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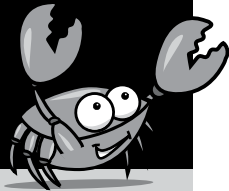
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Welcome to The Crab Cracker! Here's What's Crackin'...

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

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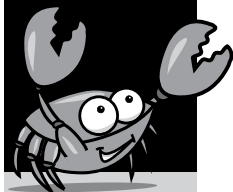


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FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

STEWART WOODS – FRIDAYS IN THE SPEAKEASY

Bring your dinner in and enjoy Stewart's music and a cocktail! 6:30 – 8 pm – No Cover. Conway Muse, 18444 Spruce Street, Conway.

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Boys Basketball vs Marysville Getchell. C Team & JV: 5pm. Varsity: 8pm.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT PANEL DISCUSSION

9-11am. Recruiting, training, and maintaining volunteers is a full-time job. Yet, what a wonderful job to have! Stanwood-Camano Area Foundation (SCAF) will discuss best practices for recruiting volunteers, having the correct paperwork in place, how to communicate with and train volunteers, how to manage conflict, and how to properly show appreciation to your volunteers. Bring your questions, your experiences, and your passion. Who should attend: Anyone who is part of a working board, or an organization that regularly uses volunteers. Visit www.s-caf.org to register. Refreshments Provided, Registration \$10.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

SOUTH CAMANO GRANGE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

8 am - 11 am at South Camano Grange, 2227 S Camano Drive. Menu: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, fruit with juice and coffee, tea or cocoa.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

STEVE ALIMENT & ANNIE O'NEILL, PLUS AMERICAN FLATS

8 pm at the Conway Muse. Tickets \$15 Advanced \$18 At Venue.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

BRANDON TIGNER & JIM

6:30 pm in the Conway Muse Speakeasy – No Cover. 18444 Spruce St., Conway.

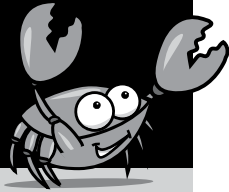


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SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

AUTHOR READING AND SIGNING

Cheryl Ronning will be reading and signing "Gee Wool-a-Purrs" at 1pm at the Lost Lake Club House (1469 Lake Drive) on Camano Island. The event is free, and children, parents, grandparents, and friends are welcome! Books and a limited number of handmade "Gee Wool-a-Purr" characters will be available for purchase at the event. There will be refreshments and time to meet and talk with the author after the reading. Please call 646-535-4598 or click on the "I'll be there!" box at www.geewoolapurrs.com for address and details, and to let us know you're joining us! Learn more about Ronning on Page 26 in our Artist Spotlight.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

THE ART OF PHOTOGRAPHY AT THE GATEWAY

CAA MEMBER GROUP EXHIBITION AT THE CAMANO GATEWAY GALLERY, JANUARY 25 ~ MARCH 9, 2025. Opening Reception tonight from 4PM-6PM. Live music from Second Fiddle. 578 E N. Camano Drive. Galley hours: FRI 12-4 SAT 10-4 SUN 12-4 or by appointment. More info: gateway@camanoarts.org.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

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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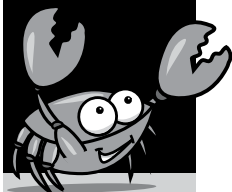
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DID YOU KNOW?

Each year, Hawaii gets 3 feet closer to Alaska.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

CRIMINAL SQUIRREL ORCHESTRA

7:30pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282 at the Camano Plaza. A band that blends original music with pure squirrel-powered chaos! They're on a mission to prove that harmonies, nuance, and nuts are the secret ingredients to making music more fun. This isn't just a concert—it's a wild, untamed celebration of everything squirrely. Expect funky grooves, unexpected twists, and jaw-dropping solos that will have you dancing in your seat.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

COUNTRY LIVING EXPO & MODERN HOMESTEADING CONFERENCE



7:30am-5pm at Stanwood High School. A day of learning and connection—because learning is priceless. We have an exciting line up of 170+ classes with many returning instructors along with some new instructors and new classes. We have a dynamic Keynote speaker and have added a Q&A discussion panel of local homesteaders who will be sharing their journey to homesteading. And back by popular demand: FIBERPALOOZA (bring your fleece for fiber judging). Join us for a day of learning, networking, and shopping with our wonderful vendors. Find class descriptions and registration at <https://extension.wsu.edu/skagit/countrylivingexpo/>

The IRS is accepting tax returns January 29th.



Be Early! Primary filing
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- Partnerships, March 17.
- Individuals, April 15.

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- #2. What's strategic marketing look like?
- #3. What are practical ways to improve my home to sell for a higher price?

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You'll get daily tips and insights. Let's work together to get your home sold for top dollar!

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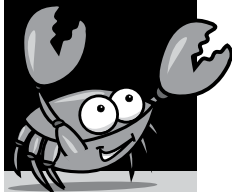
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Which celebrity inspired the creation of Google images? Jennifer Lopez. Her green dress at the 2000 Grammys led people to search online for photographs of her outfit.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

PARMAGEDDON DOUBLES II

A non-PDGA-sanctioned Bring-Your-Own-Partner, Best-Shot, Doubles Tournament at Kayak Point Disc Golf Resort, Stanwood. Registration (as a team) through Discgolfsce.com is required.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, JANUARY 25-26

AMATEUR RADIO FIELD DAY



Field Day is an emergency operations exercise. However, it also raises awareness of Amateur Radio by the public and its value to the community in the event of disaster. Come out, join in the fun, support the club and learn new skills. 11 AM Saturday to 11 AM Sunday. Location will be off of N. Can Ku Road on Camano Island. The Winter Field Day Association sponsors this emergency communications exercise. <http://www.winterfieldday.com>. Don't let those winter doldrums keep you locked up in the house... get out and play some radio! More details may be found at <https://www.winterfieldday.com>.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

ART OPENING PARTY

Party 3:00 to 6:00. "Honey, I Shrank The Art", Small Works Show. 39 Artists, each with multiple artworks. Matzke Fine Art Gallery and Sculpture Park, 2345 Blanche Way, Camano. Open every Friday, Sat. And Sunday 11 to 5. www.matzkefineart.com/35th-annual-small-art/.

