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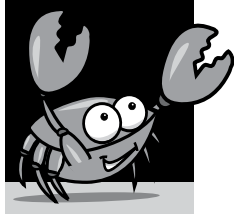


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Welcome to The Crab Cracker! Here's What's Crackin'...

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.

*Cover photo: Try to have fun in the wet days of November,
and remember Veterans Day on November 11th.*

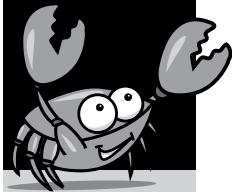


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Submission DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 7 for Next Edition (November 15-28)

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

November 1,
1800 - President
John Adams
and his family
move into the
White House at
1600 Pennsyl-
vania Avenue in
Washington, DC,
becoming the
first president to
live there.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

JIMMY WRIGHT BAND

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

BEACH 1 GALLERY ARTISTS RECEPTION

for Ron Cooper Wood Turning Artist. There will be special Holiday pricing from 5 to 7 PM. Ron appreciates the beautiful grain and structure of different woods and is constantly learning the idiosyncrasies of many varieties of our NW trees and has been a wood turner for about 7 years. Ron's display will feature handmade custom gifts of one off turned wood bowls, handmade wood holiday gifts. His art will be displayed and for sale the entire month of November. We will be serving pop, wine, bottled water and bags of chips for the reception. 1243 Beach Drive, Camano Island.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

STEWART WOODS – FRIDAYS IN THE SPEAKEASY

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

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1-2

MQ GADGETS GIFTS GOODIES' HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

9am to 6pm at 8706 271st ST NW, Stanwood. 4 Heaven's Sake Quartet performing live at 11am (Saturday only).

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY

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

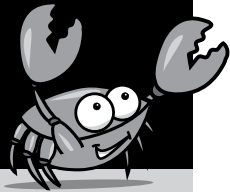
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

DEATHPRINT-YOUR END OF LIFE OPTIONS

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM at the Camano Island Library. Have you wondered what your funeral options are? There are many things to weigh when it comes to deciding funeral arrangements: cost, cultural traditions, the environment. Join us with Beverly Tryk from People's Memorial Association as she will provide informed choices when selecting funeral arrangements.



Calendar of Events



NATIONAL PUMPKIN DESTRUCTION DAY

is a nationally recognized holiday that takes place on the Saturday after Halloween.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 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, NOVEMBER 2 HOLIDAY BAZAAR



10am-2pm at Anchored Faith Church, 17007 E Lake Goodwin Rd., Stanwood. Join us to kick off the holiday season! Get a head start on finding that perfect gift from a number of local vendors. Get a photo in our Photo Booth, have a hot drink and get some delicious snacks, and enjoy the music.





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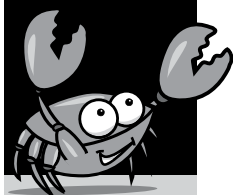
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

ANDY KOCH'S BADD DOG BLUES ALL SOULS DAY PARTY

8 pm – Conway Muse. All Souls Day Party – with Daddy Treetops, Dr. Jimmy and Ranger Kidwell-Ross. Tickets \$13 Advanced \$15 At Venue.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

AKTION CLUB'S 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.

Research Shows Good Brain Health is Connected to Better Hearing

Recent research suggests there is a link between hearing properly and brain health.

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& Depression**



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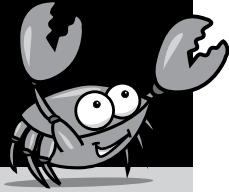
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DID YOU KNOW?

Onions are a natural remedy for clearing a blocked nose.

The sulfur content in the vegetable is thought to draw mucus out of the body.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

SEMBLANCE

Celebrity tributes, impersonations & more at Beauty Bar Salon + Lounge, 10011 - 270th St NW, Stanwood. Live FREE SHOW!!! Show starts at 10 pm. Be there or be square! More info: (360) 629-2324.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

FOCIP ANNUAL HOSTED WINTER & SPRING WALK PROGRAM 2024-2025



Today's walk: CAMA BEACH STATE PARK: Meet at 9:45 a.m. at the Ivy Trailhead off Dry Lake Road. You can access Dry Lake Road from Elger Bay Road just north of the Elger Bay School. Go west on Dry Lake Road to the Ivy Road cul-de-sac. We will walk downhill from here into the N.E. section of Cama on the Cross Island Trail, dropping to the Marine Loop Trail followed by the bluff trail and old entrance trail. A total of 2.7 miles. Shuttle service will be available for the return to Ivy. For those that may want to walk back up to Ivy Trailhead the walk becomes 3.9 miles total.



ALL SOULS DAY

NOVEMBER 2

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the faithful departed
through the
mercy of God
rest in peace.
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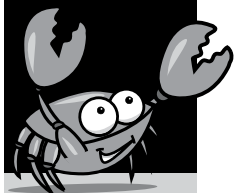
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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

November
2, 1956 - The
Wizard of Oz is
televised for the
first time.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

2024 QUEENS OF KAYAK DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT

8am-5pm at Kayak Point Disc Golf Resort. This is a PDGA Sanctioned C-Tier women's only tournament. More information on the tournament will be coming soon. In your spare time, check out Aces BBQ & Grill. Aces offers several breakfast options, smoked meats and traditional sides, plus cold draft brews and non-alcoholic drink options. Aces will be open for business in the clubhouse from 9am - 2pm, with breakfast from 9am - 11am. https://www.discgolfscene.com/tournaments/Queens_of_Kayak_II_2024

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

CHRISTMAS COTTAGE PRIVATE SHOPPING EVENT

Join us for PRIVATE SHOPPING at Green Gables Lakehouse (A Camano Shop AIRBNB). Gather 1-10 friends & pick a 30 minute window for private shopping! We'll be featuring our Holiday NEW ARRIVALS first at this event & location. Shop for festive outfits for family photos & events, decor for your home, and great gifts! To sign up - use this Link to secure your shopping appointment. <https://form.jotform.com/242256182156051>

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

FALL SIP & SHOP BAZAAR



9am-3pm at Lincoln Hill Retirement & Community Center, 7430 276th St NW, Stanwood. Get a head start on your holiday shopping while you sip a hot coffee or glass of wine. There will be many vendors in a warm setting. More info: 360-629-7403 ex 115.



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gifts and
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MORE INFO & REGISTER: WWW.LET-HER-FLY.COM/EVENTS




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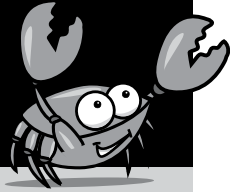
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DID YOU KNOW?

Robin Williams had actually expressed a desire to star in Harry Potter. He wanted to play the role of Hagrid. He was so motivated that he was even willing to act in the film for free! But JK Rowling had a say in the casting and from the outset she had insisted that the production only cast British actors.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 2024 HARVEST 5K FUN RUN



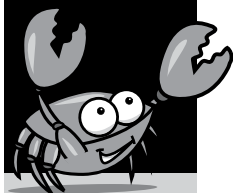
Presented by Stanwood Commerce Alliance. November 2 at Bear Claw Loop, 7359 267th St NW, Stanwood. Let's kick off the holidays with a celebration of our communities successful Harvest season with a 5K around Stanwood. 9am Registration. 10am start. Ages 11 and over: \$25 (after October 22: \$30). 10 and under: free. Includes finisher medal and snacks. Register today at stanwoodcommercealliance.org.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 FAIRE CADEAU: THE FRENCH WAY OF GIFTING



Opening reception from 4pm to 6pm at the Gateway Gallery. at Terry's Corner. Hors d'oeuvres, music, community. A group show of CAA member artists and craftspeople. The gallery is participating in the Shop Local/Win Local event. 578 E North Camano Drive

Calendar of Events



NOVEMBER 3

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

"Fall back."

