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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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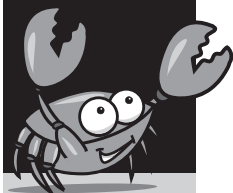


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Submission DEADLINE: JULY 3 for Next Edition (July 11-24)

Calendar of Events



FRIDAY, JUNE 27

KIDS VINTAGE POP UP

1-6pm at 8706 271st St NW, Stanwood. Have you heard of Belong? We're a thrifted + vintage kids clothing shop and we donate 15% of profits to adoptive families every month. We're so excited to pop-up in Stanwood right outside MQ! We're bringing racks of fresh vintage kids clothes, plus toys and shoes too! Size newborn to 12 years old. Come say hi!

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

NATIONAL PARK SERIES PRESENTS - EBEY'S LANDING

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the Camano Island Library. Join us for an enlightening session with Interpretive Specialist, Meredith Peterson from Washington State Parks. Discover the area's rich heritage, scenic landscapes, and outdoor recreation opportunities that showcase the beauty and cultural depth of Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve. Enjoy spectacular opportunities for recreation while immersing yourself in the fascinating stories of the past as she delves into the traditions of both Native and Euro-American cultures.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

STANWOOD FARMERS MARKET

2-6pm behind the Stanwood Police station. Local produce, food trucks, fresh flowers, baked goods, artisans, and live music.



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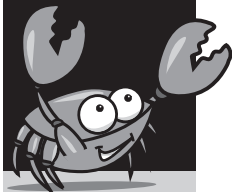
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FRIDAY, JUNE 27 FRIDAY GAME NIGHT



6:00 PM – 8:30 PM at the South Camano Grange. Hosted by Camano Island Library. Join us for an evening of fun as the library hosts an all-ages Game Night the last Friday of June, July and August at the South Camano Grange. Feel free to try out a variety of board games or bring your own. Don't know how to play? No worries, we'll help you get the hang of things! Whatever your skill level, you are welcome to come out for a gaming good time! Event is free and no registration required -- just drop in any time!

FRIDAY, JUNE 27 GRAND OPENING

Join us at MGM Flooring and Interiors for our Grand Opening. 4pm-8pm at 8600 Cedarhome Drive, Suite A3, Stanwood. Complimentary food and refreshments provided by Cady's Cocina and Eleven Eleven Mobile Bar. Explore our brand-new showroom where you'll find an exciting array of products. Meet our friendly team, ready to assist you with any questions and provide personalized recommendations. We look forward to celebrating with you and making this a day to remember. www.mgmflooringandinteriors.com

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Saturday, August 16
at Camano Commons

10:00am-11:00am: Magic Show with Jeff Evans

11:00am-1:00pm: Kids' Activities on The Commons
(face painting, sand art necklace making, jumbo yard games, paper airplane fold 'n fly)

12:30pm-2:30pm: South End String Band

2:30pm: "Burn the Bond" to celebrate the end of the tax levy

3:00pm-4:00pm: Nancy Pearl, America's Favorite Librarian

4:30pm-5:30pm: Trash Panda Go Kart



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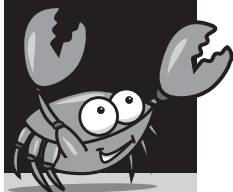
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Thanks for supporting Camano Island Library's
10th Anniversary Celebration!



Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

According to Fortune Magazine, of the fireworks injuries occurring between June and July, almost 70% were by men.

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

HOMESTEADERS' HAVEN OPEN AIR JAMS & FREE TRADE MARKET

Summer Open House Fridays, 3 - 7 pm at 880 E Ashley Way, Camano Island. Text 509-741-4132.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

FOCIP LITTER PICKUP

9:30 AM. Meet in the Elger Bay Elementary School parking lot. Bags and Grabbers are provided. wear sturdy shoes and bring gloves.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Hello, dear community - your all invited to the South Camano Grange pancake breakfast from 9 - 11 am. We're serving "all you can eat" pancakes, sausages and lots of fresh fruit, coffee, tea, orange juice and hot chocolate. Come on by, have breakfast and visit with your neighbors. Check out the new ceiling and flooring.....hope to see ya.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

SHERI GREIMES

Soulful, powerful, and unforgettable, Sheri Roberts Greimes is lighting up the stage at Pub 282! With raw emotion, bluesy grit, and a voice that'll stop you in your tracks, Sheri delivers a show you'll feel in your bones. Don't miss this night of pure musical magic!

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This workshop is no-cost, no obligation and will give you the basics you need to understand your options.

Camano Center

606 Arrowhead Road, Camano Island, WA 98282

July

- 07/02/2025 - 10:00am – 11:00am Jensen Room
- 07/16/2025 - 3:00pm – 4:00pm Jensen Room

August:

- 08/06/2025 - 10:00am – 11:00am Jensen Room
- 08/20/2025 - 3:00pm – 4:00pm Jensen Room

September:

- 09/03/2025 - 10:00am – 11:00am Jensen Room
- 09/24/2025 - 3:00pm – 4:00pm Jensen Room

RSVP's NOT REQUIRED, BUT ENCOURAGED

Please contact us to RSVP or for more information about upcoming events.



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DID YOU KNOW?

July 4th
wasn't always
a holiday:
Independence
Day became a
federal holiday
in 1870

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

WANDERSTAR : MUSIC & ART FEST!!!



An event put together by teens from the Community Resource Center AMPLIFY music program that celebrates community and connection through music and art. **YOUR WANDERSTAR LINEUP!!!** Black Ends, Zookraught, Anthers, End of Small Sanctuary, Torch, Mutualstoke + Teen bands from the CRC AMPLIFY music program. We are setting up shop inside (and out) of Port Susan Middle School in Stanwood to throw down on our biggest event of the Summer. Alongside an absolutely stacked lineup of some of the best humans and musicians in the PNW, Wanderstar also features an interactive outdoor art area that includes a AMPLIFY show poster gallery in the MAC mobile art studio, graffiti mural, patches and pins making stations, zines, a sensory tent if you need a break, and a whole assortment of arts and crafts to dive into! Tickets are \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door. Space is limited, snag them quick on Eventbrite.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE

11am-3pm at Cedarhome elementary in the covered play area. Donate your clean, gently used soccer equipment and pick up items that fit you. (I.e. shoes, shin guards, soccer balls). Sign up for the upcoming fall season available on-site.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Fireworks were used in the first major celebration of the Fourth of July in Philadelphia in 1777

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

2025 LAVENDER SEASON OPENING CELEBRATION



10am-6pm at Our Legacy Fields, 27031 36th Ave NW, Stanwood. Wood-fired pizza food truck, music, scavenger hunts, raffle prizes, lavender lemonade and ice cream. www.ourlegacyfields.com.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

MASTER GARDENER CLINIC - STANWOOD

Snohomish County Master Gardeners will be staffing a clinic at Haggen from 10am-2pm. 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.). This will be our last clinic at Haggen, but if you still have gardening concerns please call our hotline at 360 357-6010 or email us at SnoCoMG@Gmail.com. MGs are online Monday-Thursday for 10:00 to 4:00 to help you.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

ASK A MASTER GARDENER PLANT CLINIC: CAMANO

11am-1pm at Ace Hardware, Camano Plaza. Bring your questions, plant pictures and plant samples, and get free research-based gardening advice from an Island County Master Gardener.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

TWIN CITY IDLERS CAR SHOW CRUISE

Join our cruise through Stanwood the Saturday before Sunday's car show. More info: 360-202-9034 or president@twincityidlers.org. www.twincityidlers.org



**BECOME A FRIEND
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Help keep our beloved community tradition strong. With a donation of \$100 you can directly support the Stanwood-Camano Community Fair and all the fun, exhibits, and memories it creates. As a special thank you, we'll proudly display your name on a dedicated support banner located in our popular T-shirt area during the fair: August 1, 2 & 3rd, 2025



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FIREWORKS LAWS & SAFETY TIPS

Fireworks Hours

Island County allows the discharge fireworks 9 am to 11 pm
July 3 - July 5 and 9 am to midnight on July 4.