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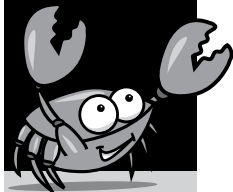
Exciting news for Camano Island Residents!

**Keep an eye on your mailbox
– our Camano Center
Showcase Magazine
is on its way to you!**

**This special mailing is packed with
updates, event information, and ways you
can stay connected with the
Camano Center and other vital resources.**



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DID YOU KNOW?

The probability of a blue lobster existing is widely touted as being one in two million.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

CANNONS FASTPITCH TRYOUTS

4:30pm at the Cannons Softball Facility in Viking Village, Stanwood. Train, develop, learn, scrimmage, have fun. Must register online. www.stanwoodcannons.com. More info: 425-478-5732.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

55 & OVER KARAOKE

with Melissa & Chris. 5-7pm. Beer and Wine \$5.00/Pub Mix \$2.00 Boat. Lincoln Hill Retirement Community & Senior Center "Dining Hall", 7430 276th St. NW, Stanwood.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

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, JANUARY 27

SPARTAN BAND CHAMBER CONCERT

7-9pm at Stanwood High School Performing Arts Center. The Spartan Band students will be performing as small ensembles and soloists. We will have woodwind, brass, and percussion performances at this unique event! Many of the students performing at this concert are preparing to perform at the 2025 Mount Pilchuck Music Educators' Association's Solo and Ensemble Festival in February. The doors will open to the public at 6:30PM and the concert will start at 7:00PM.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

TRIVIA NIGHT

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

LINE DANCING AND LESSONS

Event by Lady Di Dancin'. 6pm-8pm at Stanwood Eagles Foe 3041, 6419 Pioneer Hwy. Lessons include beginner and up levels of dances. Between all lessons and at the end of the night there is open and by request dances. No cover charge for lessons, tips and donations accepted & appreciated for lessons. ALL ages and ALL welcome.

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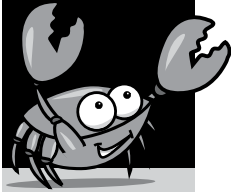
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Sound Water Stewards • Stanwood-Camano Food Bank
Twin City Sportsmen's Club • Warm Beach Camp
WSU Extension Master Gardeners • WSU Island County Extension • YMCA



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DID YOU KNOW?

Avocados are a fruit, not a vegetable. They're technically considered a single-seeded berry.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

FREE SPORTS CLINIC AT SHS: CELEBRATE NATIONAL GIRLS & WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY!



1-3:30 p.m. at Stanwood High School in honor of National Girls & Women in Sports Day! The afternoon of active fun designed to promote confidence, teamwork, and athletic skills. It is open to all local students in grades 3-5. Everyone is welcome. Participants will get to try a variety of sports at rotating skill stations. Register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebqFzYZHdMVViKXOcC8kuU5J-dXJyofDhan61ODV2uL5gcg/viewform>.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

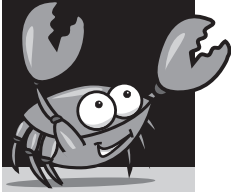
HOUSING AND PERMITTED USES OPEN HOUSE

The City of Stanwood invites you to join us to discuss upcoming changes to the municipal code involving housing, zoning and permitted uses. This is your opportunity to learn about proposed changes, ask questions and to share your feedback. Attend virtually from 3:30-5pm or in-person at Stanwood City Hall from 5:30-7pm. Find additional details at <https://bit.ly/4jflRLW>

January 28
INTERNATIONAL
LEGO DAY



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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

MINDFUL REFLECTION THROUGH ART

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM at the Camano Island Library. Start with a Clean Slate at the Intersection of Art & Writing! Designed for participant's individualized healing expression using the teacher's guided & uniquely created art modality of combining images with words to navigate and release emotions, stress, anxiety, trauma and/or personal challenges while visually bringing forth renewed changes and desired outcomes. All Levels: Beginning to advanced Artists, Writers, & Internal Explorers! Materials provided for basic two dimensional work or bring your chosen favorites for 2D or 3D creations. Registration opens at the beginning of each month and can be accessed through the event Registration Required link to SCAACwa.org/classes (at right) to hold your spot in this popular class! More info: programs@scaacwa.org.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Girls Wrestling vs Everett. 3pm.

Varsity Boys Swimming vs Glacier Peak and Snohomish. 3pm at Stanwood YMCA.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

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8pm at The Conway Muse. Tickets \$12 Advanced \$15 at Venue.

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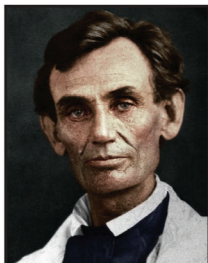
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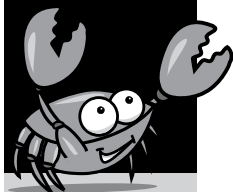
February 8, 2025

1:00 p.m.

at the Camano City Schoolhouse
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DID YOU KNOW?