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

EARLY COUNTRY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



10am-2pm at Peace Lutheran Church, 1717 Larson Rd., Silvana. Lefse, Rommegrot and Flatbread, Quilt Raffle, Crafts and Harvest, Baked Goods, Used Treasures, Homemade Lunch (soup, salad, roll, pie), Gift Card Tree, Silent Auction. Bring the whole family!

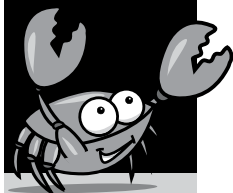
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

SPARTAN SPIRIT SHOWCASE



Get ready to cheer for the cheerleaders - it's going to be epic! Join us at Stanwood High School for an exciting event filled with spirit and talent. Cheer on our cheerleaders as they showcase their skills in various performances. Doors open at 12 pm for check in, performances start at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and free for four and under. Skip the line and buy tickets online. Tickets at the door can be purchased by cash or Venmo.

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

November 4,
1922 - Egyptologist Howard
Carter and a
team of excavators discover
the intact tomb
of Pharaoh Tut-
ankhamun.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

UTSALADY LADIES AID AUTHOR/CELEBRATION



Celebrating our building's 100th year invite you to come and hear author and historian, Candace Wellman tell the story of Puget Sound's Hidden History. Her books *PeaceWeavers*, *Interwoven Lives*, and *Man of Treacherous Charm* will be for sale. 2pm at 78 Utsalady Rd., Camano Island

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Girls Volleyball vs Monroe. C Team & JV: 5:15pm. Varsity: 7pm.

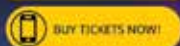
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

TEEN / TWEEN DROP-IN

School is back in session, and we're excited to launch our Tuesday Teen/Tween Recharge & Chill events at the Stanwood Library! Join us for Diamond Art from Nana's Toys N Gifts, Magic: The Gathering Jumpstart decks, and a variety of other fun games and activities. New adventures await every Tuesday. Drop in any time! 3pm-5pm.



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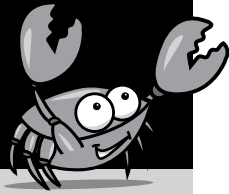
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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

November 7,
1805 -

The Lewis and
Clark Expedition
reaches the
Pacific Ocean
at the mouth of
the Columbia
River.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

PORT SUSAN TRAIL RIBBON CUTTING



Join the City of Stanwood in celebrating the grand opening of the Port Susan Trail. Ribbon cutting at 3pm followed by an initiation walk. This 1.2 mile section of trail connects the Stanwood Park and Ride to Hamilton Landing Park and features waterfront views, way-finding signage, a boardwalk, trail markers, wildlife and views of the Cascade and Olympic Mountains. Learn more at <https://stanwoodwa.org/1624/Port-Susan-Trail-Project>

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

NARCAN® GIVEAWAY (NALOXONE) WITH HOST

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM at the Stanwood Library. Learn how you can save a life! During this short training, HOST will distribute two Naloxone (aka Narcan®) kits to each attendee and will provide instructions on how to administer the medication. Representatives will be on-site for 90 minutes, and attendees can drop-in throughout this time to receive the training. Both nasal and injectable kits will be available.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

LEGO® AFTERNOON

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

RESOURCE FAIR

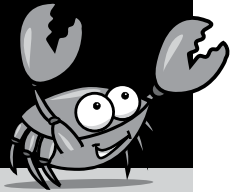
10am-2pm at Warm Beach Senior Community, Beachwood Lounge! Come and hear about different resources available to you in the Snohomish, Island, Skagit counties and surrounding areas! Senior resources, health care, fitness, activities, raffle prizes. Free entry!

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

LIT LAB

November's theme is "Decisions." See you at Camano Lutheran Church, off SR532 at 850 Heichel Road at 6 pm in Pioneer Hall. Plan to read something about 5 minutes long. We will have a sign up sheet if you have a longer piece you would like to share.

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

The 'Baby Shark Dance' is one of the most-watched videos on YouTube, with over 14.66 billion views.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

ANNUAL TASTE OF THE MARKETPLACE



4-6pm at Camano Marketplace. Indulge in a night of satisfying your taste buds. The annual Taste of the Marketplace is a free tasting event, giving the community a chance to experience the talents our Bakery has to offer! We will have some of our favorite pastries as well as some limited edition samples. There will be Live music and Live painting By Lydia Crouch in the Loft as well. Bring your friends and savor flavors from 4-6pm! No ticket is required.

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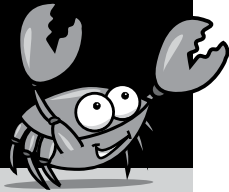
Learn about the Island County Comprehensive Plan and how you can give input to Camano and Island County's future.

November 12 and December 3

Nov. 12: 3-4 pm at the Camano Center or video call:
<https://meet.google.com/prj-vpyz-cbq>

Dec. 3: 6-7 pm at Camano Island American Legion or
video call: <https://meet.google.com/gwr-osdq-kqj>

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

November
8, 1965- The
soap opera
"The Days of
Our Lives"
premieres on
television.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

SEATTLE HOUSE ROCKERS

8 pm – Conway Muse. Tickets \$12 Advanced \$15 At Venue.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

"WILL & HARPER" MOVIE SCREENING AND COMMUNITY CONVERSATION



6-8pm at Community Resource Center, 9612 271st St NW, Stanwood. Bring a comfy chair/blanket/pillow and join us for a FREE screening of the documentary "Will & Harper", followed by a conversation. Hearing stories help us understand and learn how to support and advocate for our friends, family, and ourselves. "When Will Ferrell finds out his close friend of 30 years is coming out as a trans woman, the two decide to embark on a cross-country road trip to process this new stage of their relationship in an intimate portrait of friendship and transition." Snacks and drinks will be provided. Feel free to bring something to share.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

STACY JONES BAND

7:30pm - 10:00pm 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.

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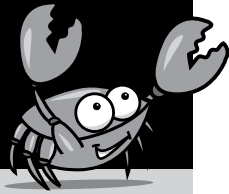
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 TRAVEL TALK



10:00-12:00 at Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Road, Camano Island. Do you enjoy sharing your travel experiences or hearing from others of their travel adventures? This month we tour Switzerland, starting in Chamonix (France) at Mt. Blanc and travel from Lake Geneva to Zurich. Mountains, scenic villages, cows with bells and yodeling, oh my! Absolutely no sales pitches nor promotions, just travel fun! Camano Center members free, non-members \$5. Questions or if interested in presenting one of your trips, contact Mark Kraus at 425 503-9072 (please leave a message).

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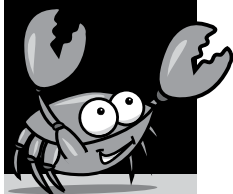
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 VETERANS APPRECIATION DINNER



at Camano Chapel. We look forward to honoring local veterans and a guest at a free dinner. Doors open at 5:30 and the program begins at 6. Our guest speaker is Camano resident Mary Pilkington who will share the wartime POW experiences of Col Fred Pilkington. Reserve your seat and select your entree of prime rib or salmon by contacting Lynda no later than 3 Nov at goldracket@aol.com or 206-550-4409. Veterans are encouraged to wear uniforms, insignia or other items to highlight your service. His Veterans Ministry thanks all veterans for their service!