Island County & State Parks

- All fireworks are banned in all Island County and state parks
- All fireworks are banned on federal land, including land managed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and U.S. Forest Service
- Fireworks are banned on public property, public streets, sidewalks, parking lots and school property in some incorporated areas of Island County. Please see local regulations.
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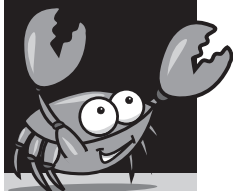


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DID YOU KNOW?

Massachusetts
was the first
state to recog-
nize July 4th as
a holiday: This
happened in
1781

SATURDAY, JUNE 28 SUMMER MARKET



10am-7pm at the Stanwood Fairgrounds. Family fun! Free entry. Bring the whole family & enjoy shopping from over 60 small business arts and crafters. Craft booths, food booths, bouncy houses, face painting, snow cones.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

FAMILY BINGO

at the American Legion Hall ON CAMANO ISLAND, 609 W. Camano Drive. "Camano Island American Legion Bingo is pushing it up... Now with \$150 and \$250 blackout jackpots!" Doors open at 4:30 P.M. and Bingo starts at 6pm. Snacks and beverages available.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

CARS & COFFEE

Come have coffee and admire our local hot rods, muscle cars, and more. Free admission to general public and free to bring by your custom car. The location alternates each week, either at Coastal Vie, Stanwood or Camano Commons. Check with them to determine this week's location. Free coffee for participants (and mini donuts at Coastal Vie). 7-10am. All cars welcome. Come out and have fun!



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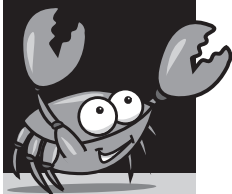
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SATURDAY, JUNE 28

POTLUCK PARTY AT THE GALLERY



Meet the Artists who Carve Stone. "Colors, Shapes and Mysteries". 5pm at Matzke Fine Art Gallery and Sculpture Park, 2345 Blanche Way, Camano Island. 360-387-2759. www.matzkefineart.com



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DID YOU KNOW?

The U.S.A loves fireworks – \$1 Billion Worth.

Americans spend more than \$1 billion on fireworks each year. Out of this, only 10% of firework displays are set off professionally, which probably accounts for the estimated 12,900 firework-related emergency room visits across the country.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

"COLOR" ARTISTS' RECEPTION - GATEWAY GALLERY WITH LIVE MUSIC



4pm to 6pm. FREE. Come view the new CAA member artist show 'COLOR', meet artists, chat with friends, enjoy bluegrass from Camano's own BAND OF FRIENDS. Bring the kids to dance on the boardwalk or run around in the newly fenced Freedom Park Playground. Artists: Yonnah BEN LEVY Chaim BEZALEL Brenda BOLTE Bob & Patt CAUSEY Betty DOROTIK Dotti BURTON Amy BUSH Monika DENASHA John EBNER Karin EVENSTA Debra LEPAGE Jeanette MAHONEY Barbara NOONAN Colleen NYGARD Jeanne POLING Erika POSEY Katie TRENT Gary WOLD. 578 E North Camano Dr., Camano Island, next to Freedom Park - The little red building with stained glass wall.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

STANFEST – STANWOOD'S ULTIMATE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES!



Live Music, Food, & Fun! Get ready, Stanwood! Epic live music, delicious food trucks, a 21+ beer & wine garden, local vendors, and a fun-filled Kid Zone at Church Creek Park! Tonight's performer: Northwest native - Aaron Crawford (Country Rock Star). Although he leans country, fans of all genres will be on their heels from the very first note. 6PM - 8PM at Church Creek Park, Stanwood. Bring a blanket, grab your friends, and enjoy an unforgettable night! Admission is FREE – Just bring your good vibes!

AUGUST
16

SATURDAY

GATES &
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3:00 PM



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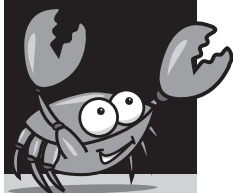


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DID YOU KNOW?

According to the National Sausage and Hot Dog Council (NHDSC),

Americans are expected to eat 150 million hot dogs over the July 4th holiday.

This is part of an estimated 7 billion that are expected to be eaten during the summer season from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

CAR WASH FUNDRAISER AND BAKE SALE



Event by The Dance Project NW Foundation. 11am-3pm at Clean Spot Car Wash Stanwood. Get your car sparkling clean while supporting our hard-working dancers! Join us for our annual Car Wash, Bake Sale & Lemonade Stand Fundraiser - all happening right here in our hometown! 100% of the funds raised will go directly toward supporting dancers from The Dance Project NW with summer intensives and the 2025-2026 dance season. Whether you stop by for a quick wash, a sweet treat, or a cool drink, you're making a meaningful difference.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

RADIO NATIONAL FIELD DAY EVENT



Stanwood Camano Amateur Radio Club would like to invite you to meet with the Amateur Radio operators of our community as we participate in the national Field Day event at Arrowhead Ranch, 615 Arrowhead Rd., Camano Island. Amateur Radio operators provide a critical public service for our community. During times of disaster, we are able to provide reliable communications when the normal infrastructure is offline. Licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and trained in the art and science of radio communication and basic electronics theory, we own and maintain our own communications equipment. Field Day is an opportunity for Amateur Radio Operators to practice disaster protocols, in addition to demonstrating the science, service and skill we can offer to our community. We would love the opportunity to show you our capabilities in person. Please feel free to join us any time after 11am. If you have any questions or need further info, contact the SCARC at w7pig@arrl.net.

**AUGUST 9
5:30PM**

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ANNUAL FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR THE CRC

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MARKETPLACE
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- JUNIPER BITES
- MERRY LITTLE BAKER
- PATINI'S GRILL
- PRIMAL TACO
- PURE SMOKE BBQ
- ROCKAWAY
- SAAL BREWING
- SASQUATCH SUBS
- SEN
- STANWOOD CUPCAKES
- TAPPED PUBLIC HOUSE
- THE BAKED CAFE

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

One president
was born on
July 4th: Calvin
Coolidge was
born on July 4,
1872.

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

TOY BOAT BUILDING

Came Beach Foundation (CBF) will begin doing the Toy Boat building event from 10am to 2pm at the North Beach Picnic Shelter in Camano Island State Park. Anyone interested should head to Camano Island State Park and follow the directions on the A-frame signs to get to the event.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

PRIMO KIM



An enjoyable evening of music and songs by professional artist, Primo Kim. A dinner show; bring your own dinner and drinks (ages 21+), at the Camano Country Club. Doors open at 4:30pm, performance is 5 - 6pm. Tickets at camanocountryclub.com, or at the Club, \$10/members; \$12/non-members.

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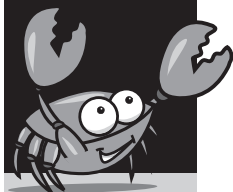


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DID YOU KNOW?

One of the greatest misconceptions of the 4th of July lies in the name and date. It is widely believed that America declared their independence from Britain on July 4, 1776. However, the official vote actually took place two days before and the “Declaration” was published in papers on July 4.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

THE 21ST ANNUAL TWIN CITY IDLERS CAR SHOW



in downtown Stanwood. From vintage gems to modern classics, this showcase celebrates the beauty, power, and history of timeless automobiles. Whether you're a car enthusiast or just love the roar of the road, join us for a day of memories, machines, and motor magic—where every car tells a story! More info: 360-202-9034 or president@twincityidlers.org www.twincityidlers.org.

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

SMOKESTACK OUT N BACK 5K FUN RUN/WALK



9:30-11:30am. Location: Hamilton Landing Park Smokestack, Stanwood. Get ready to run, walk, and kick off summer with us! This family-friendly 5K welcomes all ages and paces—whether you're racing for a PR or just out for a stroll. Enjoy a fun-filled morning, earn a custom finisher medal, and celebrate with our post-race appreciation drawing! Dog-friendly. All ages welcome. Awards for top finishers. Register today! <https://runsignup.com/Race/WA/Stanwood/Smokestack>

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

The Liberty Bell is symbolically tapped 13 times: Every year, the Liberty Bell is tapped 13 times in honor of the original 13 colonies.

