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January 9 | Mike Everett
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February 13 | Sam Benowitz
"Successfully Growing Fruit Trees in the PNW"

February 27 | Lorë Sampson
"Every Plant has a Story"

March 13 | Mary Marshall & Andrew Tuttle
*"Edible Landscapes for a Healthy Body
and Planet"*

March 27 | Bess Bronstein
"Plant This, Not That"

April 3 | Ross Bayton, PhD
*"Heronswood Evolves:
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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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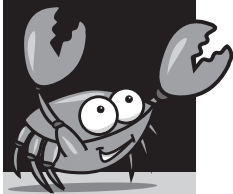


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Submission DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 20 for Next Edition (Nov. 28 - Dec. 11)

Calendar of Events



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13

EAT & COMPLETE EVENT

for 9th grade students. 9th-grade students who currently have 1 or more failing grades in their classes are invited to attend our Eat & Complete event happening from 2:15 pm to 3:15 pm in the Stanwood High School Commons. Pizza included!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

EBB, SLACK AND FLOOD

7pm at Pub 282, 370 NE Camano Dr #6, Camano. Ride the wave of soulful grooves, bluesy rhythms, and irresistible energy.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

SPIDER CULT & CLYDE MCGEE

8 PM - Arcadian Public House, 18444 Spruce St., Conway. This is a co-bill with two bands. \$12 ADV / \$15 DOS. 21+. Outside food is ok but no beverages please. -Seating is first come, first served. -Leashed and friendly dogs are welcome to join you. Genre: dark Americana folk music followed by eccentric doom-folk hard rock

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

YMCA TEEN NIGHT

7-10pm at Stanwood-Camano YMCA. Join us for a night of FUN at the YMCA! Swim in the pool, enjoy sports in the courts, play games in the Teen Center, and more! Pizza is provided, and YMCA membership is NOT required. Sign up. More info: sleonardo@ymca-snoco.org.

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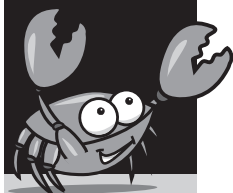
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 ANNUAL TASTE OF THE MARKETPLACE



4-6pm at Camano Commons Marketplace. FREE TASTING EVENT. Experience exclusive bakery items. Live music by local duo Brooke and Dale. We will be taking food bank donations at this event!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 FRIDAY NIGHT KARAOKE

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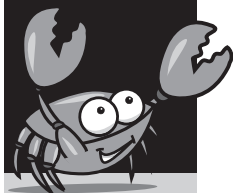
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DID YOU KNOW?

The Thanksgiving Feast that the Pilgrims had with the Natives in 1621 lasted three days.

It is not a sure thing that turkey was part of the Thanksgiving Feast, but venison was definitely part of the meal.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 EMPIRE NIGHT OUT



Event by Stanwood Camano Empire Baseball. 5:30pm at Arrowhead Ranch Camano. Join us for a night out with the Stanwood Camano Empire Baseball as we raise money for the upcoming Baseball season. Lots of items for auction with proceeds going directly to teams!! <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/empire-night-out>

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 & 15 MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING



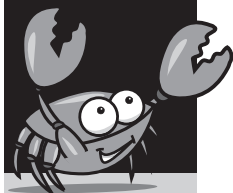
SHS drama is thrilled to present Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing! Widely hailed as the Bard's most dazzling romantic comedy, this tale is packed with razor-sharp banter, tangled misunderstandings, and outrageous twists that lead to much ado about nothing. Come ready to swoon, laugh, and cheer as love conquers all in true Shakespearean style! Tickets available online and at the door. \$8 Adult. \$7 Student with ASB Card

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

SUPREMO + WE WERE HEROS + HONESTLY NO

8pm at Arcadian Public House, 18444 Spruce St., Conway. This will be an awesome show! GENRE: Emo - Punk - Alternative.

Calendar of Events



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



10am-5pm at The Spare Room Vintage Market, 1215 SR 532, Camano. Join us Saturday November 15th for our Annual Holiday Open House! It's the one day a year that we have an all-store sale! Enjoy discounts, treats, and festive cheer while you shop for vintage, furniture, gifts and more.

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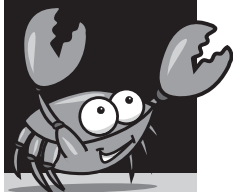


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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 CHRISTMAS IN CONWAY



Annual Scandinavian bake sale and Christmas bazaar. 9am-3pm at Sons of Norway Abel Lodge, 21098 Second Street, Conway, WA. Bazaar with local vendors and a bake sale - "Confections With a Cause" - Lefse, Norwegian breads, Swedish Limpa, Norwegian cookies. Come early! We take credit cards.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

CRIMINAL SQUIRREL ORCHESTRA

7pm at Pub 282, 370 NE Camano Dr #6, Camano. With wild jams, funky grooves, and a touch of musical mischief, this band delivers a night of pure, unfiltered fun.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

CHARITY BELT: A 21+ FUNDRAISER DRAG SHOW

9pm at Beauty Bar Salon + Lounge. A raunchy drag show for a good cause from Dirty Jobb Productions! Come out and leave your troubles at the door for a night of camp, camaraderie, chaos, and most importantly- charity! We're partnering with Stanwood Tattoo Company to raise funds for the Stanwood-Camano Food Bank. Audience members are encouraged to pay a \$10 door donation to benefit the food bank. 100% of door sales AND 100% of Pam Jobb's tips will be donated directly to the food bank.



National Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day | November 15



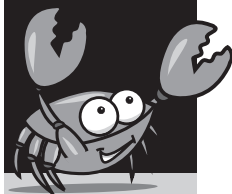
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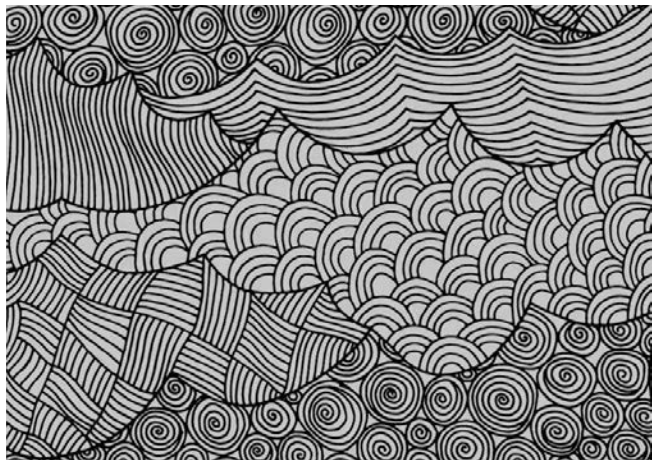
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

YOU'RE INVITED TO ZENTANGLE!



10:30 AM – 12:30 PM at the Camano Island Library. Join Sara Harlan of Zen Valley Tangle and enjoy a relaxing, hands-on introduction to the art of Zentangle. This all-level workshop is perfect for absolute beginners and seasoned doodlers alike. Experience the calming joy of being fully present in the creative flow. All materials will be provided. Space is limited. Please arrive early.

Santa Grandma's HOLIDAY MARKET

November 22, 29 and December 6, 13, 20

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For more info, please contact Char at bydenmythyme@hotmail.com

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Pilgrims
landed at Plym-
outh Rock on
December 11,
1620.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

MUSIC & STORIES OF PETER ALI - NATIVE AMERICAN FLUTIST



11:00 AM – 12:30 PM at the Stanwood Library. Celebrate the music and story of Native and Meso American flutes representing Plains, Woodland, Maya, and Toltec as well as Middle Eastern Style and flute from Nordic countries presented by Native American Flutist Peter Ali.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

PRAYER-SONG CIRCLE FOR CEDAR-FIR FORESTS

5-7PM offered by Healing Through Nature at the Mother Earth Temple, in Peace Love & Healing, in Service to Mother Earth. Bring your prayers with gentle movement-meditation. Facilitated by Traditional Temazcal ceremony community leader. RSVP ellahope@HealingThroughNature.com www.MotherEarthTemple.com

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

CABAM! CAMANO AREA BLUEGRASS JAM + DINNER + OPEN MIC

Come and join the Jam & enjoy some smokin' bluegrass at the South Camano Grange. Banjos, mandos, guitars, fiddles, dobros and a bass or two. It's all here. All we need is YOU! Old timers and newbies alike. 3-5:30 pm Bluegrass Jam (Free admission). 5:30-6pm Dinner (Optional - Donation). 6:15-ish to 8:30 pm - Open Mic (sign up before dinner!) Free admission. South Camano Grange, 2227 S Camano Drive, Camano Island.

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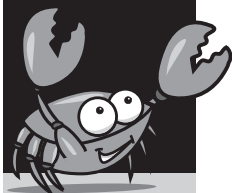
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DID YOU KNOW?

In 1941,
Thanksgiving
was declared by
Congress to be
a legal holiday,
held on the
fourth Thursday
in November.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

MINIMUM WAGE

performing live at 7pm at Conway's Pub & Eatery, 18611 Main St., Conway. Join us for a mesmerizing journey through melodies and rhythms that will resonate deep within your soul. Join us for Minimum Wage Band, who will be performing Classic Rock Covers. More info: (360) 445-4733 or conwayspubcomments@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

FAMILY BINGO

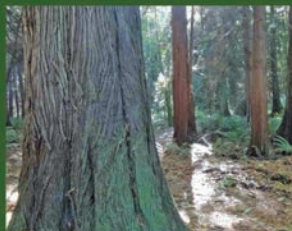
at the American Legion Hall ON CAMANO ISLAND, 609 W. Camano Drive. "Camano Island American Legion Bingo is pushing it up...Now with \$150 and \$250 blackout jackpots!" Doors open at 4:30 P.M. and Bingo starts at 6pm. Snacks and beverages available.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR & BAKE SALE



9am - 4pm, Camano Country Club, 1243 S. Beach Drive, Camano Island. Various Specialty Vendors. Shop for unique gifts and homemade items.