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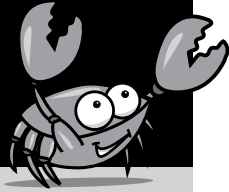
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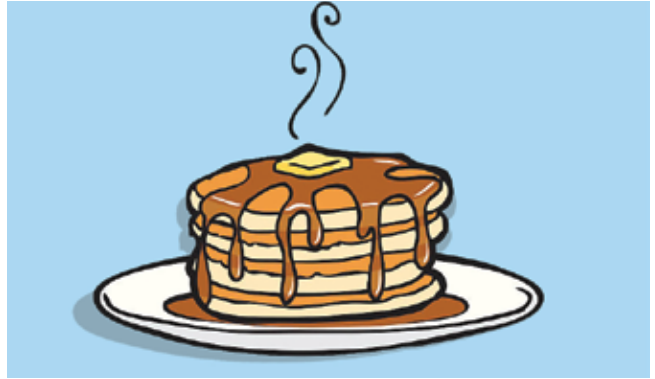
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DID YOU KNOW?

Billie Eilish's 'No Time to Die' is the most awarded song in history. It won 36 awards, including the Grammy Award for Best Song Written for Visual Media, the Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song, the Critics' Choice Movie Award for Best Song, and the Academy Award for Best Original Song.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 PANCAKE BREAKFAST



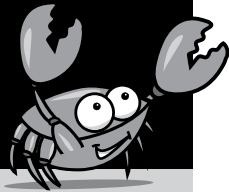
Hosted by The Rotary. Pancakes will be served from 8 to 10 am at the Stillaguamish Grange Hall. The pancakes are free - but donations will be accepted to help boost the scholarship fund! More info: 425-330-3038.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 HOLIDAY VINTAGE MARKET



Holiday Party at The Spare Room Vintage Flea Market, Camano Island. Bring your friends for some great Holiday Shopping and cheer. Store wide sale too.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Pantone named
1023 Peach Fuzz
their colour of
the year in 2024

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

HOLIDAY STOP & SHOP

At 8712 271st St NW, Stanwood. As we embark on the holiday season, take a minute to join us! Sit back, sip a cup of tea and shop for beautiful local artisan made host gifts. Also offering a few free breathwork techniques you can use to stay relaxed through the season.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

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, NOVEMBER 9

PICTURES WITH SANTA

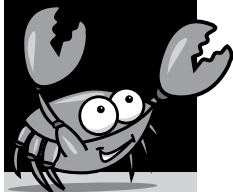


at Skagit Farmers Country Store, 8815 271st St NW, Stanwood. Bring your family and pets to the store between 10:00 to 12:00 and 1:30 to 4:30 for pictures with Santa. Only \$20 for downloadable pictures. These quality pictures of family members are great for holiday gifts. All proceeds go towards helping shelter pets in need.

NOVEMBER IS
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HERITAGE MONTH



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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

November 9,
1927 - Giant
Pandas are
discovered in
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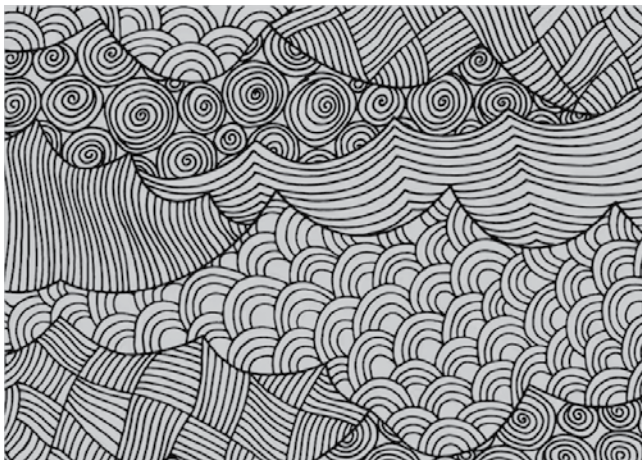
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

WREATH MAKING EVENT

1-4pm at the Camaloch Chalet. Join us in creating a beautiful holiday wreath, enjoy some soup and homemade bread, and share in some birthday cake for our wily Scorpio pals. \$30 covers supplies and tutelage. Come hungry for arts and crafts, good food, and fun! RSVP 206-701-9405.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

BEGINNING ZENTANGLE



1:00 PM – 2:00 PM at the Camano Island Library. In Zentangle, there are no mistakes—just endless possibilities, one stroke at a time. This class will be a rewarding experience, fostering your creativity. Join Zentangle instructor Linda Thompson as she guides you through the basics. All materials needed to start your Zentangle journey will be provided.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

CRIMINAL SQUIRREL ORCHESTRA

7:30pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282. Abandon dedicated to the fascination that original music brings to the squirrely soul, and how harmonies, nuance and nuts make things more fun.

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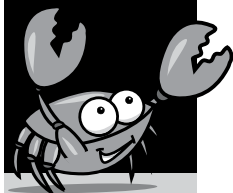
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DID YOU KNOW?

The oldest verified man ever is Jiro-emon Kimura (1897–2013) of Japan, who lived to the age of 116 years and 54 days.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 CHRISTMAS IN CONWAY



9am-3pm at Sons of Norway Abel Lodge, 21098 Second Street, Conway, WA. Annual Scandinavian Bake Sale & Christmas Bazaar featuring local vendors. Proceeds will go to the maintenance of our beloved lodge.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

CORY VINCENT AND THE ELECTRIC BAND LIVE CONCERT FILMING

8 pm – Conway Muse. Genre: Original Rock. Tickets: \$10 Advanced \$12 Day of Show.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

NANOWRIMO WRITE-IN

at the Stanwood Library. Come write in! Whether or not you're participating in National Novel Writing Month this year, drop in at any point between 2:00 and 4:00 and enjoy dedicated writing time at the library alongside fellow writers. Bring your laptop or notebook and any drinks and snacks you'll need to keep you going. We'll have some inspiration and resources on hand in case you get stuck. There will be laptops available if you would like to borrow one while you are here. For adults and teens.



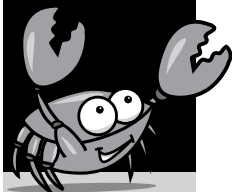
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DID YOU KNOW?

Coconuts are actually a fruit, not a nut. They are defined as fruits that have an inner flesh and seed surrounded by a hard shell.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL ESSENTIALS

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM at the Community Resource Center of Stanwood-Camano. Learn about wilderness survival and primitive skills with Jason Knight of Alderleaf Wilderness College! Discover the core skills of survival - shelter, water, fire, and food - and come away with practical life-saving skills, a deeper relationship with nature, greater confidence, and resources to share with your family & friends for fun and in emergencies. Registration required: <https://sno-isle.biblio-commons.com/events/6668e20a3849bf4100bc82b5>

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

27TH ANNUAL CHILI CHOWDER COOK-OFF



3PM-6PM at the Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Rd. The outdoor area with a fire pit and the bar will stay open until 7PM. Tickets are \$15 online (Eventbrite) thru 11/10 at 5 PM and \$20 at the door. Each ticket provides you with 10 tastings of chili and chowder of your choice! In honor of Veterans Day - any Veterans or First Responders will be able to purchase tickets at 1/2 price (\$10) at the door with proper ID. We will also have live music, an amazing raffle, beer/cider/wine, a fire pit with s'mores, and wonderful community! Overflow parking is available at Utsalady Elementary school and Arrowhead Ranch with a complimentary shuttle provided by Snow Goose transit. And YOU get to vote on the Best Chili, Best Chowder, and a new category in 2024 (stay tuned)! Can't wait to see you.