MONDAY, JUNE 30

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, JUNE 30

ALL AGES MONDAY NIGHT TRIVIA

6pm at Rockaway, Camano Island. An exciting night of prizes, great food and drinks, and the chance to win big. This is a family friendly trivia, so grab your little ones and join us!

MONDAY, JUNE 30

TRIVIA NIGHT

with Darren. 6-8pm at SAAL Brewing Company, 10209 270th St NW, Stanwood. It is free to play with prizes. Always a lot of fun!

MONDAY, JUNE 30

MOBILE BLOOD DRIVE - BLOODWORKS NORTHWEST

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at the Stanwood Library. Did you know only 3% of us donate blood each year? Summer blood shortages are real, and you can help save lives in our local hospitals by rolling up your sleeve. To celebrate your blood donation this June, you can enter for a chance to win a \$3,000 gift card. Schedule your appointment and enter to win BloodworksNW.org. When you donate with Bloodworks, you're giving a critical boost to patients undergoing surgeries, traumas, and cancer treatments. All blood types are welcome. Find out if you're eligible. Schedule an appointment to make a donation. Registration required.

TUESDAY, JULY 1

KARAOKE

5-7pm at Lincoln Hill Retirement Community & Senior Center, 7430 276th St. NW, Stanwood.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

LEVELED UP LEGO AFTERNOON

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM at the Stanwood Library. Summer's here! Join us for two hours of building, plus new building kits! Stop by for an afternoon of LEGO®! Build alone or with friends -- we'll provide everything you need. Drop in anytime between 3 and 5pm.

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Camano Commons

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DID YOU KNOW?

Three presidents died on July 4th: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and James Monroe all passed away on July 4th in different years

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA!

7-9pm at Pub 282. Test your knowledge on music, history, current events, pop culture & more! All ages and free to play!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

NARCAN® GIVEAWAY (NALOXONE) WITH HOST

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM at the Stanwood Library. Join representatives from Evergreen Recovery Centers' HOST drop-in program and 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. Hosted by the Stanwood Library.

THURSDAY, JULY 3

SUMMER STAY AND PLAY

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM at the Stanwood Library. This is an opportunity for children, birth to kindergarten, and their caregivers to come play with fun and educational toys provided by the library. During this hour, caregivers and children will engage in in-person play, explore process art activities, socialize with others, and reconnect with the library. Drop in anytime during this event.

THURSDAY, JULY 3

LIT LAB

A theme of "Surprise". Plan to share approximately 1000 words with us (about 5 minutes). Also, in order to thank Camano Lutheran for allowing us to use their building for free for a year or more, we want to take up a collection, perhaps \$5 each, to show our appreciation. 6pm at Camano Lutheran Church off SR532 at 850 Heichel Road.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

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DID YOU KNOW?

There is Something Written on the Back of the Declaration of Independence. A simple message is written upside-down across the bottom of the signed document that reads, "Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776." No one knows who wrote this or when.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

UTSALADY LADIES AID BAKE SALE



Homemade pies, cakes, cookies, and treats of all kinds at the annual Utsalady Ladies Aid bake sale, 78 Utsalady Road, Camano. Sale opens at 10 a.m. Come early, we sell out fast.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

UTSALADY OLD-FASHIONED FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION



Kids, dogs, lawn tractors, tricycles, antique cars, horses, maybe even goats. Don your patriotic garb and walk in the parade or watch from the sidelines. Walk forms at 11 a.m. at the corner of Utsalady Road and Stanwood Street and terminates in a flag-raising ceremony at the Utsalady Ladies Aid building, 78 Utsalady Road.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

HOMESTEADERS' HAVEN OPEN AIR JAMS & FREE TRADE MARKET

Summer Open House Fridays, 3 - 7 pm at 880 E Ashley Way, Camano Island. Text 509-741-4132.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

FRIDAY NIGHT KARAOKE

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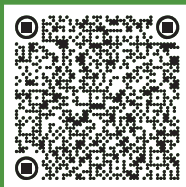
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JULY 19



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DONATION DROP-OFF JULY 14-18, 10AM-5PM

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

Richard Stockton, a lawyer from New Jersey, became the only signer of the Declaration of Independence to recant his support of the revolution after being captured by the British in November 1776 and thrown in jail.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY MADRONA BEACH PARADE



will begin at 12 Noon. Welcome all! Bring your noisemakers, ride on your kid cars, bicycles, skates or just your happy feet for walking! Decorate wildly! (No motor vehicles please.) Meet on the corner of 5th St and Alder at 11:45 a.m. see you there! Your Madrona Community. For more information, call Linda at (360). 770-5205 or email lindadelnegrodaniels@gmail.com

FRIDAY, JULY 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL



The parade begins at 11 am in the west end of Stanwood. Everyone is welcome to join in the parade. Come line up in the Josephine Caring parking lot at 10:15 am. Afterwards, enjoy complementary lemonade, ice cream with strawberries and coffee at "The Floyd." There will be a costume contest for the children with the best costume in the following categories: Historic, Patriotic, & 4th of July. Winners will receive an award certificate and prize money. The event is sponsored by the Stanwood Area Historical Society and Stanwood Commerce Alliance.

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

On the second anniversary of Independence Day in 1778, American troops were fighting the American Revolutionary War. During this time, George Washington ordered a double ration of rum for American soldiers to celebrate the holiday with.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

CAMANO COUNTRY CLUB 4TH OF JULY PARADE



Join us at the Camano Country Club Clubhouse parking lot at 9:45am for a 10:00 am kick off, for our 4th of July Parade! Decorate your wagon, bike, jeep, stroller and yourself and join in the festivities! And check out the clubhouse too! Everyone is welcome.

FRIDAY, JULY 4

STANWOOD FARMERS MARKET



2-6pm behind the Stanwood Police station. Local produce, food trucks, fresh flowers, baked goods, artisans, and live music.

SATURDAY, JULY 5

ENGAGE BAND

performing live at Pub 282. Engage is a high energy rock cover band, playing a popular mix of the big dance hits from the 70's to today. Invites the audience to join in the dancing fun.

Calendar of Events



SATURDAY, JULY 5

DRIVIN' HOME BAND

3-5pm at Edward Lynn Cellars. 748 Vineyard Ln, Camano Island. (360) 929-6072. ELCellars@gmail.com

SATURDAY, JULY 5

EZB AT DUSTY CELLARS WINERY

Event by Ezekiel's Bones. 3pm at 529 S Michael Way, Camano Island. Ezekiel's Bones will be playing from 3 to 6 pm for Ryan and Dusty at their awesome winery. We love these folks and their winery. Ezekiel's Bones play a variety of soul, blues, R&B, and classic rock with their own EZB twist.

SATURDAY, JULY 5

TOY BOAT BUILDING

Came Beach Foundation (CBF) will begin doing the Toy Boat building event from 10am to 2pm at the North Beach Picnic Shelter in Camano Island State Park. Anyone interested should head to Camano Island State Park and follow the directions on the A-frame signs to get to the event.

SATURDAY, JULY 5

FAMILY BINGO

at the American Legion Hall ON CAMANO ISLAND, 609 W. Camano Drive. "Camano Island American Legion Bingo is pushing it up... Now with \$150 and \$250 blackout jackpots!" Doors open at 4:30 P.M. and Bingo starts at 6pm. Snacks and beverages available.




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DID YOU KNOW?

According to Fortune Magazine, of the fireworks injuries occurring between June and July, almost 70% were by men.

SATURDAY, JULY 5

CARS & COFFEE

Come have coffee and admire our local hot rods, muscle cars, and more. Free admission to general public and free to bring by your custom car. The location alternates each week, either at Coastal Vie, Stanwood or Camano Commons. Check with them to determine this week's location. Free coffee for participants (and mini donuts at Coastal Vie). 7-10am. All cars welcome. Come out and have fun!

SATURDAY, JULY 5

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.

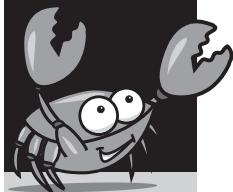
SATURDAY, JULY 5

CAMANO MAGAZINE SUMMER ISSUE LAUNCH PARTY

2-4pm. Event by The Camano Shop and Camano Magazine. 913 WA-532, Camano Island. Join us outside The Camano Shop to celebrate the new issue! Enjoy a sweet cookie treat from Shoebox Baking Company (\$2 suggested donation to the food bank). Make a fun summer craft! Come hang out, support the community, and kick off summer with us!