Healing Through Nature
- at the Mother Earth Temple -

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- Classes:
Seven Phases Practice
- www.7Phases.org
- Email: ellahope@HealingThroughNature.com

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR



will be at the Camano Center again this year. There will be a very wide assortment of unique, one of a kind gifts. Something wonderful for everyone on your Christmas list! Come check it out! Support our local crafters! 9am-4pm at 606 Arrowhead Road, Camano Island.



SATURDAY
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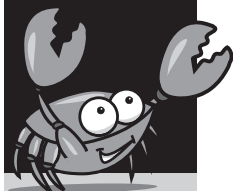
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DID YOU KNOW?

The Wampanoag Indians were the people who taught the Pilgrims how to cultivate the land.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15

"SEARCHING FOR LIGHT IN DARK TIMES"



The public is welcome to an open discussion, "Searching for Light in Dark Times" at the Camano Island Public Library meeting room, 848 N Sunrise Blvd. The informal gathering will start at 7 PM and end at 9 PM. We look forward to your attendance and input.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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, NOVEMBER 17

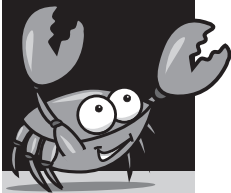
GRIEF TO GRATITUDE - STORIED PASTS

10-11:30am at the Camano Center. The loss of a loved one is one of life's most common human experiences. "Grief to Gratitude - Storied Pasts" is a unique free program that creates the space for you to share and celebrate that reality. Come and share an uplifting story (or two) about your lost loved one to inspire joy, reflection and gratitude. Program facilitated by Danny Koffman, "Art with a Smile" artist and author of books focusing on caregiving with a smile and a topspin of love. RSVP to 360-387-0222.

THERE IS
always, always,
ALWAYS
something
to be thankful for



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DID YOU KNOW?

The Separatists who founded the Plymouth Colony referred to themselves as "Saints," not "Pilgrims." The use of the word "Pilgrim" to describe this group did not become common until the colony's bicentennial.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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, NOVEMBER 18

MAKE A 3D PRINTED ORNAMENT

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM at the Stanwood Library. Join us to create a unique winter-themed ornament! Using a free online program called Tinkercad, participants will be instructed in the basics of creating a snowflake of their own design. If time permits, we'll walk through doing a second geometrical design. We will 3D print each design here at the library to be picked up the following week. (Optional: Join us next month to paint your design during our 3D Print & Paint: Holiday Edition event on December 2nd!)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

CHILDREN'S ART

with Stanwood Camano Arts Advocacy. 4-5:30pm at the Camano Island Library. Join us for a children's art class. Event is free and all materials provided.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

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!

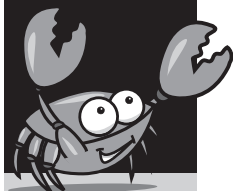
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

WBCA RUN/WALK WEEKLY SOCIAL



It's time to get moving, Warm Beach. 5:45 PM at Warm Beach Park. Come run, walk, or stroll - exercise, laugh, and connect. No pressure, no competition - just fun, fresh air, and community. Whether you run, walk, stroll, or skip... this is your chance to get active and meet new friends. Questions? Text Joel Hingston at 509-987-7717.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird of the United States.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

NOVEMBER CAMANO WILDLIFE PROGRAM



7pm ZOOM Presentation - "My Garden Brings All The Birds To My Yard". Learn how to match native plants with your property's conditions and the wildlife you want to attract. A Zoom link will be emailed to you with registration via the Camano Wildlife Habitat website, www.camanowildlifehabitat.org.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

MAGIC: THE GATHERING DROP IN

3-5pm at the Stanwood Library. Come together to play the Magic: The Gathering, one of the most popular collectible card games in the world. Duel your friends with decks of monsters & magic. Instruction will be provided for those who don't know how to play and basic decks will be available for use - though you are welcome to bring your own! This event is suitable for ages 10 +. Registration required.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

CHRIS EGER

7-11pm at Pub 282, 370 NE Camano Dr #6, Camano. The Chris Eger Band is a Northwest band hot on track to becoming the next band to hit the billboard charts. A skilled compilation of rock/blues/country.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

CANDLELIGHT VIGIL - TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



6pm. Event by PFLAG Stanwood-Camano, Stanwood Tattoo Company and Autistic Women & Nonbinary Network. We will meet on the brick patio next to Stanwood Tattoo Co. (10003 270th St NW Suite A, Stanwood) followed by cookies inside the shop. Trans violence is on the rise, and our national events are not helping the situation. People are scared, angry, and don't know what to do. We are leading with love by holding those lost too early in our hearts. Candles provided by AWN. Snacks provided by Stanwood Tattoo Co. and PFLAG Stanwood-Camano.