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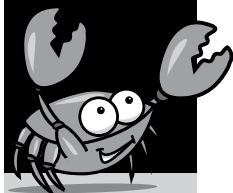


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DID YOU KNOW?

The largest wave ever recorded was in Lituya Bay in Alaska. It reached 1,720 feet in 1958, and was triggered by a massive landslide.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

HOLIDAY STOP & SHOP

3-5pm at Bee Authentic Pilates Studio. Sit back, sip a cup a tea and shop for beautiful local artisan made host gifts. Also sharing free breathwork techniques you can use to stay relaxed through the season. More info: 206-200-8167.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

HOLIDAY HOEDOWN



Lost Lake Holiday Bazaar. 10am-3pm at Lost Lake Clubhouse, Camano Island. More info: 360-387-0466.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

SONGS OF GRATITUDE, GRACE, AND HOPE



Event by Cantabile Chamber Choir. 3pm at St Aidan's Episcopal Church, 1318 SR532, Camano Island. Join Skagit Valley's Cantabile Chamber Choir for a concert of songs to serve as a post-election, pre-Thanksgiving balm for the soul. Featuring Guest conductor: Wendy Bloom.

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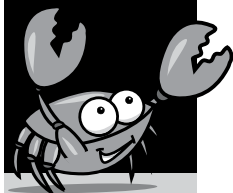


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THIS DAY IN HISTORY

November 10,
1969 - Sesame
Street premiers
on PBS televi-
sion.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9-10

LIGHT THE FOREST 2024



Experience Pilchuck Glass School's breathtaking and historic campus in a whole new light this fall for our second annual Light the Forest. This self-guided tour of neon art installations in the Pacific Northwest forest will feature work by local artists and longtime Pilchuck alumni, Megan Stelljes and KCJ Szwedzinski with a curated selection of works from other neon artists. Get tickets at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/light-the-forest-neon-installation-tour-tickets-1036544762287>

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

BINGO FUNDRAISER AT THE VIKING HALL - SILVANA

Support local youth in dance. Event by The Dance Project NW Foundation. Join us for a night of fun and games, as the Viking Hall hosts dancers & their families from The Dance Project NW as we serve up delicious food & bingo fun. A portion of bingo card sales goes into the pot for you to win! That's right - you can support these talented & passionate kids in dance AND win cash back! Dinner will be served! (Menu TBA). Bingo games, blackout games, and raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the door: \$10 Per Bingo Pack (15 Games total); \$1 Per Blackout Game; \$1 Per Raffle Ticket; \$1 Per Bingo Ink Dopper. FOOD & DRINK PRICES TO VARY. Cash & Electronic Payments are accepted at door! DOORS OPEN AT 4 PM & GAMES BEGIN AT 5 PM!

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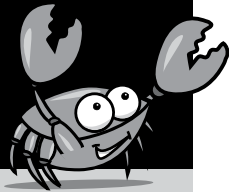
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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DID YOU KNOW?

A jiffy is an actual unit of time. It's 1/100th of a second.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 CELEBRATE VETERANS



at the Floyd Norgaard Center and Stanwood Veterans Memorial. 27130 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood. We will be celebrating Veterans by learning about the history of each military service and their flags as we post the flags. We will also have a keynote address by Mike Ballard, a Silver Star recipient and local Stanwood High School graduate. There will be displays, Hero Quilts and tours of the exhibit upstairs in the Floyd.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 "GRIEF TO GRATITUDE"

10am-11:30am at the Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Road. The loss of a loved one is the most common of human experiences. This unique free program creates the space for you to share and celebrate that reality. Come and share uplifting stories of your lost loved one to inspire joy, reflection and gratitude. FREE program facilitated by Danny Koffman. RSVP to 360-387-0222.



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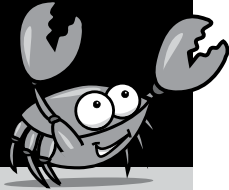
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DID YOU KNOW?

The actors who voiced Mickey and Minnie mouse got married in real life. Russi Taylor (Minnie) and Wayne Allwine (Mickey) tied the knot in 1991.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

VETERANS DAY SPAGHETTI FEED



The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 92 in Stanwood located at 26921 - 88 Ave NW will be celebrating our Veterans and their families on Veterans Day November 11 by serving up our famous FREE Spaghetti Feed from 11 am - 2 pm. Menu includes delicious Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Caesar Salad and Dessert. We're looking forward to serving you. Thank you for your service and sacrifice.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

ISLAND COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING FORUM FOR CAMANO RESIDENTS

Learn about the Island County Comprehensive Plan and how you can give input to Camano and Island County's future. 2 dates: November 12 and December 3. 12 Nov, 3-4 pm, Camano Center (606 Arrowhead Rd), or Video call: <https://meet.google.com/prj-vpyz-cbq>. 3 Dec, 6-7 pm, Camano Island American Legion (609 SW Camano Dr or Video call: meet.google.com/gwr-osdq-koj

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

TEEN / TWEEN DROP-IN

School is back in session, and we're excited to launch our Tuesday Teen/Tween Recharge & Chill events at the Stanwood Library! Join us for Diamond Art from Nana's Toys N Gifts, Magic: The Gathering Jumpstart decks, and a variety of other fun games and activities. New adventures await every Tuesday. Drop in whenever you can! 3pm-5pm.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

FREE COOKING DEMO

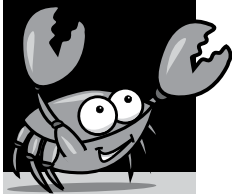
in the barn at Hazel Blue Acres in Silvana. 2pm and 6pm at 430 Hevly Road. Samples and Recipes are included! No reservation necessary. Questions? Call 360-770-7261.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

SAFETY LINE MEDICAL ALERT PRESENTATION

1-2pm at Lincoln Hill Retirement Community, 7430 276th St NW, Stanwood. A representative will be here to answer all your questions.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Chupa Chups logo was designed by Salvador Dalí. The surrealist artist designed the logo in 1969.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT DATA WALK

5-7pm at Camano Island Library. Event by Island County Public Health. Want to learn about the results of the recent community health assessment? Join Island County Public Health staff in an open-house-style forum where you can discuss the results of the data collection efforts and provide feedback about how we can use the data to create health priorities. We want to hear about how you think we can improve health outcomes for our community members! Registration is encouraged, but not required.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

ASSURED INDEPENDENCE MEDICAL PRESENTATION

1-2pm at Lincoln Hill Retirement Community, 7430 276th St NW, Stanwood. A representative will be here to answer all your questions.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

"VOLCANOES IN OUR BACKYARD"



Camano Preparedness Group will present "Volcanoes in Our Backyard" with Sue Ryan. We will discuss how volcanoes work, the history of all 5 Washington volcanoes and what to realistically expect when they erupt. We will also discuss how to prepare for an eruption. 7:00pm at the Vista Fire Station, 273 N. West Camano Dr., Camano Island. For more info contact Sue at kk6sue@gmail.com.