Allodoxaphobia is the fear of other people's opinions.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

RECYCLING SERVICE PRESENTATION

Ridwell launches new service on Camano Island with special event featuring founders. From 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Ridwell invites Camano and Stanwood residents to a special event at the Camano Center to learn about their recycling services, and how they keep hard-to-recycle items out of landfills. Camano and Stanwood residents will be among the very first to access a new service they've been working on. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet like-minded neighbors passionate about environmental sustainability, hear from Ridwell's founders—who bring years of experience in waste reduction—and learn how this innovative service can make a difference for their community and the planet. The founders will be giving a short presentation and answer any questions about the service. RSVP today at <https://try.ridwell.com/camano/> to secure your spot at this exciting event.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

SCRIPPS NATIONAL SPELLING BEE

2pm at Elger Bay Elementary.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

COOKING FRESH WITH THE SKAGIT TABLE

11:00 AM – 12:30 at the Community Resource Center. Join the Stanwood Library and Courtney Bourasaw, owner of The Skagit Table, for a free cooking demonstration using fresh local ingredients. Learn how to create a seasonal healthy soup and enjoy a tasting. This program is suitable for adults. Pre-register at sno-isle.org/



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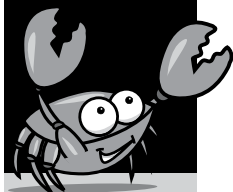


More information:

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DID YOU KNOW?

The shortest commercial flight in the world takes place in Scotland. From Westray to Papa Westray islands, the journey is 1.7 miles.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

JOEL ASTLEY BAND

8pm at The Conway Muse. Come hear this award winning blues player as he shares high energy swing, blues, country, funk and what not. Tickets \$17 Advanced \$20 At Venue.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

MARY ELLEN LYKINS & THE CC ADAMS BAND

7:30pm - 10:00pm at Pub 282 at the Camano Plaza. The band's roots are in the Blues with R&B and tasty Rock mixed in for flavor. Thwarting the conventional, the band thrives on unique arrangements. Dancin' Music!

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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, FEBRUARY 1

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, FEBRUARY 1

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, FEBRUARY 1

MAKE A SUET FEEDER FOR WINTER BIRDS

at the Stanwood Library. February is National Bird Feeding Month, and suet is a high energy, pure fat source that helps birds stay warm in winter when some food sources are scarce. This program is suitable for kids and tweens. Pre-register at sno-isle.org/

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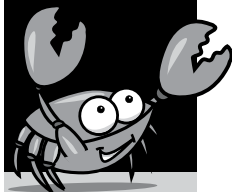
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DID YOU KNOW?

'Mellifluous' is a sound that is pleasingly smooth and musical to hear.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 KIDS BOOK BINGO



11:00 AM – 12:30 PM at the Camano Island Library. Learn to play Bingo (or improve current Bingo skills) and select a gently used book as a prize. Come with your whole family and bring a friend! For children ages 5 and up and their caregivers. Event is free; no registration required.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 WALK WITH A DOC



10AM at Heritage Park, 9800 276th St NW, Stanwood. Take a step toward better health and community connection with Walk with a Doc, hosted by Kirra Health. Join us for a free, fun, and friendly walk led by local healthcare providers. Each session begins with a brief health discussion, followed by a group walk at your own pace. Improve your health, meet new people, and gain valuable insights from experts in a welcoming environment. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/walksc>





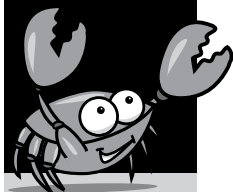
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A book called 'A la recherche du temps perdu' by Marcel Proust contains an estimated 9,609,000 characters, making it the longest book in the world.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 **2025 FOCIP WINTER - SPRING WALK - CAMANO RIDGE FOREST PRESERVE**



Meet at 9:45 at the Camano Ridge West entrance parking lot located on Camano Ridge Road. The nearly 3.3-mile walk will include the East and West Loops plus the Wetland Trail. The trails are generally level with a few short ups and downs.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 **SOUTH END STRING BAND - "NO OASIS"**

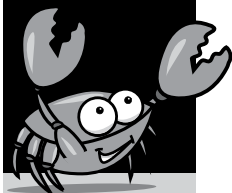


Live from the nettle clearcuts. Fundraiser for the Stanwood Area Historical Society. 6-7pm: Social hour, appetizers, libations. 7-9pm: Music. Donation: \$20. Location: The Floyd Norgaard Community Center, 27130 102nd St. NW, Stanwood.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 **WWKWL CHAMPIONSHIPS** at Stanwood High School. Weigh-in at 7am. Wrestling starts at 10am.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 **ESPRIT JOYEUX MUSICAL ENSEMBLE CONCERT** Featuring Gretchen Pigott, Mandy Walters-Whitaker, and Natalie Hagglund. Cats, a shepherd, a yodeler, and pickles.... oh my! Enjoy a concert of clever contemporary works written for flute, oboe, english horn, and piano. Plus music of favorite Baroque composers - Telemann and J.S. Bach. 2pm at St Aidan's Episcopal Church, 1318 SR 532, Camano. Free will offering.

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

The Spice Girls
were originally
a band called
Touch.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

55 & OVER KARAOKE

with Melissa & Chris. 5-7pm. Beer and Wine \$5.00/Pub Mix \$2.00 Boat. Lincoln Hill Retirement Community & Senior Center "Dining Hall", 7430 276th St. NW, Stanwood.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Girls Varsity Basketball vs Everett. 7:15pm.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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, FEBRUARY 3

TRIVIA NIGHT

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Boys Basketball vs Everett. C Team & JV: 5:30pm. Varsity: 7:15pm.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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, FEBRUARY 4

TEEN 3D PRINT AND PAINT

3:00pm-5:00pm at the Stanwood Library. Join us for a relaxing afternoon of painting 3D-printed models at the library! We'll have a variety of fun items to paint made from our brand new 3D printer, including creatures, useful items, pencil holders, and more.



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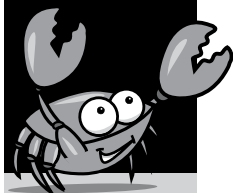
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DID YOU KNOW?