NATIONAL
**Pay Back Your
Parents Day**

NOVEMBER 20



The Great American
Smokeout

(Thursday before Thanksgiving)

**GINGER
BREAD
COOKIE
DAY** Nov. 21

**NATIONAL
STUFFING DAY**
NOV 21



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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

JIMMY WRIGHT

7-11pm at Pub 282, 370 NE Camano Dr #6, Camano. A high-energy concert experience, packed with a dynamic mix of music to keep you on your feet all night long. A show that's got something for everyone!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

DROP-IN CONSTRUCTION ZONE



4-5pm at the Camano Island Library. Come build and explore with a variety of materials, which may include LEGO®, Magna-Tiles®, gears, blocks, and more! Light snacks provided. Event is free.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Snoopy has appeared as a giant balloon in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade more times than any other character in history.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

FRIDAY NIGHT KARAOKE

WITH MARCUS. 8pm at Stanwood Hotel Saloon. 26926 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood. 360-629-2888.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

BADD DOG BLUES

8pm at Arcadian Public House. Full Band, featuring Jill Newman, Patrick McDanel, Christian Jensen, and Kevin Chryst. Roots Blues Dance Party!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR



9am-3pm at Stillaguamish Grange (Stanwood Fairgrounds). Santa arrives 11am-1pm. Santa's Workshop, Vendors, FREE gift wrapping, coffee truck, family fun!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

LOCAL ARTISAN'S DAY

10am to 4pm. Meet some of our resident artists and makers. Great one-of-a-kind gifts and a chance to chat with local talent. MQ Gadgets Gifts Goodies, 8706 271st St NW, Stanwood.



Substitute Educators Day
- Friday before Thanksgiving -

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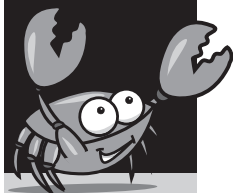


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DID YOU KNOW?

Don't forget the stuffing!
The name differs from place to place: Northerners call it "stuffing," Southerners eat "dressing" and a few Pennsylvanians enjoy "filling" on their Turkey Day tables.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22 STANWOOD HOLIDAY FAIR



10am-4pm. Join us for a special indoor event and seasonal gathering of local crafters, farmers, bakers and makers. Take in the live and festive holiday music by the Band of Friends from Camano Island, and browse an expansive offering of artisan gifts, stocking stuffers, and essential treasures to deck the halls this holiday season. Located at the Box of Good warehouse downtown Stanwood. 8504 Cedarhome Dr. Look for the Farmers Market Signs!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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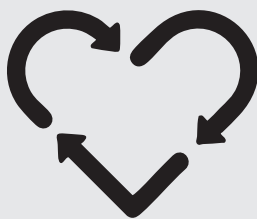
7-11pm at Pub 282, 370 NE Camano Dr #6, Camano. Get ready for a night of electrifying blues. Jaw-dropping guitar work, undeniable groove, and witty, heartfelt lyrics.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

FAMILY BINGO



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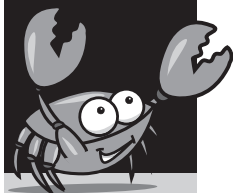
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SANTA GRANDMA'S SATURDAY MARKET

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

GRIEF TO GRATITUDE - STORIED PASTS

11-12:30pm at the Camano Library. The loss of a loved one is one of life's most common human experiences. "Grief to Gratitude - Storied Pasts" is a unique free program that creates the space for you to share and celebrate that reality. Come and share an uplifting story (or two) about your lost loved one to inspire joy, reflection and gratitude. Program facilitated by Danny Koffman, "Art with a Smile" artist and author of books focusing on caregiving with a smile and a topspin of love. RSVP to 360-387-0222.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

MOJO CANNON FEAT. MARK NOFTSGER & THE 13TH STREET HORNS

8 PM - Arcadian Public House, 18444 Spruce Street, Conway. Tickets: \$18 ADV / \$20 DOS. Seating is first come, first served. 21+ -Outside food is welcome, no beverages please Genre: Roadhouse R&B and horns.

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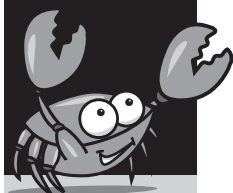
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SATURDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22-23 HOLIDAY GLASS ART SHOW



10am-3pm at Camano Island Art Glass, 797B Smith Road, Camano Island. Tami's Sea and Recycled Glass, Mary's Fused Glass.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

LIGHT LANGUAGE DRUMMING CIRCLE

10am-2pm at Spirit2Spirit Equine Facilitated Healing Center, 2532 292nd St NW, Stanwood. Gather together to raise vibrations through sound on farmland amidst therapy horses. For people of all ages. Bring your enthusiasm and instruments! Drums, rattles and anything that makes a joyful noise! Additional instruments will be provided.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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, NOVEMBER 24

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, NOVEMBER 25

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Girls Basketball vs Burlington Edison. 5:30-8:30pm.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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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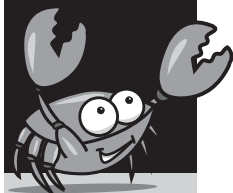
Artists

Bob Causey, Ceramics
Patt Causey, Ceramics
Roger Cocke, Ceramics
Opal Cocke, Fabric Art

Erika Posey, Ceramics
Meriaten Long, Ceramics
Katie Trent, Glass Art

Yonnah Ben Levy, Ceramics,
Painting, Multi-media
Chaim Bezalel, Ceramics,
Painting, Multi-media

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DID YOU KNOW?

The annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade tradition began in the 1920's.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 TEEN RECHARGE: JUST DANCE



3-5pm at the Stanwood Library. We're having a Just Dance party! Teens and tweens are invited to join us for a fun afternoon of Just Dance, Just Dance 2, Just Dance 3, Just Dance 4, Just Dance 2014, or Just Dance 2017 on the Nintendo Wii. Snacks, beverages, and board games will also be available for those who just want to sit and chill. Feel free to drop in at any time in between 3:00 - 5:00 pm.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

BEADED SECRETS: CREATE YOUR OWN MORSE CODE BRACELET!

11am-1pm at the Camano Island Library. Decode your creativity (and eat pizza!). Join us for a teen/tween craft session where you'll design stylish bracelets that hide secret messages using Morse code. Whether you're sending a positive vibe or a hidden word to a friend, this is your chance to mix history with fashion. All materials provided (and pizza!) —just bring your imagination!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA!

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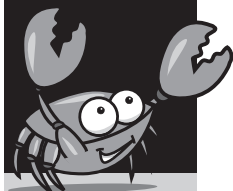


May you see many glad
Thanksgiving
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DID YOU KNOW?

Each year, the average American eats somewhere between 16 - 18 pounds of turkey.

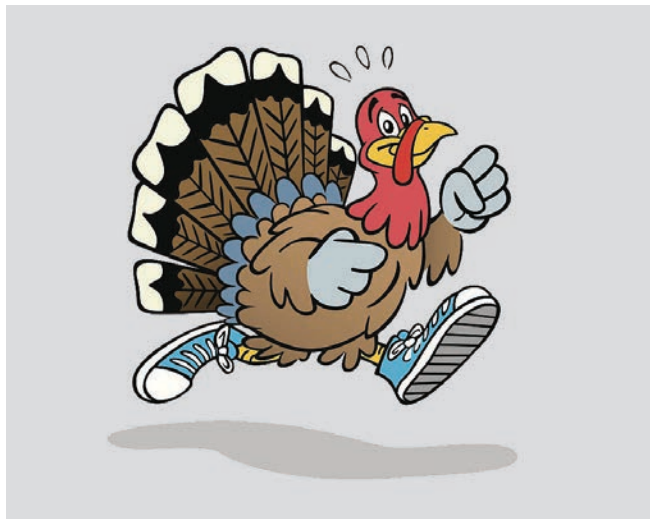
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WBCA RUN/WALK WEEKLY SOCIAL

It's time to get moving, Warm Beach. 5:45 PM at Warm Beach Park. Come run, walk, or stroll - exercise, laugh, and connect. No pressure, no competition - just fun, fresh air, and community. Whether you run, walk, stroll, or skip... this is your chance to get active and meet new friends. Questions? Text Joel Hingston at 509-987-7717.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

ANNUAL TURKEY FUN RUN



5K run or walk benefitting Stanwood High School Wrestling. 9am Thanksgiving day at Stanwood High School (athletic entrance at the front of the school). Awards will be given to the top two male and females in the adult, high school, middle school, and elementary divisions (please stay for ceremony at completion). Please bring payment when you register. Adults: \$25. Students and former SHS wrestlers: \$20. Includes t-shirt. Kids 6 and under are free. Registration will be at the event starting at 8am. More info: marcstan@gmail.com.





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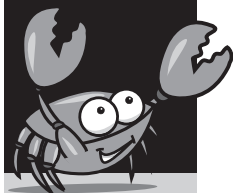


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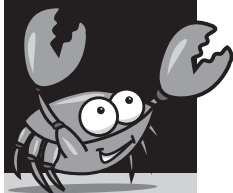
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Activity for Adults



THANKS- GIVING MYTH:

The pilgrims wore only black and white clothing. They had buckles on their hats, garments, and shoes.

Fact: Buckles did not come into fashion until later in the seventeenth century and black and white were commonly worn only on Sunday and formal occasions.