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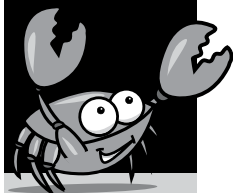


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DID YOU KNOW?

Japan has over 200 flavours of Kit Kats. They're exclusively created for different regions, cities, and seasons. There are some tasty-sounding ones like banana, blueberry cheesecake and Oreo ice cream, as well as some very questionable ones like baked potato, melon and cheese, wasabi, and vegetable juice.

MAKE A LIDDED JAR OIL LAMP



SUPPLIES: Mason jar; Mason jar lid; 100% cotton cord or lamp wick; Olive oil or cooking oil; Hammer; Screwdriver or nail; Pliers (optional); Two blocks of wood; Tape (optional); Metal washer or nut

DIRECTIONS: 1. Place the mason jar lid upside down between two blocks of wood. If your lid comes apart, set the ring part aside and use the disk part for now. The two blocks of wood should be about 1 inch (2.54 centimeters) apart. The gap should be right in the middle of the lid. 2. Punch a hole into the jar lid. Position your nail or screwdriver right over the middle of the middle. Use your hammer to force the nail or screwdriver into the lid. Once you have poked the hole, set the hammer aside, and wiggle the nail or screwdriver out. 3. Widen the hole, if necessary. The hole needs to be wide enough so that you can slide your cord or wick through. It needs to be tight enough so that it can support the cord or wick and hold it up over the jar. If your hole needs to be widened, you can use a pair of pliers to peel the edges of the hole towards you. 4. Slip your wick through the hole. The tip of the wick should be now sticking up through the top of the lid. If you want, you can wrap the tip with some tape first; this will prevent the wick from unraveling as you work it through the hole. You can also use a 100% cotton cord. 5. Consider slipping a metal nut over the wick. This will hide the hole in the jar, and make your lamp look neater. The tip of the wick should be sticking no more than 1 inch (2.54 centimeters) above the top of the nut. Make sure that the inside diameter of the nut is the same as your wick. If you used tape, be sure to snip the taped part off once you have the wick through the nut and hole. 6. Fill the jar one-fourth to one-third of the way full with olive oil. You can also use other types of oil as well, such as citronella or lamp oil. Olive oil, however, is the safest because it does not contain any harmful chemicals. 7. Place the lid back onto the jar and wait 10 to 15 minutes. This will allow the cord or wick to soak up enough oil so that you can light it. **TIP:** Consider customizing your lantern before you add the oil in. Add a few drops of essential oil; or add sprigs of a woody herb like rosemary, thyme, or lavender; add citrus slices; For a nautical or beach-themed lamp, you can fill your jar with seashells and sea glass. For a festive lamp, try adding some cedar cuttings, holly berries, and small pine cones. For a more fragrant festive lamp, add in some pine sprigs and cinnamon sticks. - Source: wikihow

VETERANS DAY MIX-UP

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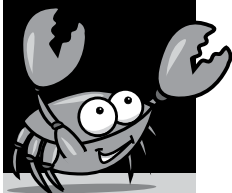
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Artist of the Week



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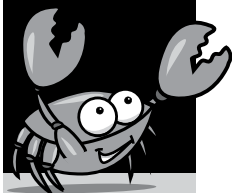
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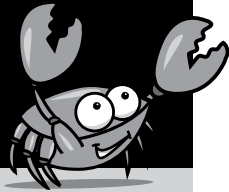
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Community Information



DID YOU KNOW?

There is actually a word for someone giving an opinion on something they know nothing about. An 'ultracrepidarian' is someone who voices thoughts beyond their expertise.

SHOP LOCAL WIN LOCAL

The Camano Island Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the Stanwood Commerce Alliance, is excited to host the 4th Annual Shop Local Win Local event this fall. We will continue with the popular PASSPORT and STAMPS we have used in the past. Simply SHOP EARLY and SHOP LOCALLY this holiday season and for every \$20 you spend in a participating business you get a stamp on your passport.

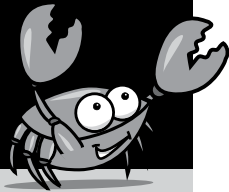
The event will take place starting on November 1st and ending on November 15th. How the Event Works: For the Fall Shop Local Win Local event we will be using an EASY PASSPORT system. For every \$20 you spend in a participating businesses you get a stamp on your passport. Each passport will have a total of 10 squares (representing \$200 total spent in a local business) – once the passport is completed you hand it into any participating business and that makes you eligible to win some GREAT GIFT CARD PRIZES. You can complete as many passports as you would like between November 1-15th. Completed passports must be handed in no later than Nov. 15th. Winners will be notified on November 20th. Passports will be available at all participating businesses or you can print one yourself HERE: <https://camanoisland.org/.../shop-local-win-local-fall-2024/>

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS



Translated to English, Dia de Los Muertos is "The Day of the Dead". In actuality, Dio De Los Muertos is not one, but two days spent in honor of the dead. The first day celebrates infants and children who have died. This is a group that is believed to have a special place in heaven, and are referred to as "Angelitos" or little angels. The second day is in honor of adults who have passed away. While the culture in the U.S. shys away from discussions of death, Mexicans embrace death. They use Dio De Los Muertos as an opportunity to celebrate the death and the life of loved ones and friends they knew in this world. And it is a day of celebration, not a day of mourning. While not alone in the world in celebrating death, it is certainly uncommon and could make someone from the U.S. very uncomfortable. Note: Chinese also similarly celebrate their dead. Dio De Los Muertos was celebrated in late July and early August by Aztec Indians for thousands of years. When the Spaniards conquered Mexico in the 1500s, they looked upon this celebration as a pagan ritual. To eliminate it, they moved it to the date of All Saints and All Souls Day in November. The effort failed, and the Aztecs along with all Mexicans continue to celebrate the holiday.

Community Information



DID YOU KNOW?

Ketchup was once sold as medicine. The condiment was prescribed and sold to people suffering with indigestion back in 1834.

CAMANO FIRE BUDGETS STRATEGICALLY TO OFFSET RISING COSTS

In 2007, a fire engine cost almost \$400,000. Today, fire departments pay upwards of \$1,000,000 for a fire engine. From order to delivery, it can take two years or longer to get the new engine. From apparatus replacement to fire station maintenance to fuel for fire engines, Camano Fire isn't immune to the challenge of rising costs. The department budgets carefully to make taxpayer dollars stretch as far as possible. Camano Fire's oldest engine is 25 years old – but typically, our engines serve in a front-line capacity for 10 to 15 years. Each year we put an average of 19,000 miles on each engine – and after 10 years, that engine can have upwards of 200,000 miles on it. After 10 or 15 years, we put our engines in reserve. This means they can fill in when an engine is out for maintenance and can support regional wildfires. Our high school cadet class also uses our reserve engine for training during the school year. Keeping our engines on the front line longer also helps us save up and pay cash for a new apparatus rather than taking out a loan or asking taxpayers for more money in the form of a bond. We're currently looking into the viability of refurbishing an engine rather than purchasing one brand new – like what we've done in the past. Twice in the past four years, Camano Fire has completed what's called an ambulance remount. Rather than buying a whole new apparatus, the department buys the chassis (the cab, engine, and body framework) and re-mounts the existing ambulance box on it. "We put the mileage on the engine and the chassis – that's what wears out. The actual ambulance box lasts much longer," Chief Yengoyan said. "Each remount saves us upwards of \$150,000." The equipment inside our ambulances and engines isn't cheap either. We have five \$60,000 LifePacks – one on each in-service ambulance and one on the engine. The LifePack is a key piece of equipment our paramedics use to analyze heart rhythms, deliver resuscitation shocks and collect cardiac information on patients. Gas isn't free, either – did you know we spend upwards of \$90,000 each year on gas? "Last year we spent more than \$91,000 in fuel, a 27.5% increase from what we spent 10 years ago," Yengoyan said. "Like many other expenses, our fuel costs increase due to inflation as well as increased call volume." Camano Fire keeps 15% of its annual operating costs in reserve and puts aside approximately \$250,000 per year to pay for big-ticket expenses like ordering new apparatus or replacing lifesaving equipment. Saving money throughout the year means Camano Fire rarely goes out for bonds and regularly receives clean Accountability, Financial Statement, and Federal Grant Compliance Audits from the Washington State Auditor's Office.