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SATURDAY, JULY 5

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.

MONDAY, JULY 7

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 7

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MONDAY, JULY 7

TRIVIA NIGHT

with Darren. 6-8pm at SAAL Brewing Company, 10209 270th St NW, Stanwood. It is free to play with prizes. Always a lot of fun!

TUESDAY, JULY 8

FREE COOKING DEMO

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

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Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

The first public 4th of July event at the White House took place in 1801. The day was filled with music, food and even horse racing.

TUESDAY, JULY 8

JIMMY WRIGHT

performing live at Pub 282. Get ready to rock the night with the Jimmy Wright Band! A high-energy concert experience, packed with a dynamic mix of music to keep you on your feet all night long. Don't miss the show that's got something for everyone!

TUESDAY, JULY 8

PIXEL ART ADVENTURES FOR TEENS



3-4:30pm at the Stanwood Library. Come and level up your craft skills and make a fun keepsake to take home with you! Use plastic beads to create your own pixelated art to take home. You can follow the video game related patterns provided by the library or make your own design. Once you've finished, a library staff member will help to melt the beads together with a hot iron to create a piece of art. You may even want to turn it into a piece of jewelry or a keychain. This event is suitable for teens and tweens who are ages 9 - 18.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA!

7-9pm at Pub 282. Test your knowledge on music, history, current events, pop culture & more! All ages and free to play!

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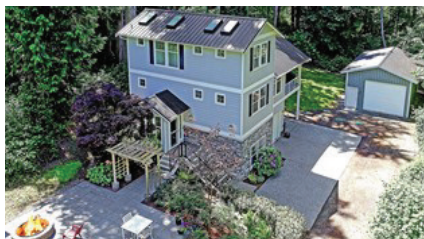
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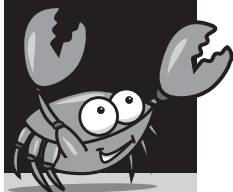


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FIREWORK PRINTING

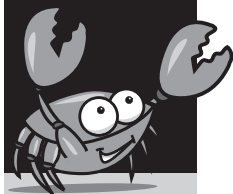
Use pipe cleaners or drinking straws to print colorful fireworks on paper—a fun activity to do with kids. www.firstpalette.com/



Supplies Needed: Black or any dark-colored construction paper (12" x 18"); Pipe cleaners or drinking straws; Poster paint or tempera paint; Plastic plates or similar flat containers for the paint; Glitter (optional)

STEPS: 1. Prepare 4-5 pipe cleaners. You will need 4 to 5 pipe cleaners to make the printing tool. 2. Gather the pipe cleaners together. Do not align them at the ends so that you can print fireworks with uneven rays. 3. Fold the bunch of pipe cleaners in half. 4. Bind at the folded end. Take a half piece of pipe cleaner. Use this to bind the bunch of pipe cleaners from the folded end to about 3 inches up the length of the bunch. 5. To complete your printing tool, spread open the pipe cleaner ends. Try to position them at the same level so that they lay completely flat when placed on a flat surface. 6. Make several printing tools, preferably one for each color of paint. To create smaller printing tools, cut the pipe cleaners in half in Step 1. The resulting printing tool will have a very short handle, but will still be easy to grip. 7. Prepare a large sheet of black or dark-colored construction paper to print your fireworks on. 8. Put tempera or poster paint in plastic plates, small trays, or similar shallow containers. Add just enough water to make the paint spreadable. Mix well. 9. Dip the printing tool onto the paint. Wiggle it around so that all the pipe cleaners touch the paint. 10. Press the printing tool onto the paper. You can press on any pipe cleaner that isn't touching the paper. 11. Lift the pipe cleaner tool to see the colored print on the paper. 12. Print one or more colors over your first print to come up with a colorful firework. 13. Fill your paper with firework prints. You can use the same color palette on all your fireworks (e.g. red, white and blue) or make the fireworks super colorful with glitter. 14. To make sparkly fireworks, you can either sprinkle glitter while your firework prints are still wet or apply glitter glue after the paint on your firework prints dry. **More Ideas:** Instead of pipe cleaners, you can also use bendable drinking straws to make your printing tool. Gather 8 to 10 drinking straws and tape them together in the middle. Tape them again just above the bendable section. Bend the end of each straw outwards to complete your printing tool.

Activity for Adults



RED, WHITE, AND BLUE STRAW WREATH

Celebrate the 4th and welcome guests with a colorful wreath made from loads of straws. For a sophisticated palette, dot a few light blue straws in the mix.



To make: Attach different lengths of red, white, and blue paper straws to a craft ring with hot glue. Layer them until the craft ring is fully covered.

Before Having a Blast, Know the Laws

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

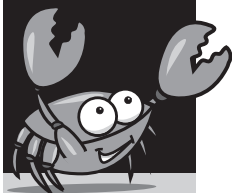
Fireworks are also prohibited in ALL Island County parks.

For more on local fireworks laws & tips for how to keep safe, scan this QR Code



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ANDREW CURRY



Hey all. I'm Andrew, a life long creative equally at home doing visual, movement and music arts, old school style, here on Camano (Art) Island. I contract with local arts and home school organization to bring arts instruction to everyone. I'm currently doing a bunch of printmaking, teaching music to some great folks and organizing "Flow" classes, which I call "Tracing the Lotus: The Felt Moment Of Immediate Experience." Participants go from ordinary experiences to ... something else, something quite unexpected! I'm also a psychonaut and certified guide. You can also find some examples of my work here: https://www.facebook.com/macurryartist/photos_albums. If you're interested in knowing more about artwork for sale or commissions, or upcoming offerings, let me know @ macurryartist@gmail.com and I'll add you to notifications. Very happy to be here: being of service is my satori!



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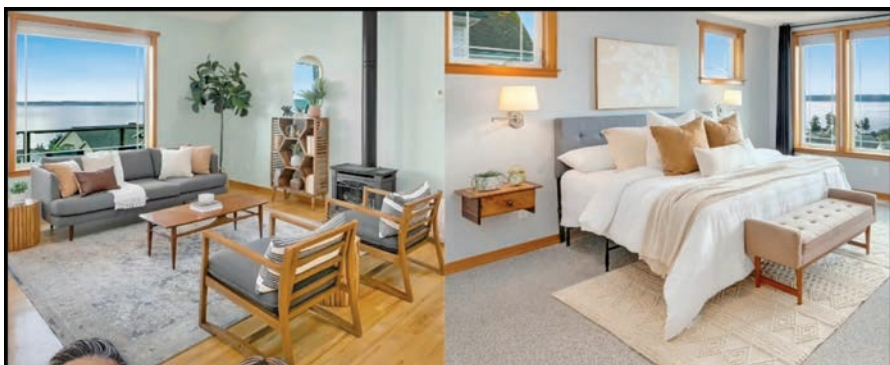
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I'm taking care of the neighbor's chickens while they're vacationing in Europe. Actually, I'm taking care of their hens while their usual chicken babysitters are vacationing in Oregon. The chicken coop, a veritable Trump Tower of a coop/aviary, sits right beside our joint property line so it's no big deal to wander over and check the water, toss some chicken feed, gather up the eggs and cross back into my woods. The boys who usually handle this asked if I would check the house too, see if burglars had been prowling or were living in the mansion.

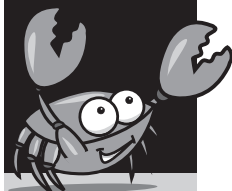
Some years back, shortly after the house was finished, the new owner was sunbathing in the privacy of her back yard and someone caught her sans swimsuit out on the lawn. That trespasser, she figured, being an amateur Sherlock Holmes, must be me since I live right next door. This created a bad start for our neighborliness as you might suspect. Nobody really wants to be accused of being a peeping Tom, but my neighbor kept asking friends of mine if they thought I was capable of this. Hell if I know what my friends probably told her, maybe worse than that. But she wouldn't let it go and that dark cloud hangs over our mutual backyards like a constant threat of rain.