DIY PUMPKIN PIE SOAP

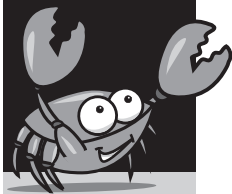


Not only does this DIY pumpkin pie soap smell good enough to eat (please don't though) it actually looks like a slice of pumpkin pie, complete with a dollop of whipped cream on top and a sprinkle of soap. It will make you smell like fall, and with a shea butter soap base, it leaves you skin feeling incredibly soft. Plus, soap – especially soap this cute – makes a great gift for any occasion this season! Time: 30 minutes

Supplies: 2 lbs white soap base; Yellow, orange and brown soap colorant; Pumpkin pie soap fragrance; Round silicone cake mold (6 Or 8 inch); Hairspray; Electric mixer; Ground cinnamon

Note, I recommend a pre-scored soap base for easy measuring. However, measurements do not have to be exact for this DIY. Step 1: Melt about 8 oz. of soap base in a bowl in the microwave for 30 seconds. Stir and replace if needed for 10 seconds until the soap is melted. Stir in yellow and brown colorant until a tan color is reached. Stir in about 1/2 tsp pumpkin pie fragrance. Step 2: Pour the colored soap into the silicone mold. Avoid splashing. Immediately spray the hairspray over the top as this will remove any air bubbles. Set aside to harden completely. Note, final product will be thinner if using 8-inch mold, so increase amount if desired. Step 3: Once the first layer of soap is set, melt an additional 25 oz. of soap base in a separate bowl. Add orange, yellow and brown colorants until you reach a deep orange color. Add about 1/2 tsp fragrance and stir to combine. Step 4: Pour the orange layer of soap on top of the tan layer and spray the top with hairspray to remove bubbles. Set aside to set completely before removing from the mold. Step 5: Once hardened, carefully remove from the mold and set on a cutting-safe surface. Using a sharp knife to cut into 8 equal sized slices. Step 6: Melt another 6 oz. of soap base in a separate bowl. Once melted and slightly cooled, use an electric mixer to whip the soap until thick and fluffy. Note, at this point, you must work quickly as whipped soap will harden quickly. Step 7: Mold the whipped soap into "frosting dollops" with your fingers and press to the thick end of the slices of soap. It should stick on it's own, and remember, it doesn't have to be perfect! Sprinkle with a little ground cinnamon and set aside for whipped soap to set. Now it's ready to use! I don't know what to do with all this soap, so I think it will make a great gift for friends this year. Otherwise, I guess I'll save leftovers for next year. Either way, I just LOVE the scent of pumpkin pie and spices!

Artist of the Week



TREES TO TREASURES



Woodcraft by Randy Pedersen. This is a preview of wood projects I will have at my annual Trees To Treasures sale at my shop on Camano Island on Black Friday (November 28th). These are some cutting boards I have made mostly made from locally harvested wood I got from western Washington in logs, sliced them into lumber and kiln dried them. These are all finished in food safe cutting board oil (mineral oil). Come by on Black Friday and we can talk about wood (one of my favorite subjects) and I can show you my sawmill, kiln and shop! 9am-3pm at 770 Hawthorne Lane, Camano Island. Email: divingwa@yahoo.com.

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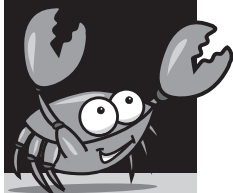
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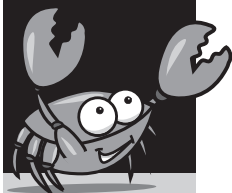
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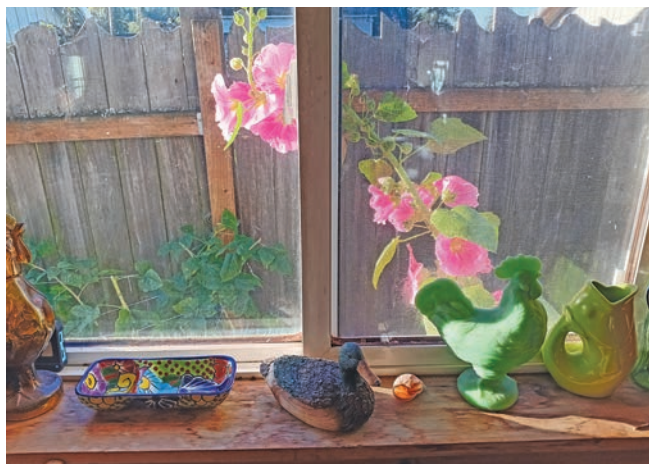
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TURKEY FOR DINNER TURKEY FOR GUEST

I've had my share of bad Thanksgivings. Family arguments, odd combination of guests, friends who wouldn't eat the dinner for fear of salmonella poisoning (I guess they didn't believe the shack kitchen met Washington State Health Dep't. standards). I don't ask for much, just plenty of food and libation with folks who are friendly. We've had storms and power outages. Didn't matter. We have a wood cookstove and plenty of oil lamps.

The one Thanksgiving I remember most we had maybe eight of us at the table, all neighbors and friends. Dinner was fine, the conversation was pleasant, the adult beverages were working their warm glow. All, it seemed, was well in this little corner of the world. And ... there was still dessert on its way.