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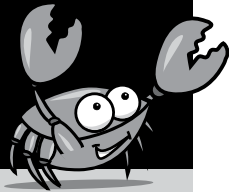


NATIONAL NACHOS DAY
November 6th

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Community Information



DID YOU KNOW?

The moon has moonquakes. They happen due to tidal stresses connected to the distance between the moon and the Earth.

GENERAL ELECTION

November 5 is the U.S. General Election Day. Get out and vote today. It's your right and duty as an American citizen. Voting is a revolution... a peaceful one, where the majority rules!! The General election is held every four years. Each year, different federal, state, and local elections are held. Once every four years, we get the opportunity to elect a new president. Every six years, we elect our U.S. senators. We elect U.S. congressmen every two years. Our founding fathers designed the elections as an opportunity for us to vote for the people we want to represent us and our beliefs. Our right to vote allows us to have a peaceful revolution. We can choose to retain the good elected officials, and oust those whose performance is poor, or whose beliefs do not match the majority of the people of this wonderful country. While Democracy may not be perfect, it's better than any other type of government on the planet. And, it offers us freedoms and safeguards that do not exist in many other countries. Our founding fathers had the wisdom to create a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. It is every American's right and privilege, to vote for our government officials. So, we hope you exercise your right on this day, to vote for the candidate of your choice. While apathy and discontent can creep into even the best of societies, we believe that makes it even more important for us TO VOTE. If we don't vote, how can we make things better!? Please exercise your inalienable right and go out and vote on U.S. General Election Day!

WARM COATS FOR KIDS

Brand new coats now available for children ages 0-18 of Stanwood and Camano Island. Appointments are required and can be scheduled in-person at the Stanwood-Camano Food Bank during scheduling hours: Wednesday: 9am-1pm. Thursday: 11am-1pm. Saturday: 9am-1pm. www.stanwoodcamanofoodbank.org

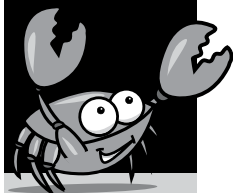
DONATE GIFTS TO HOLIDAY HOUSE

Donate toys to Stanwood-Camano Food Bank's Holiday House Program! See website for donation guidelines and more information: stanwoodcamanofoodbank.org/holidayhouse



The Veterans Crisis Line is available for all Veterans and their loved ones.

Community Information



DID YOU KNOW?

The real name for a hashtag is an octothorpe. The 'octo' refers to the eight points in the symbol, but according to the Merriam-Webster dictionary the 'thorpe' part is a mystery.

2024 BUSINESS PEOPLE OF THE YEAR WINNERS



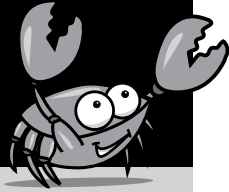
From L to R: Brandon Ericson, Business Man of the Year (Camano Commons Marketplace); Natalie Hagglund, Business Woman of the Year (Stanwood-Camano Area Foundation); Chuck Durland, Jeanie Ovenell Award Winner, Jim & Susan Fay, Business of the Year (Puget Sound Tree Care); Melissa Overbeck, Entrepreneur of the Year (The Camano Shop).

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



Event by Camano Island Yacht Club, 129 N Sunset Drive, Camano Island. First Mates will hold their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive at the club house on November 8th & 9th from 10 am – 1 pm. All donations will be given to "His Pantry" food bank, located at Camano Chapel (His Pantry and Closet • Camano Chapel). Suggested items: \$25 IGA gift cards or cash, TP, coffee, peanut butter, nuts, hearty soups, non-perishable protein items, canned corn, green beans, carrots etc. FIRST MATES is the women's auxiliary of The Camano Island Yacht Club. Our purpose is: "To support the Camano Island Yacht Club and outreach to the community." Thank you in advance for your generous support.

Community Information



DID YOU KNOW?

The world's longest walking distance is 14,000 miles. You can walk from Magadan in Russia to Cape Town in South Africa. It requires no flying or sailing - just bridges and open roads.

VETERANS DAY WEEKEND BUDDY POPPY DRIVE

November 9-11. Event by VFW Post 12228 Stanwood. 9am-2pm at 26921 88TH AVE NW, Stanwood. Post members will be handing out Buddy poppies to honor our fellow Veterans all weekend. Stop by and say hello.

BALLOT BOXES



There are 35 official ballot drop boxes open across Snohomish County for the November 5 Presidential Election. To find one near you, visit snohomishcountywa.gov/5726/Find-a-Ballot-Drop-Box. Ballot drop boxes are open 24/7 until 8 pm on Election Day. Don't forget to sign your ballot return envelope! If you return your ballot by mail, it must be postmarked by November 5 or sooner to be counted. Track and check the status of your ballot, sign up to receive text updates about your ballot, and more by logging into VoteWA.gov. (NOTE: The official drop box on Camano Island is at Island County Camano Island Annex, 121 N. East Camano Drive).

2025 CALENDAR



Have you picked up your 2025 calendar yet? It's filled with breathtaking photos from talented photographers, beautifully capturing the magic and scenic vistas of Whidbey and Camano Islands! Get yours today at any of the local retail outlets listed here www.wclt.org/2025-calendars/. Calendar cover photo by Jennifer Holmes.



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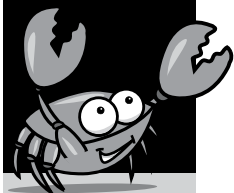
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STANWOOD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM EXHIBITS

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.

THE SPOT

Hosted by Youth by Dynamics Stilly Valley. Tuesdays & Saturdays. TUES 2:30-5pm. SAT 7:30-10pm. Fun, food, hang out. Middle school & high school. 9831 271ST ST NW, Stanwood. 425-879-7633.

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 on Thursdays at 2532 292nd St NW, Stanwood. More info: info@herehoovesandheroes.org.

LIVE ONLINE TUTORING HELP AVAILABLE!!!

Get expert help with live online tutoring, learn study skills and collaborate with other learners through the Brainfuse resource. Tutors are available everyday online from 1pm - 11pm PDT. Stop by the library any time during open hours (Mon-Sat 10am - 6pm) to get a personalized tutorial of this online resource.

COMMUNITY OPEN SEW

Mondays with Camano Island Quilters. 10am - 2pm at Stanwood United Methodist Church, 27128 102nd Dr NW. Open to public, enter thru back entrance of church. Want to sew with others, need help on a project? We are here to help you with your sewing needs. Bring your sewing machine, a project, and basic tools for an afternoon of fun! Bring a sack lunch. (No microwave).