So I said no, I wouldn't be caught dead or on video surveillance camera snooping around their house, just wasn't worth the potential trouble to play security guard for them while they were vacationing on the Oregon coast. Michael mentioned that the owner had recently asked about me, whether I was a liberal or a redneck, a libertarian or a banjo whacker, a whatever? 'What did you tell her?' I asked. I've only lived next door to them for, oh, 15 years or so, how would they know what I was like, right? Admittedly they're absentee chicken ranchers mostly, come up on holidays or a few special occasions, probably check on the trophy house, see if my buddies mowed and trimmed and pruned their fruit trees correctly. Rich folks. The kind of neighbors I love the most, especially the absentee part.

'I told her you were a story teller,' Michael said. We were next to the coop, chickens hopping up and down the escalator to the pen from the motel room style appointed laying bins. They were doing their cackle thing. A story teller, I repeated. What the hell does that tell her? A story teller is like, for her probably, a congenital liar, faux facts, Trump supporter, who knows what would run through her suspicious head?

I don't know either what that means. A story teller? Well, okay, let's roll with it. Stay tuned, is all I can suggest. If my chicken ranching neighbors have video cameras tuned to that chicken coop and find me prowling around their pen, I suspect we'll have a sequel to this little story. If not, I get some free eggs and chicken poop on my boots. Life on the South End in these modern times ... it's never what I expect.

Photos and Art



When the Revolutionary War broke out in 1775, few colonists wanted complete independence from Great Britain. Those who did were viewed as radicals.



American pride. Photo by Shari S.



Happy 4th of July. Photo by Stephanie McCabe.

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FIREWORKS POSE DANGER TO NESTING EAGLES AND OTHER WILDLIFE

(By Kira Erickson - July 2, 2024 - Whidbey News Times). It's not only Fido who will cower from the sound of the big booms. When pyrotechnics take to the skies with their dazzling displays of fireworks this Fourth of July, it's not only Fido who will cower from the sound of the big booms. In fact, fireworks have a profound impact on the wildlife of Whidbey Island, including the nation's possibly most patriotic symbol – the bald eagle. Although there are federal protections in place to keep them from direct harm, fireworks and other disturbances can cause young fledglings to fall out of their nests and become vulnerable to predators on the ground, according to Kurt Lidence, a biologist for the state Department of Fish and Wildlife. "When you have who knows how many people setting off fireworks at these different locations, which is the blast that pushed this eagle out of its nest and then a coyote got it?" he said. Last month, South Whidbey resident Linda LaMar photographed an eaglet in black juvenile plumage in a tree above her home on Goss Lake. Since then, her neighbors have spotted a second eaglet in the same nest. She estimated that the eaglets will be around 10 weeks old during Fourth of July celebrations, which according to the Audubon Society, is a critical time for fledglings that are just learning to fly. "I can't say that I know it's different from other years, but I do know these eaglets are at risk," said LaMar, who's lived in the area since 2017. Every year, she, her husband and their dog leave the neighborhood to avoid raucous Independence Day celebrations. LaMar is a member of Safe and Humane Fireworks of Island County, a group that advocates for permitted municipal fireworks shows. Lidence said it is important for people to attend community-based fireworks displays at conscientious locations away from sensitive wildlife areas where birds may be nesting. "A single night of disturbance can cause a complete colony failure, and we've seen this a number of times in Washington," he said, pointing to an example in nearby Padilla Bay, where a colony of American white pelicans failed to nest around the Fourth of July. A 2023 study in the Netherlands found that approximately 1,000 times as many birds were in flight on New Year's Eve than on any other night. It also determined that "fireworks-related disturbance decreased with distance, most strongly in the first five kilometers, but overall flight activity remained elevated tenfold at distances up to about 10 kilometers." Bald eagles are a conservation success story. Their numbers became so bountiful that they were removed from the federal endangered species list in 2007, and from the state list of protected species in 2016. "I wouldn't be surprised if there were nesting territories in the triple digits on Whidbey Island alone," Lidence said. Still, harassing one can lead to serious consequences. Violation of the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act can result in a \$100,000 fine and/or one year of imprisonment. But without photos or video footage, this can prove difficult to enforce. Although the county planning department has a layer on its mapping system that identifies nests and bald eagle management zones, the information is confidential in order to protect the wildlife from harassment. Lidence encourages people to use the state Department of Fish and Wildlife's online observation tool to report eagle nesting territories. He recommends providing polite and informed outreach and education regarding sensitive wildlife areas to individuals planning to create a potential disturbance. "I think it's important to celebrate our great nation's independence and the many freedoms we enjoy, and it's also critically important to protect the parts of our nation that make it equally great," he said.

WE EMS



68% of all calls are for EMS response. Costs for personnel, equipment and apparatus are increasing faster than funding.

VOTE YES!



Medical transport can take ambulances and first responders off the island for up to 5 hours because of hospital delays.

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WHAT WILL RENEWAL COST?

✚ The EMS levy would cost \$0.13 per \$1,000 of assessed property value (about \$7.04 more per month for the owner of a \$650,000 home)

WHAT WILL IT PAY FOR?

✚ More EMS personnel, replace an aging ambulance, a LUCAS device (automated CPR), a new cardiac monitor/defibrillator, and more!

WHY THIS MATTERS?

✚ The EMS levy expires if voters don't act to renew it. CIFR funds daily operations through two property tax levies — one for fire and one for EMS.

Island County does **not fund** Camano Fire. It relies solely on levies to provide emergency services

Fuel costs **up 46%**, EMS equipment **up 45%**, apparatus repair costs **up 65%** since 2020

The EMS levy ensures quick, 24/7 response times for our growing community

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DID YOU KNOW?

It was Dwight D. Eisenhower who added "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance. The change happened in 1954

PROJECT PC

(nonprofit): Join monthly community events supporting veterans and frontline heroes. Explore healing and connection. [Projectpc.org](https://projectpc.org).

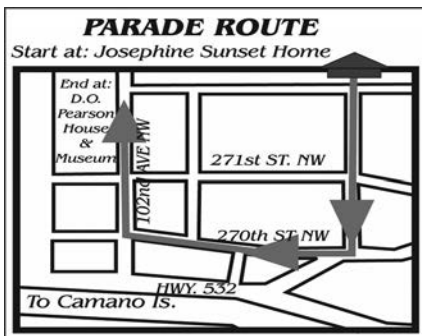
TYPE 1 BURN BAN



on Camano Island began at 7 a.m. June 20. During a Level 1 Burn Ban, you **CAN** do the following: Use barbecues, outdoor grills or smokers; Use propane-fueled firepits; Have campfires (with charcoal or seasoned) in sturdy firepits that are smaller than 3 feet in diameter. You **CANNOT** burn natural debris or brush piles during a Level 1 burn ban. The Island County Sheriff serves as the Fire Marshal and decides when to start and end burn bans. Learn more online: <https://www.islandcountywa.gov/218/Sheriffs-Office>

CALL 9-1-1, DON'T DRIVE TO A FIRE STATION

The fastest way to get help in an emergency is to stay where you are (if it's safe) and call 911. Don't drive to a fire station. Camano Fire is staffed 24/7 but firefighters may not be at the station if you drive there. Crews could be responding to a call or returning from a call. As long as it's safe, stay where you are and call 911. The 911 dispatcher will send the closest available unit to you.



Fireworks and Pets

EASING YOUR PET'S FOURTH OF JULY STRESS

Did you know...



- Many animals are extremely frightened and stressed at the sight and sound of fireworks.
- Animal control officials across the country see a 30-60% increase in lost pets each year between July 4th and 6th.
- July 5th is one of the busiest days of the year for shelters.

HOW CAN I KEEP MY PETS SAFE AND LESS STRESSED THROUGH THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY?



Designate a "safe space" in the home for your pets to retreat during the festivities. Play soft music for them.



Play calm music at a low volume to block out some of the outside noise.



Distract your pets with play time and treats if they are pacing or displaying nervous behavior.



Make sure your pet has current ID tags with up-to-date contact information.

REPORT INVASIVE EUROPEAN GREEN CRAB

European green crabs may be present in this area



If you find a suspected European green crab or their shell, please photograph it, note the location, and report to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife:

wdfw.wa.gov/greencrab

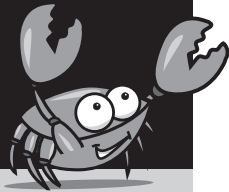
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DID YOU KNOW?