Contrary to popular belief, identical twins can't have the same fingerprints because of development factors in the womb. The rate their fingers grew, their position in the womb, and the length of their umbilical cord all play a factor.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

FAFSA NIGHT

5:30pm-7:30pm at Stanwood High School Library. BEFORE the event - Parents and Students need to create their own accounts (separately) at www.StudentAid.gov SCAF will be in attendance as well for scholarship help College Application help will be available

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

MOVIE SCREENING - "THE HALF OF IT"



6-8pm at Community Resource Center of Stanwood Camano, 9612 271st St NW, Stanwood. Sponsored by PFLAG and Gal Pals Watch. Rated PG-13. A coming-of-age comedy-drama loosely inspired by Cyrano de Bergerac. It follows a Chinese-American student helping the school jock woo a girl whom, secretly, they both desire. Movie snacks will be provided. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

EDEN HEALTH WALKER RODEO

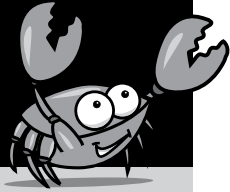
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

LIT LAB

The first Lit Lab meeting of 2025 got off with a whimper, but a few brave souls did show up at the little church the day after New Year's. They shared their efforts, then decided the theme for February is Red! We will be meeting again at the Camano Lutheran Church, off SR532 at 850 Heichel Road at 6 pm in Pioneer Hall. Plenty of parking in front. Plan to read something about 5 minutes long. We will have a sign up sheet if you have a longer piece. See you then!

Kid's Korner



DID YOU KNOW?

Human teeth are the only part of the body that cannot heal themselves. Teeth are coated in enamel which is not a living tissue.

DIY RECYCLED CAN BIRD FEEDER CRAFT

February is National Bird Feeding Month!!

Source: www.handmadebykelly.com



SUPPLIES: Used coffee can with plastic lid; Can opener; Craft paint; Paintbrush; Scissors; Duct tape; Yarn; Birdseed

INSTRUCTIONS: Step 1: Clean and open your coffee can with a can opener. Step 2: Cut the coffee can's plastic lid in half. Step 3: Paint your coffee can lid halves. Let dry. Step 4: Decorate your can with colorful duct tape. Tips: Layer the tape on top of each other to create different widths. Step 5: Cut yarn or ribbon at your desired length. Thread it through your can. Place the half lid on either side of the can. Step 6: Fill your can with birdseed and hang outside.



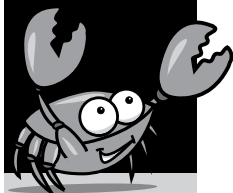
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FROSTED MASON JAR LUMINARIES WITH FAUX "SNOW"

By: Author Amy / modpodgerocksblog.com



Equipment: Scissors; Hot glue gun and glue sticks; Flameless candles; Paintbrush(es); Spoon

Materials: 2 Mason jar(s); Mod Podge Satin; Epsom salt; Fir branches collected and trimmed to size; Small wood slices; Twine

Instructions: Add epsom salt to a large plate used only for crafts. Apply Mod Podge in a medium layer to the entire jar. Work quickly, as Mod Podge dries quickly. Lay the mason jar into the epsom salt. Roll the entire jar around in the salt. Push down slightly. Pick up the jar and use a spoon to add salt to any areas that were missed. Let dry completely. Cut a length of twine to wrap around the lip of the jar. Wrap around several times, tying half way through. Finish wrapping and tie into a bow. Use the hot glue gun to apply the fir branches and wood slices to the front of the jars on top of the bow. Finish by adding the LED tea lights to the jars.



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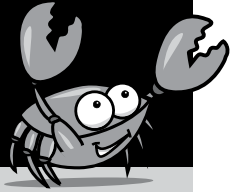


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CHERYL RONNING



Cheryl moved to Camano Island from the east coast, where she worked as an actress, singer and producer. Since coming to the PNW she has begun her new career as a "creative entrepreneur". She is now the author and illustrator of fiction and children's books, and makes handcrafted art objects and imaginative wool creations. Her newest work is the first of a series of children's storybooks for the young and the young-at-heart. "Gee Wool-A-Purrs" is a sweet, funny story of bravery, belonging and transformation, with adorable characters (and villains!) that she not only writes about, but also creates out of wool and imagination. She is delighted that both children and their parents and grandparent seem to love the little characters, and looks forward to continuing their adventures in the next chapter books. Her first book, "Lipstick Life Raft" is a collection of stories and prose poetry, written when she first moved to the island and was living in a one room school house in the woods. It is available on Amazon and other sites, and will soon be followed by her second collection, due out later this year.

Cheryl will be reading and signing "Gee Wool-a-Purrs" on January 25 at 1pm at the Lost Lake Club House (1469 Lake Drive) on Camano Island.

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Four Springs House for your next event



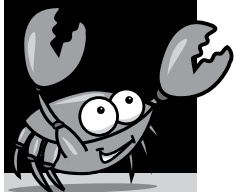
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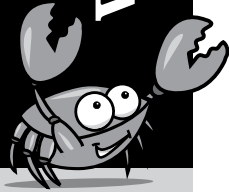
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Moonshine Wisdom & Wit



Story by Jack Archibald.

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BOTTOM RUNGS

The stock market dropped over 1000 points the other day. Japan's dropped 12%. The Tech stocks took a dive and immediately the day traders did too. Plenty of hair on fire, pundits weighing in, money lost, money moved, money bouncing up down and sideways. Gee, after a long upward climb, folks thought there was only one direction, same as the evangelicals, Up.

I keep hearing about the middle class, got to help them out, need to pull them up another rung on that upwardly mobile ladder. I don't hear so much about the bottom rungs, the homeless, the jobless, the minimum wage worker who can't afford rents and groceries much less any kind of health care. You think they have money in the damn stock market? They can barely afford to shop the food market.