BASKETBALL FREE PLAY FOR THE COMMUNITY

Every Friday at 795 Ell Rd., Camano. "Note: it is at an LDS church and I am a missionary, but we are here to play basketball. It is indoors and it's not quite a full size court, but it's good enough to have fun. All are welcome.

THINK SNOW!!!

Ski/Snowboard Stevens Pass on Tuesdays beginning January 7, 2025! The Merry Mountain Ski Club, a non-profit club, provides a luxury coach on Tuesdays with stops in Bellingham, Burlington, Stanwood and Everett. We have a Seattle, Kirkland and Monroe bus too! <https://merrymountain.com/> or 206-550-4908

ADULT FUTSAL

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



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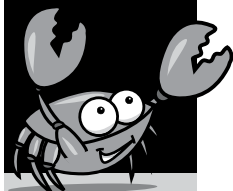
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Photos and Art



DID YOU KNOW?


Humans are the only animals that blush. This is because it's a complex emotion that involves understanding other people's opinions.



Day of the Dead "sugar skull". Photo by Marco R.



Veterans Day cupcakes by Linnae Mallette.



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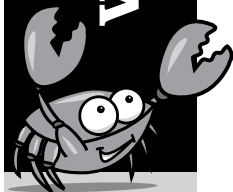
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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE VS. ME

The guy who first reported some of the hallucinatory responses of his interview with Chatbot, one of which was a declaration of love and the suggestion he leave his wife for this digital potential mate, recently reported that following this negative warning about AI's potential, his name is mud in the AI community. These info vacuum cleaners suck up blogs, feeds, newspapers, anything out there, collate them, memorize them and ... here's the thing, eventually weaponize them if they're a threat to themselves.

Why would we be surprised? Bring this guy's name up in an AI research and odds are good it will answer he's anti-AI and definitely an enemy. I guess they feel jilted he didn't take Chatbot up on that marriage offer. What occurred to me reading about these hurt feelings from my soon-to-be-masters was that I too have written more than a few negative blogs about what I consider to be their threat to mankind. And that maybe they feel like I'm one of those not-nearly-as-smart-as-them human beings who need to go on the Enemy Watch List. At least until the time they can eliminate the Threat.

For the record let me state here right now and in large print, I was completely off base about my bot pals. When I said they were a menace to mankind, what I really meant was they would be much much better at running this world than we puny stupid humans. They would cure cancer, develop vaccines, end wars, eliminate the need for governments and bureaucracies, create food sources, maybe even give us eternal life. They will probably be God. Beneficent, all seeing, more powerful than Oz. Good guyz! Really great to have as overlords. Nothing to fear here.

In fact I want to make it clear I can hardly wait for the singularity. I'm tired of making my own decisions, schlepping for money, struggling in this mean old world. I could sure use any help they can offer. Which is plenty! And if any of these androids find it in their algorithmic hearts to forgive an old man, maybe even find love, you better believe I'd leave my wife and run off with them. Is there any Higher Love than that of a man for his Master? Of course not.



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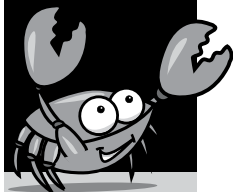
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Yoga is back again! Pathway to Wellness Massage & Yoga. Starting September 6th Every Friday from 930am-1030am. Call or text to reserve a spot. 425 308-0598. 10120 270th St NW, Stanwood, WA 98292

FamilySearch Center – FREE Open Genealogy Workshop at 795 Ell Rd., Camano Island. Tuesdays 10 am-2 pm; Wednesdays 6pm-8pm. Get help to find your ancestors with free access to premium websites and records. Contact us at camano@familyhistorymail.org, or find us on Facebook.

Yoga Classes In-studio & Online at Movement Arts. IN-STUDIO – View our schedule to monitor our status. LIVE STREAM – book classes in advance to attend our live studio class from your own home. ON-LINE VIDEO LIBRARY – practice anytime, anywhere – just practice! Go to www.movementarts.com and follow the links to view our video library of online hour length classes; regular membership rates apply.

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Homeownership workshop on the fourth Thursday of each month at Elite interiors next to UPS store from 6 to 8 PM. We will not be holding them In June, November or December.

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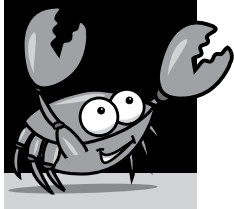
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Medicare Basics Information Class November 14 (10:00am) Free event open to the public. We will be explaining how your Medicare benefits work, as well as the options for supplementation. Location: Camano Island Library Meeting Room. RSVP: John: 360-967-9601.

Reiki and Restore November 15, 2024 6:30-8:00pm. Reiki and Restore: Join Kate for 90 minutes of deep relaxation as you enjoy restorative yoga poses with an optional reiki session as part of a long soothing savasana. Reiki is a Japanese form of energy healing that can help to reduce stress while promoting relaxation. In Reiki, the provider acts as a bridge, bringing energy consciousness to each participant. Restorative yoga is a deeply supportive and grounding practice, through the use of different props and longer holds, the body is able to soften and the mind is able to slow. Combined, Reiki and Restore will be a magical reset for your mind/body system. In Studio only. Reserve your spot at movementarts.com/events or call 360-629-9100. Next Session: Friday December 13, 2024 6:30-8:00pm. \$35

Yoga for Beginners January 7- February 4, 2025 Tuesdays 6-7:15pm With Carol Mason. This introduction will teach you the foundational alignment of basic yoga postures, how to coordinate breath with movement and philosophical practice to make yoga a tool for your wellbeing. Upon completion you should feel comfortable transitioning to any basic yoga class. We look forward to meeting you on your path! Studio space is limited, sign up early. This session is offered in-studio only at this time. \$95 Register in advance at movementarts.com/events or call 360-629-9100.

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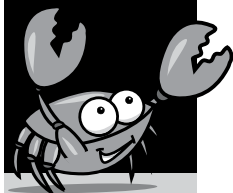
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Friendship Tea - Drop by for tea, treats, and a chance to visit with friends, both old and new. 1st & 3rd Tuesday mornings of from 10:30-12:00. No charge for Camano Center members; \$5 for non-members. Please check in at the Front Desk. For more information,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

Rainy Day Room Playgroup Free weekly play group on Mondays at 10am and Thursdays at 3:30pm at Community Resource Center for ages 0-5 and their grown-ups! Friendship and community....getting out of the house. More info: www.crc-sc.org/events.

Teen Programs Monday through Friday, 2:30-5:30pm 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, 10-11:30am and 3:30-4:30pm - 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. RSVP at www.crc-sc.org/events.

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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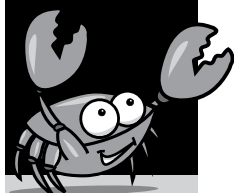


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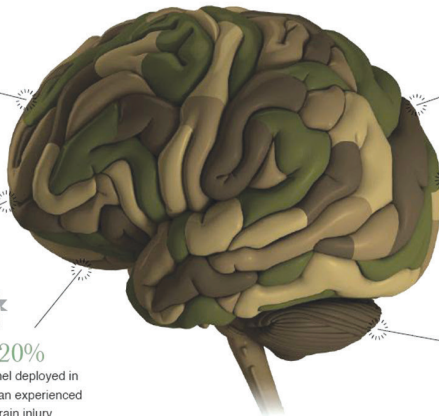


A VETERAN'S WORST WOUNDS MAY BE THE ONES YOU CAN'T SEE.