Somewhere in that toasty conviviality one of our guests, the eminent Dr. S____ who preferred the high class moniker to her given name, decided it was time to go around the room, each of us, and offer us assembled epicureans our best scenario of leaving this Mortal Coil. Maybe she was working up a post-doctoral thesis, I don't know, but she insisted everyone make public our favorite manner of death. She, in fact, would begin.

Maybe a good host would've let this proceed. Which, in fact, I did, not quite believing this was actually going to be our dinner entertainment. The Doc wanted to die on her blue water boat cruising the world, a watery demise. She had quite a romantic narrative to fill in the plot. I could feel my cranberries curdling somewhere buried beneath turkey and dressing.

"Who wants to go next?" she asked and a neighbor friend began hesitantly, mistakenly thinking the House Rules somehow made confessionals mandatory. "Wait!" I demanded. "It's Thanksgiving, for crying out loud, not the Day of the Dead. Maybe we could tell what we're thankful for and forget this morbid death fantasy stuff. No good. It's no damn good!"

A few years later the Doctor nearly did die on her sailboat near the Fuji Islands. De-masted the boat in a storm, motor conked out, the radio gave up the ghost and now they were adrift in the South Pacific. A dream come true for the skipper maybe, but for the crew, a couple of friends from the South End, not so much. I wonder today before I go in for Thanksgiving dinner what poor yahoos are sharing turkey with her this year. Me, I'm thankful, Big Time, I'm not sharing it with her.



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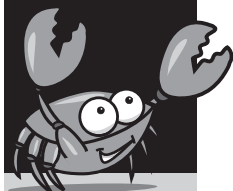


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Dining Guide



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Sarah Josepha Hale, an American magazine editor, persuaded Abraham Lincoln to declare Thanksgiving a national holiday. She is also the author of the popular nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb"

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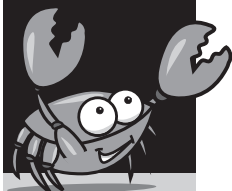
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DID YOU KNOW?

Although, Thanksgiving is widely considered an American holiday, it is also celebrated on the second Monday in October in Canada.

CAREGIVER CAFE

Calling all caregivers of kiddos aged 0-5! Join us at the AM Breakfast Caregiver Cafe. Start your day with breakfast at the AM Cafe (adults only) or wind down with dinner for the whole family at the PM Cafe (3rd Wednesday of every month). The Caregiver Cafe is a FREE, family centered, parent led program. During the sessions, we offer free on-site childcare so parents can relax, connect with others, share experiences, and engage in meaningful conversations in a supportive community. 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM at Community Resource Center, 9612 271st St NW, Stanwood. Space is limited, so be sure to RSVP on our website today! <https://www.crc-sc.org/events>.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS FOOD DRIVE



North County Regional Fire Authority, in collaboration with IAFF Local 3438 and Snohomish County Fire District 21, launched Neighbors Helping Neighbors Food Drive, taking place from November 4 through November 21. This compassionate community initiative invites residents to donate non-perishable food items to support families in need throughout the region. Donations are accepted Monday through Friday during regular business hours at any North County Regional Fire Authority station or Snohomish County Fire 21 station. All collected items will be distributed to the Arlington Community Food Bank and the Stanwood-Camano Food Bank, helping ensure that no neighbor goes hungry this holiday season.



D.B. COOPER DAY

NOV. 24



In 1971, a suited man named Dan Cooper hijacked a plane going from Portland to Seattle and parachuted off it and was never found again, dead or alive. Ariel, WA is where D.B. Cooper is said to have landed.

NON-POLITICAL CONVERSATION TOPICS

- COSTCO HOT DOGS
- ROLLER COASTERS
- WATERMELON
- SMOKE ALARMS
- CARGO SHORTS
- BITCOIN
- BIRD SCOOTERS
- IPHONE UPDATES
- WAZE VS. GOOGLE MAPS
- SCIATICA
- COLD-PRESSED JUICE
- AMAZON PRIME
- WETZEL'S PRETZELS
- ELEVATORS
- VALEPAKS
- ETSY
- THIS IS US



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DID YOU KNOW?

Turkey has
more protein
than chicken or
beef.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE



Beeswax candles, artisan items from the Holy Land, stylish scarves, fun socks and pillowcases, bags, stickers, and more. Camano. Call 360-853-6263 for directions and to set up a time for you and your friends.

HEY ISLAND COUNTY

some of our neighbors are facing a tougher-than-usual November. Let's come together and show what our community is all about! If you can, please consider adding a few extra items to your shopping cart this week for our local food banks. Need food assistance? You can find local foodbanks across Island County: - Gifts from The Heart Foodbank (Coupeville): <https://www.giftsfromtheheartfoodbank.com/> - Stanwood Camano Food Bank (Camano): <https://stanwood-camanofoodbank.org/> - Good Cheer Food Bank (South Whidbey): <https://goodcheer.org/> - North Whidbey Help House: <http://north-whidbeyhelphouse.org/> For more resources, visit <https://www.islandcountywa.gov/QuickLinks.aspx?CID=58>

GIVE THE GIFT OF A THANKSGIVING MEAL!