Federal regulations specify that an American flag can only be flown from sunrise to sunset... unless it is illuminated at night.

FLUSHING NOTICE / WATER METER ACCESSIBILITY REMINDER



Greetings, please be aware that keeping access clear to your water meter, including weeds/brush surrounding it, is the property owner's responsibility. NW Natural Water Services has reported several properties where it was difficult to get to meters. Spring is a time of rapid growth of surrounding vegetation. Please be vigilant in keeping your meters easily accessible to our system management company. Meters will be read again at the end of the month. If LGWA is charged for brush clearing to access your meter, you will be billed.

STEVENS HOMESTEAD FARM STAND

Come check out all of the amazing things at the Farm Stand! Big growth this year with lots of vendors, inside space and amazing products! I love supporting local makers and small businesses! We also have tons of tomato and other plant starts and eggs! 30709 68th Ave NW Stanwood. Open daylight hours. Self-serve. We take cash, Venmo and PayPal. (Information at the farm stand).

THE STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1965 CELEBRATES 60 YEAR REUNION

On Saturday August 2nd the Stanwood High School Class of 1965 will gather to celebrate its 60th year Reunion with a 'Meet & Greet' at the Angel of the Winds Casino in Arlington. This will be an opportunity to visit after so many years. Contact info: Steve Schaaf: swschaaf21@gmail.com or JC Anderson: jcaassociates@aol.com.



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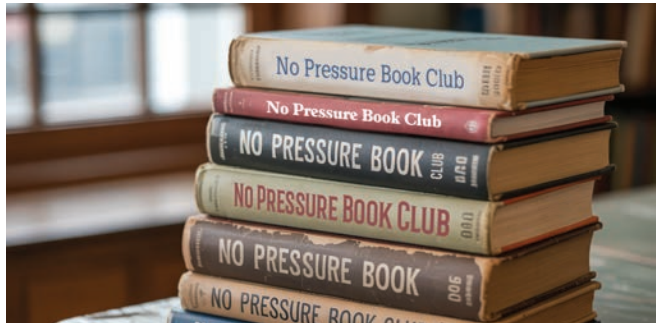


DID YOU KNOW?

The youngest signer of the Declaration of Independence was just 26 years old.

It was Edward Rutledge, who is a Founding Father and former governor of South Carolina.

NO PRESSURE BOOK CLUB



Event by PFLAG Stanwood-Camano. We are proud to introduce our new No-Pressure Book Club, which will meet on the last Monday of each month from 6-7pm in the Stanwood Library meeting room, led by Alex, the official PFLAG Stanwood-Camano Librarian. "But I don't have time to keep up with reading a book I might not even like." Then this is the book club for you! Alex has designed a book club where you can read whatever you want. It can be a novel, a non-fiction book, a biography, a comic book. It doesn't matter, as long as you read and come talk about it. What a great way to learn about new genres and maybe find something new you are interested in! There will be light snacks, but feel free to bring something to nosh as well.

RIVER SAFETY REMINDER FROM NCRFA



A few days ago, a group floating the Stillaguamish River became separated for nearly 3 hours after their flotation device began losing air. Stranded on the riverbank in cold, fast-moving water, they were fortunately located and safely picked up by North County Regional Fire Battalion Chief Phil Knepper. The group was thankful for the warm ride and the chance to reunite with their friends — and we're thankful this situation had a happy ending. As temperatures rise, we know the river looks inviting — but it's still dangerous. Water levels are still high, the current is strong, and the water remains around 52°F — cold enough to cause hypothermia. Logs, brush, and debris are also hidden hazards that haven't yet cleared from spring runoff. Please use caution: Always wear a life jacket; Stay together as a group; Carry a charged phone in a waterproof case; Know your route and your exits; Call 911 if you see someone in trouble. Let's enjoy the beauty of our rivers — safely.

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DID YOU KNOW?

You can always catch a ball game on the 4th of July. And this year, all 30 MLB teams will play on Independence Day.

ESCAPE THE HEAT!



The library is your chill zone. Visit your local library for a cool place to read and relax. <https://sno-isle.org/locations>. Learn more about hot weather resources in our area: <https://ow.ly/XQCB50SQ7AR>

STANWOOD FIREWORKS LAWS AND SAFETY

With the Fourth of July quickly approaching, the City of Stanwood would like to remind residents that per SMC 9.42.030, fireworks can only be discharged on July 4th from 9am-11:59pm. For more information visit <https://bit.ly/stanfireworks> and celebrate responsibly this Independence Day. To report complaints or concerns, please contact Stanwood Police Department's non-emergency line at 425-388-5290. For emergencies, always dial 9-1-1. Stanwood Police and Fire personnel will be patrolling during the holiday to ensure compliance and respond to safety concerns.

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.

NATIONAL FRIED CHICKEN DAY



JULY 6



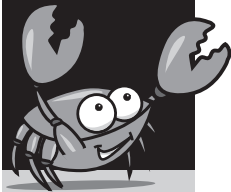
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ISLAND COUNTY BEGINS UPDATE OF HAZARD MITIGATION AND WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS

A coalition of Island County agencies, including cities, towns, and special purpose districts, has launched a comprehensive planning effort to update the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan and Community Wildfire Protection Plan. This effort aims to better prepare the region for the impacts of natural disasters such as wildfires, floods, earthquakes, and severe storms. This countywide planning process is being conducted in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390), which encourages communities to proactively plan for future hazards to reduce risk and improve disaster response and recovery. Led by the Island County Department of Emergency Management, with support from Bridgeview Consulting, LLC, the planning effort will consolidate resources, expertise, and historical data to develop a coordinated mitigation strategy that addresses the specific risks facing Island County communities. "Disasters can affect any part of Island County, and the impacts are often widespread," said Eric Brooks, Emergency Management Deputy Director. "This planning process is an opportunity for us to work together to reduce risk and increase our ability to recover quickly when disasters strike." Community Input is Essential. Public participation is a critical part of the planning process. Island County residents are encouraged to contribute by: Attending public meetings; Participating in an online community survey; Sharing local knowledge of past hazard events. These insights will help shape the County's strategies to reduce long-term risks and improve community resilience. Information about upcoming meetings, survey links, and opportunities for public input will be available on the Island County Emergency Management website at <https://www.islandcountywa.gov/170/Department-of-Emergency-Management>. The planning process is expected to take approximately 9 to 12 months and is being funded through a FEMA hazard mitigation planning grant. For more information or to provide feedback, contact Eric Brooks, Island County Department of Emergency Management, at e.brooks@co.island.wa.us or Beverly O'Dea, Bridgeview Consulting, LLC, at Bevodea@bridgeviewconsulting.org.

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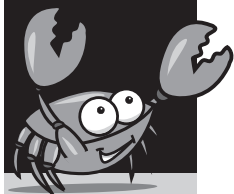
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HERITAGE PICKLEBALL

See the schedule below to pick one free introductory lesson provided by CSPA at Heritage Park this summer: July 12: 11am – 1pm; July 24: 11am – 1pm (Reserved); August 5: 6pm – 8pm. For more information visit: <https://www.camanopickleball.com/heritagepark>.

FREE SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM

Summer meal programs help children get the nutrition they need to learn, play, and grow throughout the summer months. The Stanwood-Camano School District is offering its free Summer Food Service Program for all children ages 18 and younger. The program is open to all families - kids can just drop in and grab a meal. Offered Mon-Fri at the following locations: Twin City Elementary (26211 72nd Ave. NW, Stanwood) - Dates: June 23 - August 22 - Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Lunch: 10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.; Stanwood High School (7400 272nd Ave. NW) - Dates: July 28 - August 2 - Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Lunch: 10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Wana Duma Children's Project

African Market

Sunday, July 13th, noon-4pm

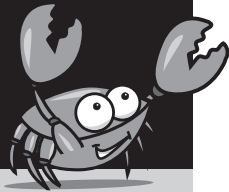
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DID YOU KNOW?

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STATE PARK FREE DAYS

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CO-ED ULTIMATE FRISBEE



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

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."