Shelly, newly hired at the deli of one of Stanwoodopolis's 'super' markets, makes better than minimum wage with a few benefits to boot. When her deadbeat husband left her last month for a floozie in a few trailers down from theirs at the Tillicum Village, she went into shock, then grief, then anger, then despair. Two kids, no alimony --- at least not until she can afford an attorney to draw up the divorce papers --- plus a pile of credit card bills. Her mother takes care of Julie and Billy the days she works at the store. Daycare wasn't much of an option.

"I'm treading water, Skeeter," she told me in a whisper at the check-out line. "This job barely pays the bills and Frank won't even return a phone call now that he's shackled up with that drug addict bimbo he's" She let that drop when a customer neared hearing range with a cart loaded to the top rails.

Shelly's the daughter of Carl, a fellow school bus driver from back in the late '70's who was a fellow part-timer, both of us able to keep our own heads above water, could even afford to buy our own houses. Shelly will never own hers. And it sounds like she may not be able to afford the rent on her mobile either. My guess is she and the kids will end up with her folks in a year, maybe less. If Carl were still alive, he'd be down at this husband Frank's new address giving him a much needed ultimatum. I suppose there are plenty of folks who would say the blame lies with Shelly, bad choices in life, what do you expect? I hope I never get so high up the ladder I'll think the one on the lower rungs got it coming. Or the ones at the top either....



Book a stay at "The Arlene"

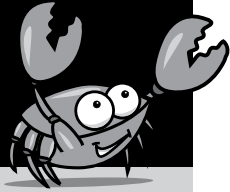
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COLD WEATHER SHELTERS AVAILABLE

As temperatures drop, there is an Extreme Cold Weather Shelter to provide warmth and safety for those in need. Learn more at <https://snohomish-county-public-safety-hub-snocco-gis.hub.arcgis.com>

VOLUNTEER FAIR

SCAF is hosting our second annual Volunteer Fair for Stanwood-Camano. This event is Saturday, February 15, 10am-noon, in the Utsalady Elementary School Gym: 608 Arrowhead Rd, Camano Island. Booths are available to all nonprofits/service organizations/government agencies that provide services to the Stanwood-Camano area and utilize volunteers. To register visit www.s-caf.org.

COLD-WEATHER TIPS / SNOW ROUTES

Visit bit.ly/stanwinterweather for important winter weather tips like preventing frozen pipes and heating safety. You can also find our snow plow priority route map which shows what roads crews will clear first in the event of snow or ice. Priority routes are determined by needs like emergency services, transit and school bus routes. Stay safe and stay warm!

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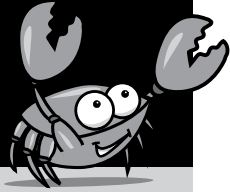
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February 14 | Lorè Sampson
“Rediscovering Peonies”

March 7 | Candy Brown
“Gardens for Birds”

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March 28 | Dee Montpetit
“Garden Journeys: Before and
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April 4 | Linda Chalker- Scott
“Myths and Gardening Folklore”



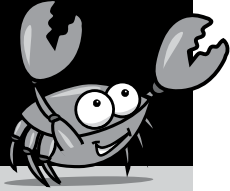
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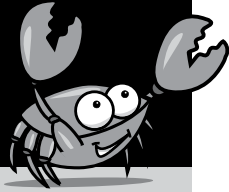
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Feb 8 at 10:00AM - 2:00PM at Conway Elementary School, 19710 SR 534. Pacific Northwest Opera is looking for a few baritones & basses ringers to join our chorus for our upcoming production of Rusalka, Dvorak's telling of The Little Mermaid. Performance dates are March 28 & 30, and April 6 & 8. Rehearsals will be Saturday mornings starting in Feb. We are offering a stipend up to \$400 depending on the audition. Chorus preparation will include music and language taught by WWU vocal professor, Mark Davies. Auditions will be by appointment on Feb 8 in Mount Vernon. Please email rdyer@pnopera.org with your resume for a potential audition slot. If you are unable to attend an audition on Feb 8 you may submit a video recording .

PROJECT PC

(nonprofit): Join monthly community events supporting veterans and frontline heroes. Explore healing and connection. Details at projectpc.org.

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May work directly with patients, assist in the office, help with community relations, support fundraising events, or work on special projects. Whatever your interest or skills, we have a volunteer position to suit you. To learn more about volunteer positions at Hospice of the Northwest, please visit www.hospicenw.org/volunteer.

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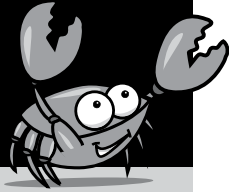
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DID YOU KNOW?

The unicorn is the national animal of Scotland. It was apparently chosen because of its connection with dominance and chivalry as well as purity and innocence in Celtic mythology.

“SAVE CAMA BEACH CABINS”

