicle, answering phone calls from irate customers demanding a refund for the penis enlarger you sold them which they now complain doesn't work.

But don't lose hope. It gets better – not much better, mind you, but a little. Fast-forward to 69, and life gets rosier again. For many of us, by 69, we've made peace with the dismal failure our career has been, like being a humor writer. For many of us, by now we've been

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forced into retirement and spend our days weeding and looking at brochures for exotic European vacations we've accepted we'll never be able to afford and settling instead for a trip to Scranton to see our wife's brother, whose family we've never particularly liked.

At 69, life for many starts to feel surprisingly pleasurable, thanks in part to the pain meds they gave you after your hip replacement surgery, which keep your brain in a constant state of euphoric buzz and help you forget about the fact that in just a few more months, you'll turn 70 years old and the high point of your month will soon become the senior early bird special at Olive Garden.

Interestingly, a competing study argues we reach our peak happiness at age 33. But this study has been widely refuted by demography experts, who point out that John Belushi, Chris Farley, Eva Perón and Jesus Christ all died at age 33 – hardly a time of peak happiness for any of these notable celebrities.

FUN FACT: According to one demographic researcher, our happiest age was The Age of Enlightenment, but we're pretty sure he didn't quite understand the question.

So what should you do if you're about to turn 24 and about to begin your slow descent into despair? First, just be thankful you're not 55 – those poor bastards. Second, seriously consider remaining 23. Jack Benny successfully remained 39 for more than a quarter century (back before researchers discovered how miserable life was at 39).

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