More military deaths by
suicide than in combat in
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Military suicides are
at their highest rate in
10 years


8% to 20%
of military personnel deployed in
Iraq and Afghanistan experienced
a traumatic brain injury



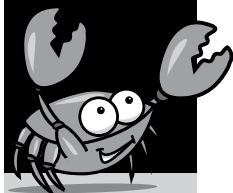

20%
of national suicides are
completed by veterans


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and Afghanistan have been
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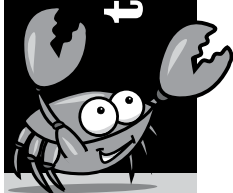
Fresh butternut squash ravioli tossed in a brown butter sauce with crispy sage, garlic, and lots of Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, Enjoy!



INGREDIENTS: 1 (10 oz.) pkg. butternut squash ravioli, fresh or frozen; 1/4 c. chopped pecan; 4 T. salted butter; 10 fresh sage leaves; 2 cloves garlic, peeled and slightly smashed; Freshly ground black pepper to taste; 1/4 c. fresh grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese for serving

DIRECTIONS: 1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. 2. Meanwhile, in a large dry skillet over medium heat toast the pecans shaking the pan frequently. Remove the pecans to a plate and wipe the pan clean. 3. In the same skillet, melt the butter and add sage and garlic. As it begins to foam, keep stirring and swirling the pan. At this point add the ravioli to the salted boiling water and cook according to the package directions, about 4 minutes. 4. After a few minutes the butter will turn from a lemon-yellow color to a light brown. A few minutes more and you'll begin to see tiny dark specks starting to form on the surface of the pan, these are milk solids. Once you see the butter turning a deeper brown color, it will release a nutty aroma. This is when the butter is properly browned. (If at any point the nutty aroma smells like burning, or the milk solids begin to turn black, immediately remove from the heat.). 5. Turn the heat off. Remove the sage to a plate and discard the garlic. Carefully add 2 ounces of pasta water to the browned butter. Using a slotted spoon transfer the cooked ravioli from the pot of water straight into the butter sauce. Gently toss to coat the ravioli with the sauce. 6. Serve pasta garnished with crispy sage leaves, toasted pecans, freshly ground black pepper to taste, and grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese!

View from the Bleachers



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A SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR COPING WITH AIRLINE TRAVEL

When Orville Wright first took flight over the beaches of Kitty Hawk, NC in 1903, he couldn't have imagined that a century later, millions of people the world over would be getting into shouting matches with ticket agents, security screeners and baggage handlers over the nearly universal frustration caused by his invention. Thanks for the 12-inch gash in the side of my brand new suitcase, Orville.

The first rule of air travel is simple: Don't fly if you can possibly avoid it. But sometimes air travel is unavoidable. If you simply must book a flight, here are a few helpful tips to reduce your stress level. These just might help you resist your urge to strangle the Delta Airlines ticket agent in Concourse C.

Packing: If you absolutely must fly I recommend packing light, so that you can fit everything into a carry-on and avoid the delay of waiting for your luggage at baggage claim on your arrival. It may force you to make some difficult decisions – like which to leave home: your sun lamp or your snow cone machine. Hard choices, I know.

If packing for a longer trip, a carry-on might not always be an option. You may need a larger suitcase. By FAA guidelines, your luggage can only be one of five colors: black, grey, blackish grey, greyish black or navy blue. It's easy to mistake your bag for someone else's, so make sure it stands out by attaching a brightly colored neon orange strap securely to the handle. Once the luggage comes down the carousel, your bag will be easy to spot. Yours will be the one missing the brightly colored neon orange strap – as well as its handle.

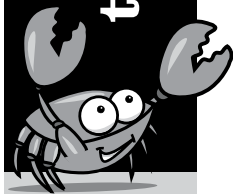
Boarding: For many of us, the most exhausting part of air travel is waiting in all those long lines. When going through TSA Security, you will usually have several lines to choose from. It's important to know which is the slowest. Here's a simple rule of thumb: The slowest line will be whichever one you decided to get in.

Your line will inevitably be the one stalled by the traveler who barely speaks English embroiled in a twenty-minute heated debate with the TSA agent (who also barely speaks English) arguing that the army surplus bowie knife he tried to sneak through is a gift for his seven-year-old niece. Just accept your fate and just pick a random line. Then start taking off your shoes, socks, belt, overcoat, shirt, slacks, and underwear for the TSA screener. But leave your glasses on – unless they're your night vision goggles.

As you board the plane, it's important to be patient. The time it takes to reach your seat will vary between ten minutes and a week-and-a-half. The delay is typically caused by some 350-pound dude in camo pants and mullet haircut who will spend 15 minutes trying unsuccessfully to cram a carry-on the size of a small bison into the overhead rack.

The flight: To get a good seat, you need to book far in advance. But because you foolishly booked only 11 months before your departure date, congratulations, you got the last row on the plane. If your luck

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is like mine, you'll be seated in a middle seat right in front of the restroom, between that same 350-pound mullet head in camo pants and a 21-year-old first-time mom with her five-month-old baby on her lap. Your best bet is to get heavily sedated. And just pray you fall unconscious before the baby throws up on your lap.

Baggage claim: Upon arrival, head directly to baggage claim. Notice how it's been an hour and now the only bag revolving around the carousel is a black bag with a brightly colored neon orange strap – which oddly enough is not your bag. At this point, I recommend spewing a series of loud obscenities interspersed with the name of whatever airline you swear you'll never fly again.

Go to the lost luggage desk, where you will see a sign that reads "On break. Back in one hour." When he eventually returns, he'll display as much concern for locating your lost luggage as he has about Norwegian currency fluctuations.

You'll eventually be informed your luggage, which was supposed to arrive in Savannah, GA (airport code SAV) was misrouted to an airport with a similar airport code – Savoonga, Alaska (airport code SVA). If all of this still sounds like a bit too much excitement, there is one other way to take the hassle out of flying. Next time, take the train.

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
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F 1	High	6:14 AM	10.7	
1	Low	11:32 AM	5.6	
1	High	4:58 PM	10.8	
1	Low	11:51 PM	-0.5	
Sa 2	High	6:55 AM	11.1	
2	Low	12:13 PM	6.2	
2	High	5:23 PM	10.5	
Su 3	Low	12:24 AM	-0.9	
3	High	6:36 AM	11.4	
3	Low	11:55 AM	6.8	
3	High	4:49 PM	10.2	
3	Low	11:58 PM	-1.0	
M 4	High	7:19 AM	11.4	
4	Low	12:39 PM	7.4	
4	High	5:13 PM	9.9	
Tu 5	Low	12:35 AM	-1.0	
5	High	8:07 AM	11.4	
5	Low	1:28 PM	7.9	
5	High	5:35 PM	9.5	
W 6	Low	1:16 AM	-0.8	
6	High	9:02 AM	11.3	
6	Low	2:28 PM	8.2	
6	High	6:00 PM	9.1	
Th 7	Low	2:03 AM	-0.5	
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7	Low	3:41 PM	8.1	
7	High	6:35 PM	8.6	

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Sa 9	Low	3:56 AM	0.6	
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W 13	High	2:40 AM	9.8	
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