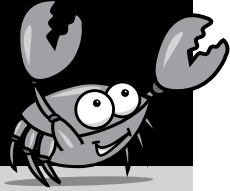


Preserving Cama Beach for Future Generations. Save Cama Beach Cabins (SCBC) is a non-profit corporation dedicated to reopening the cabins at Cama Beach State Park and keeping them open for future generations. Cama Beach is a national historic treasure. It is the only remaining, intact, 1930's era, saltwater, fishing resort on the West Coast ... or it was until the Park Commissioners' ill-advised decision to permanently close all 33 cabins despite overwhelming public support to reopen the cabins. Prior to closing the cabins, Cama Beach State Park was one of the most popular parks in the State. In a typical year, about 19,000 people made many priceless memories. All the campers and the other 270,000 annual visitors brought in several million dollars annually into the local economy. We are asking the State Legislature to fund the infrastructure repairs so the cabins can reopen in Summer 2025. Additional funding is being requested for long-ranging planning to assure the cabins remain open for many years. **YOU CAN HELP!!** Contact your local elected officials and urge them to support funding that requires State Parks management to reopen the cabins. Urge them to support this funding. Share with all of your friends. Return Cama Beach State Park to the wonderful place it was when visitors could stay in the Cabins at the Beach! With one call to the Legislative Hotline, 800-562-6000, you can send the same message to your State Senator and both State Representatives. Or contact your electeds separately: If you live on Camano Island or in Stanwood, you are in Legislative District 10 and your electeds are: Representative Clyde Shavers: 360-786- 7884, Representative Dave Paul: 360-786-7914, Senator Ron Muzzall: 360-786-7618, Governor Bob Ferguson's Office: 360-902-411, Island County Commissioners: (360)-679-7354. We need statewide support! Please call, write, or email voicing your support even if you don't live on Camano Island. If you need help finding your senator and representatives use the "District Finder" map tool <https://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder>. Just type in your address and the names of your electeds will pop up.

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PULSEPOINT ARRIVES IN ISLAND COUNTY



Island County Emergency Communications Center better known as I-COM 9-1-1 announced today the county-wide launch of PulsePoint, a free life-saving mobile app that notifies users when someone nearby is in cardiac arrest and needs immediate help. PulsePoint is like an AMBER alert for sudden cardiac arrest victims. It uses location-based technology to alert community members to a sudden cardiac arrest in their immediate vicinity so they can get to the victim first and start hands-only CPR in those critical, life-saving minutes before first responders are able to arrive. More info: <https://icom911.org/>

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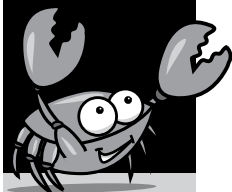


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"Rain, snow, and color". Photo by M. Meraji.



Camano sunset photo by Sandra Heaphy.

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Classes and Workshops



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Competitive art used to be an Olympic sport. Between 1912 and 1948, the international sporting events awarded medals for music, painting, sculpture and architecture.

Valentine Ukulele for Beginners: Strum & swoon to romantic tunes! Wednesdays 11am - 12pm, \$60/3 Classes, January 29, February 5, and February 12. No musical experience required! Bring your own ukulele (a limited number are available for classroom use). Maximum 6/class, pre-register to reserve your spot. Linda Younce, ph 425 466 5362, email Linda@SmallChambers.com.

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).

Chris Tuohy Music Teacher! Sax, flute, clarinet, piano & voice lessons. I have the ability to come to you! Contact Chris Tuohy, 360-572-9262 or jazzman2e@mac.com

Full of Words: A 6-Week Women's Writing Circle (Free at the Camano Island Library, Jan 24 - Feb 28). <https://tinyurl.com/full-of-words/>

Free Macbook and iPad / iPhone Tutoring 3 / 30-minute sessions in the Camano Center (1pm, 1:30pm, 2pm) the first and third Wednesday of each month. Email Joyce to sign up at fact@msdeadlines.com.

Reiki and Restore February 21, 6:30-8pm. 90 minutes of deep relaxation. Enjoy restorative yoga poses with an optional reiki session as part of a long soothing savasana. Reserve your spot at movementarts.com/events or call 360-629-9100. Next Session: Feb 21. \$35

Yoga for Beginners April 1-29, Tuesdays 6-7:15pm. Whether you are brand new to yoga or returning after a long absence, this five-week course will prepare you with the first steps toward a regular practice. \$95 Register at movementarts.com/events or call 360-629-9100.

Yoga for Better Posture 6-Week Course: Feb 18-Mar 25, Tuesdays 6-7:15pm. Do you notice fatigue in your neck and shoulders? Does your low back ache? How is your breathing? All of them can be improved with better posture. Incl. Workshop Manual \$119. Register in advance movementarts.com/events or call 360-629-9100

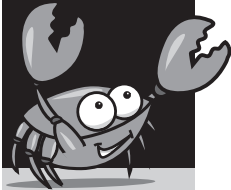
Guitar Lessons with Ford Geisbrecht. All ages, levels & styles. Learn at your own pace. Ukelele & Bass also available. 360-631-0661.

Yin and Pin Feb. 15, 2-4pm Where Ayurveda, Yin Yoga and Chinese Medicine meet! This class will ground, soothe & restore you. Sign up at movementarts.com/events or call 3760-629-9100. \$35.

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.

Zumba on Mondays! 11am or 530pm \$10 pp Registration required with Jen Anderson at www.soulfusionmassage.com.

Classes and Workshops



DID YOU KNOW?

In 1524, the last letter to be added to the English alphabet was the letter “j.” Before it became a letter, the letter “i” was used for both “i” and “j.”

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.

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.

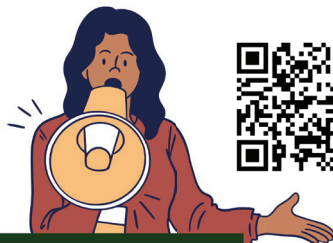
Line Dance Lessons at the Camano Center with Kari — every Wednesday 3:00pm-3:45pm. Fun and exercise! socialdancesimplified.com.

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YogaTone: Jan. 26 and Feb 2. 10-11am. Join us for a fantastic, fun, positive sweat/dance/movement/yoga class that’s designed for just about anyone. Find rhythm and melody in the body, even if you think you can’t dance! Drop ins welcome if space is available. \$92 for 4 classes or \$30 drop in register at movementarts.com/events.

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 Feb. 12 (10am) Free event open to the public. We will be explaining how your Medicare benefits work, as well as the options for supplementation through private insurance. Location: Camano Island Library. RSVP with John- 360-967-9601.