DROP-IN VOLLEYBALL

Thursday nights at the Stanwood YMCA. 7-9 PM. Back by popular demand. If you are 15+ come and join a friendly game. We will have two courts set-up for FUN!

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WHIPPED CREAM: 1 1/2 c. cold heavy whipping cream; 2 T. granulated sugar

GARNISHES: 4-5 c. fresh fruit strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, kiwi, etc.; 15 mint leaves optional

DIRECTIONS: Preheat the oven to 225 degrees. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. **PAVLOVA:** Using a stand mixer, beat the egg whites on high speed for 1 minute until soft peaks form. With the mixer on, gradually add the sugar, beat for 10 minutes on high speed, or until stiff peaks form. It will be smooth and glossy. Use a spatula to fold in the lemon juice and vanilla extract, then fold in cornstarch and mix until blended. Fill a piping bag fitted with a 1M tip with the meringue. Pipe meringue into 3-inch wide nests onto the prepared baking sheet. You should have 14 pavlovas. Using the back of a spoon make an indent in the center of each pavlova allowing room for the whipped cream later. Bake for 1 hour and 15 min then turn the oven off without opening the door. Leave the pavlovas in the hot oven for another 30 minutes. The outsides will be a pale cream color, dry and crisp to the touch, the insides will still be marshmallow soft. Gently transfer the pavlovas with the parchment paper onto the counter or a wire rack and allow them to cool to room temperature. **WHIPPED CREAM:** Meanwhile, beat the cold whipping cream with 2 tablespoons of sugar in a cold bowl for 2 to 2 1/2 minutes or until whipped and spreadable. **TO ASSEMBLE:** Once the pavlovas are cool, top them with whipped cream and fresh fruit if serving within 4 hours OR store them in an airtight container for 3-5 days at room temperature (in a low humidity place) then fill with whipped cream and fresh berries just before serving. Note: Pavlovas should be enjoyed within 4 hours of assembly.

Classes and Workshops



DID YOU KNOW?

The oldest continuously running 4th of July parade is in Bristol, Rhode Island. It dates all the way back to 1785.

Full of Words: A Free 8-Week Women's Writing Circle (at the Camano Island Library, Jul 9 - Aug 27). Details here: <https://tinyurl.com/full-of-words>

Zumba classes - Mondays at 11am at Pathways to Wellness in Stanwood and Thursdays at 5:30pm at Camano Country Club. Sessions run from Monday, July 7th to Thursday, December 18th. For more information: www.zumba.com (Instructor: Jennifer Anderson).

Flower Farm Retreat - We invite you to our beautiful summer retreats for a day filled with flowers, relaxation and renewal at a small, woman owned and operated flower farm in Stanwood. Two upcoming events: June 21st and July 26th. More information and register at Art Garden Yoga. <https://artgardenyoga.com/>

Calling all young chefs! Join us for Kids in the Kitchen at the Stanwood YMCA! This awesome 4-week drop-off program (ages 7-12) will have your child learning hands-on culinary skills and making delicious family-style meals each week. Cost: \$125 for Y Members, \$175 for Non-Members. Space is limited, and we only have a few open spots. Build confidence, develop skills, and have fun!

Private Music Lessons (in-home or in-studio): piano, guitar, sax, clarinet, flute, voice; ages 5 and up; all skill levels. Our experienced teachers provide personalized instruction to help you reach your musical goals. Call 425-780-2289 with questions. Try it first! Book a free 30-minute lesson: HartMusicSchool.com/free-trial. (Music teachers apply here: HartMusicSchool.com/apply-to-teach).

Paint Party at the Beach Come and join us for a 'Drop In' painting day at Camano Island State Park on July 6th. We will be set up at the Lowell Point Kitchen Shelter from 9am til 4pm. Family friendly, lots of paintings to choose from. Tickets are available at Eventbrite "Painting With VanGo" or call or text us at (425) 351-8205.

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 subscription websites and records. Contact us at camano@familyhistorymail.org.

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Movement Arts Yoga Classes In-studio & Online. ONLINE 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.

Line Dance Lessons at the Camano Center with Kari — every Wednesday 3:00pm-3:45pm. Fun and exercise! socialdancesimplified.com.

High Fitness Saturdays: Join us for a FREE high-intensity (or low intensity, you choose) group exercise class (like dance fitness) Saturdays at 7:45 at 795 Ell Rd on Camano. Classes are also available Wednesday mornings at 6 am in Stanwood at The Dance Project NW for \$10/class. Go to “High Fitness Stanwood PNW” on Facebook for more info!

Medicare Basics Information Class July 12th, 8-9AM at the Camano Island Library – Meeting Room. Also available live via Zoom. Free and open to the public. Confused by Medicare? You're not alone. This free community class will help you understand the basics of Medicare, avoid common pitfalls, and explore your options for supplemental coverage through private insurance. Clear, unbiased guidance. Ideal for those turning 65 or helping a loved one. Educational only — no sales. To RSVP for the in-person class, or register to attend online via Zoom: Call John at 360-967-9601.



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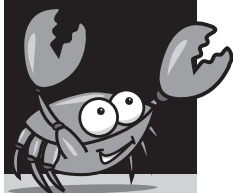
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GARAGE / ESTATE / YARD SALES:

Lake Ketchum Neighborhood Garage Sale/Stanwood June 27th - 29th. 9am-4pm South Lake Ketchum Rd. Follow the signs.

Shelter Bay Community Garage Sale June 28, starting at 9 am. 80+ homes participating Maps available at the entrance gate. SB Chorus Bake Sale, Coffee, and Hot Dogs located in the clubhouse. 1000 Shoshone Dr., La Conner, WA.

Onamac Community Garage Sale July 11-12, 9am - 3pm. A Huge Multi-Family Sale offering a wide variety of items for browsing.

Estate Sale - July 26 & 27 9 am to 4 pm. Cool vintage stuff, musical instruments and gear. 14 W Fern Lane. Camano Island.

MISCELLANEOUS:

I buy vinyl record albums: Rock, Pop, Jazz and more. I'll buy a few or a collection. Call Mike @ 425-530-8021.

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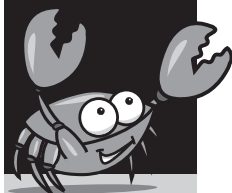
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The Community Resource Center is looking for a handy person to perform maintenance and repairs on a bi-monthly basis and on call as needed. 360-629-5257 or events@crc-sc.org.

Clubs and Meetings



DID YOU KNOW?

There have been 27 different official versions of the flag.

The last addition was Hawaii's star after it was added in 1959.

Stanwood Chapter of Top's (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) would like to invite you to join us on Thursday mornings at the Cedarhome Baptist Church (29000 68th Ave. NW in Stanwood.) We meet at 10:00 a.m., and would love to have you visit our group of wonderful supportive friends! Please feel free to call Gay at (360) 393-7117 for more information.

Parks & Play 10-11:30am at Freedom Park, Camano Island. For ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Explore our local parks while doing arts and crafts, sensory activities, waterplay, reading stories, pop tunnels, music and more! info@crc-sc.org or 360-629-5257

Dottie's Nature Play - at Stanwood Camano Community Resource Center. This playgroup is all about hands-on discovery, sensory-rich experiences, and letting curiosity lead the way. Come dressed for the weather and ready for adventure! More info: info@crc-sc.org or call 360-629-5257.

Rainy Day Room Playgroup Free weekly play group 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 at the Community Resource Center, please visit www.crc-sc.org/teenprograms for more details and schedule of activities.

Kaleidoscope Play & Learn a FREE play group for 0-5 years and their grown ups. A variety of developmental activities that promote early learning. Inclusive of all young children, languages, and cultures. RSVP at www.crc-sc.org/events.