Register Here

Or email engage@whidbeyenvironment.org

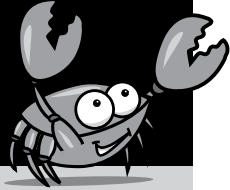


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Clubs and Meetings



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.

The Stanwood Coin Club meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Stanwood Library. Members are knowledgeable in a wide range of numismatic topics and offer mentorship for beginners in the hobby, assistance in appraisal and can provide access to references.

His Veterans Ministry organizational meeting, Jan. 26, 12:30 in the Camano Chapel library, 867 S West Camano Dr. The His Veterans Ministry at Camano Chapel is holding an organizational meeting to assess the interest in expanding the ministry that hosts the annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner to add a Bible Study, fellowship events, and community service activities. All interested veterans in the community are encouraged to attend.

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RAVEN is a gorgeous 2-year-old cat looking for her forever home. Raven is a talkative, outgoing cat with a little sass. She is a very independent gal who prefers to be looked at rather than touched. She enjoys affections of her person on her terms. Raven would do best in an adult only home or in a home with cat savvy children over 10. If Raven sounds like the cat for you, please stop by the shelter to visit.

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



NOAH'S PET OF THE WEEK:

PEPPA - HELLO! I am a 1 year old cat looking for my new FUR-ever home! I would love for you to come see me at The NOAH Center today! We may be the purr-fect match!

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



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

BENTLEY is a tender hearted boy who is an amazing friend to everyone he meets. He is housebroken, crate trained, quiet unless he feels the need to alert his people and he sleeps peacefully through the night on his dog bed covered in blankets. **FIRST STEPS:** Visit www.save-a-mutt.org/adoption-application/ to fill out an application. We are a foster home based rescue.

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



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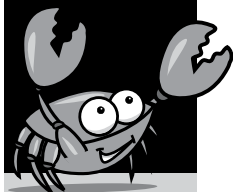
WED Sessions start
2/05/25, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

SAT Sessions start
2/08/25 10:30AM - 12:00 PM

To sign up visit: scaacwa.org/classes



Classified Listings



DID YOU KNOW?

In 1892, Annie Moore was the first passenger to arrive at Ellis Island when it opened. She came with her two younger brothers on the SS Nevada.

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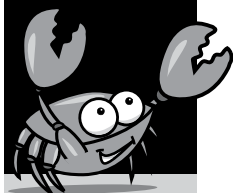
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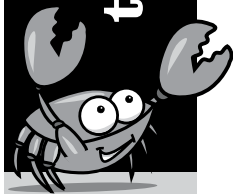
A wonderful bowl of deliciousness! Roasted spaghetti squash filled with hearty marinara sauce with your choice of meat, freshly grated parmesan cheese, and basil ribbons. Low-carb and gluten-free, Enjoy!



INGREDIENTS: 2 spaghetti squash; 2 T. extra virgin olive oil, plus more for brushing the squash; 1 sm. yellow onion, diced; 3 carrots, peeled and diced (about 3/4 cup); 1 lb. lean ground beef, chicken, or turkey; 3 cloves garlic, minced; 1 T. Italian seasoning; 1 (15 oz.) jar marinara sauce (I use Raos tomato basil sauce); Sea salt to taste; Fresh ground black pepper to taste; Freshly grated parmesan cheese to taste; Basil ribbons for garnish

DIRECTIONS: 1. Assemble and prep all ingredients before you begin. 2. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside. 3. Wash and pat dry the outside of the spaghetti squash. Slice it in half and scoop out the seeds. Place on the prepared baking sheet. (You may have to cut off the stem end to make it stand up properly.) 4. Brush the top and inside of the spaghetti squash with olive oil. Season with salt and pepper. 5. Bake the squash for 40-45 minutes, until soft and tender. 6. Meanwhile, prepare the meat sauce. Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in a Dutch oven over medium heat. Add diced onions and carrots, cook for 6-7 minutes stirring occasionally until tender. 7. Add the minced garlic, meat of choice, Italian seasoning, and a pinch of salt and pepper to taste. Cook, stirring occasionally until the meat is cooked through and no longer pink. Stir in marinara sauce, cover with a lid, and reduce the heat to low. Simmer for 15 minutes. 8. Remove the squash from the oven once done and allow to cool for about 3-5 minutes. Use a fork to gently scrape the insides of each squash to release the strands. 9. Top the spaghetti squash bowls with meat sauce. Sprinkle with desired amount of parmesan cheese and garnish with fresh basil. Enjoy!

View from the Bleachers



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

BREAKING NEWS: RARE SIGHTING OF BRIGHT YELLOW CELESTIAL OBJECT IN SEATTLE SKY

Anchor: Hello. I'm Brad Anchorton with Action News, with this Seattle area BREAKING NEWS ALERT. There is an extraordinary event sending shockwaves through our cloudy city. I'm referring to the appearance of a luminous, radiant, and suspiciously bright yellow celestial object in the sky. This object – known to some by its three-letter moniker, the “sun” – has made a daring cameo over our perpetually overcast cityscape.

While it may currently be a balmy 64 degrees outside in Seattle, scientists estimate the sun's surface is blisteringly hot at 10,340 degrees Fahrenheit. And that devastating heat appears to be heading our way. Our afternoon temperatures could soar to as high as 69 degrees, but experts have no idea how much hotter it could get by tomorrow. Reports have been flooding in from all corners of Seattle, with citizens expressing a mixture of confusion, disbelief, and in some cases, downright terror.

Man on the Street: I-I don't know what's happening, man. One minute, I'm sipping my artisanal coffee outside of a Starbucks under a blanket of gray clouds, and the next, BAM! It's like the apocalypse. It is so blinding, What the hell is that up there? A giant alien spaceship? I wish I had something I could put over my eyes that would darken things but still let me see stuff.

Anchor: You mean sunglasses?

Man on the Street: I have no idea what you're talking about. What's a sunglass? Will it protect me from the aliens?

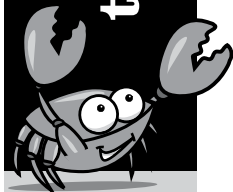
Anchor: The sudden appearance of this bright yellow orb has left many Seattleites scrambling for cover, unsure of what to do in response to the unprecedented surge of cosmic radiation. For more on what the risks are – and what we can do to protect ourselves, I turn to University of Washington astrophysicist, Nigel Van Twerp.

Dr. Van Twerp, can you shed some light on what exactly are we dealing with here? What are our chances of survival in the face of this overwhelmingly luminous threat? And is that giant yellow orb an alien spaceship?

Dr. Van Twerp: No, it is highly unlikely to be an alien spaceship. More likely, what we have here is probably a rare celestial phenomenon involving the sun. The sun is so massive, it's over 110 times the diameter of the earth. Believe it or not, about 1.3 MILLION planet Earths could actually fit inside of the sun.

The sun is viewable from many regions of our planet almost every day. But due to Seattle's unique meteorological conditions and nearly perennial cloud cover, we never see it. But I must warn you, prolonged exposure to this intense luminosity could potentially cause sunburn... and a strong desire to move to Miami.

View from the Bleachers



CRABBY COMMENT:

"Thanks for your wonderful little magazine! We really get a kick out of it and look forward to finding it every week!"

– Bill & Dana

Anchor: Sunburn? That sounds terrifying. The sun is so huge! Is it likely to swallow up the earth?

Dr. Van Twerp: Sadly, the earth – and everyone on it – is inevitably doomed to perish. According to my calculations, all life on earth will die a painful death as our planet is ultimately absorbed after the sun becomes a red giant and expands beyond our current orbital circumference.

Anchor: So how much time do we have left, Doctor Van Twerp?

Dr. Van Twerp: [Looks at his watch.] Hard to say really. I'd estimate around 7.5 billion years, give or take. In the near term, I'd be more worried about sunburn.

Anchor: Sound advice as always, Dr. Van Twerp. We at Action News want to advise all our viewers to avoid looking directly at the sun or even being exposed to it. Make sure your family takes cover immediately. Do not go outdoors unless you absolutely must – say, to rescue a pet who has escaped outside and is staring upwards.

Dr. Van Twerp: Um, it's really not that dangerous outside. No need to panic. Just wear sun –

Anchor: [Cuts off Dr. Van Twerp] As panic spreads throughout the city, government officials are urging all citizens to take every precaution necessary to protect themselves from the sinister rays of this celestial interloper. A special word of prayer for our pale Irish Americans out there.

You may be asking yourselves, "How long will we have to endure the terror of this sunny weather?" According to our meteorologist, Windy Storm, the good news is that the clouds and rain should return by tomorrow and we'll have another long stretch of rain ahead for the foreseeable future, with life returning to normal – unless the aliens in the giant yellow orb attack.

This is Brad Anchorton reminding you to stay safe, stay vigilant, and above all, stay indoors.

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Sa 25	High	3:41 AM	10.4	
25	Low	7:34 AM	8.8	
25	High	12:22 PM	10.5	
25	Low	8:09 PM	-0.3	
Su 26	High	4:20 AM	11.1	
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28	Low	10:23 AM	7.9	
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Do you miss having the cabins open and seeing visitors excited about the park, Camano Island, and Stanwood? Does your business miss the income from tourists? Does your family miss the fun educational events at the park? There is a new group forming to reopen the cabins.

Save Cama Beach Cabins group is asking the Washington State Legislature for funding to repair the septic and water systems so the cabins can be used again. A website with more information will be available soon. They need your help to contact the Governor and your State Legislators to urge their support for this effort so the Cama Beach cabins can be reopened for all of us.

Governor's office: 360-902-4111
Representative Clyde Shavers: 360-786-7884
Representative Dave Paul: 360-786-7914
Senator Ron Muzzall: 360-786-7618

Thank you for your help! Watch the Crab Cracker and/or go to our website for more info.

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STANWOOD CAMANO SNOW GOOSE & BIRDING FESTIVAL

Saturday February 22, 2025

Floyd Horggaard Cultural Center

9 am - 5 pm



SPEAKERS

BUS TOURS

VENDORS

EXHIBITS

ARTISTS

**NATURE
CULTURE
ART**
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Schedule and tour information available at www.sahs-fncc.org





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RECENTLY SOLD



LISTED: \$1,050,000 SOLD: \$1,035,000
 216 Driftwood Shores, Camano Island
 Bedrooms: 2 / Bathrooms: 1
 Days on Market: 22 / MLS# 2291268



LISTED: \$1,389,000 SOLD: \$1,375,000
 272 Burke Drive, Camano Island
 Bedrooms: 2 / Bathrooms: 2.5
 Days on Market: 15 / MLS# 2253650



LISTED: \$1,650,000 SOLD: \$1,600,000
 5005 140th St NW, Stanwood
 Bedrooms: 4 / Bathrooms: 3.25
 Days on Market: 124 / MLS# 2238070



LISTED: \$1,199,000 SOLD: \$1,199,000
 209 Iverson Road, Camano Island
 Bedrooms: 2 / Bathrooms: 2.25
 Days on Market: 103 / MLS# 2279703



LISTED: \$1,950,000 SOLD: \$1,850,000
 167 Utsalady Road, Camano Island
 Bedrooms: 4 / Bathrooms: 3.25
 Days on Market: 77 / MLS# 2294541



LISTED: \$1,200,000 SOLD: \$1,225,000
 2315 Freestad Road, Arlington
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