Are you troubled by someone else's drinking? When you don't know where to turn...Al-Anon/Alateen Family Groups can help! Here is a list of our meeting in the Stanwood/Camano Island area: SUNDAY, "Courage to Change" Camano Lutheran Church, 850 Heichel Rd, Camano Is, 6:00pm; "One Day at a Time," Stanwood Senior Center, 7430 276th ST NW, Stanwood, 7:00pm (For Zoom hybrid meeting call 360-618-0464 if you would like the meeting ID for Zoom), THURSDAY, "Stanwood AFG", United Methodist Church, 27128 102nd Dr., Stanwood, 7:00pm, SATURDAY, "Paths to Recovery," Camano Lutheran Church, 850 Heichel Rd, Camano Is, 10:30am. For more info and additional Al-Anon meetings in Northern Snohomish County call 360-618-0464 or go to <https://district28alanon.com>

Interested in joining Camano Island Quilters? We would love to meet you, stop by, and/or check us out on our website at <https://Camanoislandquilters.wildapricot.org>.

Community Open Sew 2nd Monday of the month 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. Bring your sewing machine, a project, and basic tools for an afternoon of fun!



CASA'S PET OF THE WEEK:

Meet **DAVE**. All kittens come spayed or neutered, age-appropriate vaccines, treated for worms and fleas, microchipped and well socialized. Kittens do well in pairs or having a close to same age friend to play with and continue socializing. They are great with people of all ages and have met a few dogs and have not minded them around. Kittens are \$150 for one \$225 for 2. Come by the shelter and fill out an application today!

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



NOAH'S PET OF THE WEEK:

MIGUEL: Looking for a playful, active pup to add some life and love to your family? Look no further! This adorable pup, is looking for a FURever home committed to training, while giving out plenty of love and patience. If you are ready to add this beautiful, cutie-pie pupper to your family, come and talk to an Adoptions Matchmaker today!


The N.O.A.H. Animal Adoption Center:
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SAVE-A-MUTT'S PET OF THE WEEK:

PURDY is a beautiful lady who will melt your heart with just one look. She is loving and sweet. Purdy is tender hearted and bonds strongly. Purdy has impeccable house manners. She is housebroken, quiet unless she feels the need to alert her people. Purdy loves everyone and is great with children. **FIRST STEPS:** Visit www.save-a-mutt.org/adoption-application/ to fill out an application. We are a foster home based rescue.

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THE IMMUTABLE LAWS OF CAR OWNERSHIP

I love cars. But owning a car is a lot like being in a long-term relationship with a temperamental, unpredictable partner. In the beginning, it's all love and smooth rides; you're cruising down the highway with the windows down, music blasting like Jerry Maguire singing along to Tom Petty's song Free Fallin'.

But then, you hit a few bumps—figuratively and literally. If you've owned a car long enough, you'll eventually learn that a few universal truths to car ownership exist, no matter how much you try to Dodge them. If you're a first-time car buyer, buckle up. You're in for a bumpy ride.

The First Law of Breakdowns

No matter how carefully you maintain your car, the first time it breaks down will occur at the most inconvenient possible moment. You'll be late for work, or worse, five minutes from the airport with a suitcase packed full of non-refundable destination vacation plans.

The breakdown will happen in the middle of a busy intersection or on a lonely road in the middle of nowhere – in utter darkness. The car will die at exactly the point when your AAA membership expires, and your phone, which in your haste you forgot to charge, will lose power just as you are attempting to text your neighbor, "Hey, My car broke down. Can you get me? I'm at –"

The Law of Mysterious Fluid Leaks

Every car has a secret, and that secret is a small, irritating fluid leak. It's always the kind of leak that doesn't show up on a regular maintenance check, but when you're least expecting it, turning your driving into the setting for a small environmental disaster. You'll detect an oil leak, or a coolant drip, or other mysterious "blue liquid" that's not covered in the owner's manual. Of course, this leak will only appear when your mechanic is out of town, and the entire auto parts store will be sold out of whatever overpriced magic potion is supposed to fix it.

The Law of Unsolicited Advice

Everyone you know will have an opinion on how to fix your car, whether they have any qualifications or not. That guy at work who's convinced that you can repair any car issue by watching YouTube will tell you to fix it yourself, even if you can't tell the difference between a spark plug and an alternator.

Your devoutly religious elderly mother will offer to "pray for the car," as if divine intervention will fix your busted radiator. And don't get me started on your buddy Norm who says, "Just use duct tape, dude. It worked on my engine once!" No. No, it didn't! You should never listen to anything Norm tells you. Why exactly are you even friends with him, anyway?

The Law of The 'Check Engine' Light

The primary reason this particular dashboard light was created is to generate intense anxiety, in order to send you rushing to the nearest

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repair shop and opening up your wallet. In reality, no one – especially you – has any idea what it actually means.

When it first comes on, you panic and frantically check the manual to decipher its cryptic message. From what you can surmise it means either that the battery is about to explode ... or possibly that the transmission is about to completely freeze up... or it might mean you're about to run out of some critical fluid without which your engine will be ruined.

So, you take the car in for a diagnostic, and they'll tell you it's a minor sensor issue and that it's probably safe to keep driving it... for now. Of course, you'll still spend the next three months Googling "check engine light causes" and wondering if you'll be stranded in the middle of the freeway at any moment with yet another warning light that flashes in bright red, "Your car is dead."

The Law of Unknown Sporadic Car Noises

There's a sound your car will make. A random squeak. A clunk. An ominous rattling. The noise will occur at the worst possible time, and you'll immediately think the car is on the brink of a mechanical breakdown. You'll take it in, and the mechanic will give you that classic shrug: "Hmm. I couldn't hear anything. It could be the camshaft. It might be the clutch assembly. Or maybe you need a complete engine rebuild. Unfortunately, your vehicle is out of warranty by 100 miles. If it keeps making that sound, bring it back in."

You'll drive around for weeks listening to that same unrelentingly unnerving sound, but the minute you bring the car back in, it will stop. It's like your car is playing some sort of twisted head game with you. And it's winning.

In the end, owning a car is a mix of love, frustration, and myriad unforeseeable expenses. But remember, the next time your car breaks down when you least expect it, at least you won't be alone – that is, once the tow truck driver arrives three hours later to tow your car, which broke down at 2am in the middle of nowhere, with the Check Engine light flashing.

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Date	High /Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Moon Visible
F 27	Low	1:08 AM	7.6	
27	High	5:41 AM	10.5	
27	Low	12:59 PM	-3.4	
27	High	8:40 PM	12.8	
Sa 28	Low	2:02 AM	7.1	
28	High	6:36 AM	9.8	
28	Low	1:42 PM	-2.5	
28	High	9:19 PM	12.5	
Su 29	Low	2:58 AM	6.4	
29	High	7:32 AM	9.0	
29	Low	2:25 PM	-1.1	
29	High	9:56 PM	12.2	
M 30	Low	3:58 AM	5.7	
30	High	8:31 AM	8.1	
30	Low	3:08 PM	0.4	
30	High	10:28 PM	11.8	
Tu 1	Low	4:55 AM	4.7	
1	High	9:42 AM	7.3	
1	Low	3:52 PM	2.0	
1	High	10:58 PM	11.5	
W 2	Low	5:46 AM	3.8	
2	High	11:06 AM	6.9	
2	Low	4:38 PM	3.6	
2	High	11:27 PM	11.2	
Th 3	Low	6:34 AM	2.8	
3	High	12:52 PM	7.0	
3	Low	5:27 PM	5.1	
3	High	11:57 PM	10.9	

Date	High /Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Moon Visible
F 4	Low	7:20 AM	1.8	
4	High	2:46 PM	7.7	
4	Low	6:23 PM	6.4	
Sa 5	High	12:30 AM	10.7	
5	Low	8:04 AM	0.9	
5	High	3:54 PM	8.7	
5	Low	7:29 PM	7.3	
Su 6	High	1:07 AM	10.5	
6	Low	8:46 AM	0.1	
6	High	4:46 PM	9.6	
6	Low	8:39 PM	7.9	
M 7	High	1:49 AM	10.4	
7	Low	9:26 AM	-0.7	
7	High	5:30 PM	10.4	
7	Low	9:42 PM	8.1	
Tu 8	High	2:32 AM	10.3	
8	Low	10:06 AM	-1.3	
8	High	6:09 PM	11.0	
8	Low	10:37 PM	8.1	
W 9	High	3:15 AM	10.2	
9	Low	10:46 AM	-1.9	
9	High	6:43 PM	11.5	
9	Low	11:28 PM	7.9	
Th 10	High	3:57 AM	10.1	
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