Purchase a Good Cheer Dinner for \$39.99 at Camano Plaza IGA and help a local family enjoy a full holiday feast. Just mention it at the register — meals are distributed by the Stanwood Camano Food Bank!



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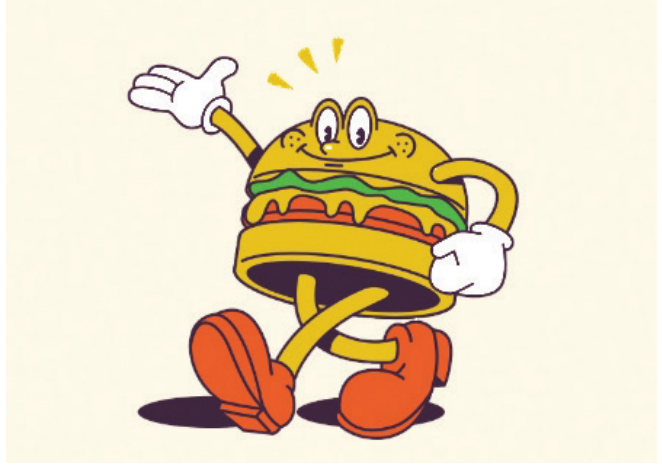
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DID YOU KNOW?

Male turkeys gobble. Hens do not. They make a clucking noise.

MAMMOTH BURGER CHALLENGE & BREWERS NIGHT



November 20th. Event by Mammoth Burger Company, 8715 271st Street NW, Stanwood. 6pm. Join us for a Mammoth night of burgers and beer! Our two-pound Mammoth Burger and a Belching Beaver Blueberry Wheat Ale is all it takes! 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes for Burger Contest winners! Plus Belching Beaver Brewing will be with us sampling, educating and having lots of fun! To participate in the contest please pre sign up at the "tickets" link! \$60 entry fee for competitors, fee waived for 1st place winner!! Register link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/843534104735171/>

OVERNIGHT POWER OUTAGE NOVEMBER 20

The majority of Camano Island will be without power during overnight hours starting on Thursday, 11/20. PUD crews will be de-energizing some overhead power lines in order to bring the new North Camano Substation online. This outage is currently scheduled to begin around 10:00 p.m. on November 20 and is expected to last until 2:00 a.m. on November 21. We're looking forward to the enhanced reliability the new substation will bring to Camano Island! Please make plans now if you cannot be without power overnight. Consider battery backups for medical equipment, and plan ahead!

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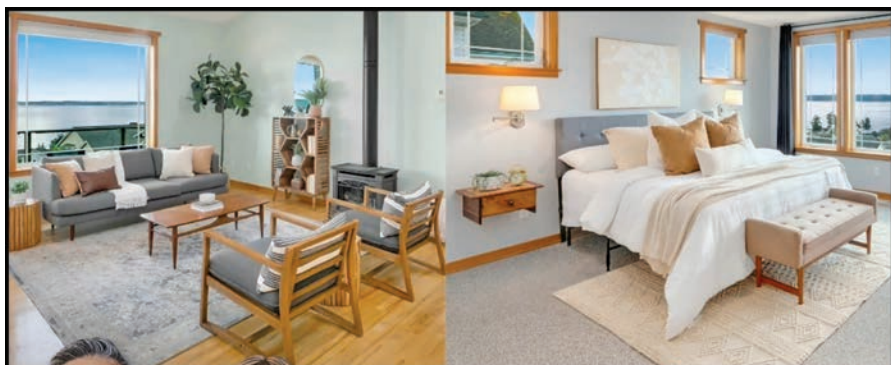


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DID YOU KNOW?

Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's first meal in space after walking on the moon was foil packets with roasted turkey.

WEST CAMANO PANTRY FOOD DRIVE

Now to November 24. Thanksgiving Food Drive – Help Us Give Back! This Thanksgiving season, we're partnering with West Camano Little Free Pantry to support our neighbors in need. Their motto says it all: "Take what you need, leave what you can." We're collecting non-perishable food items, toiletries, and gift cards to benefit local families this holiday season. Drop-off Locations: Outside Mammoth Burger Co., Inside the door at Rockaway Bar & Grill, Inside the door at Blue Heron Kitchen & Bar. All donations will go directly to West Camano Little Free Pantry, located at 1563 West Camano Drive, Camano Island. Every can, box, and contribution makes a difference. Let's come together as a community and share the spirit of gratitude and giving.

"DECK THE STOREFRONT"



Calling all Stanwood businesses! Show off your holiday spirit in our Deck The Storefront competition and see which storefront shines the brightest this season! Community members will vote for their favorite display, and the winning business will receive: Bragging rights & a trophy, Gift card, 1-Year SCA Membership. Competition runs November 28 – December 31, 2025. Register by November 15th on the SCA website: www.stanwoodcommercealliance.org/deck-the-storefront This is the perfect way to encourage visitors to explore all of Stanwood while spreading holiday cheer!

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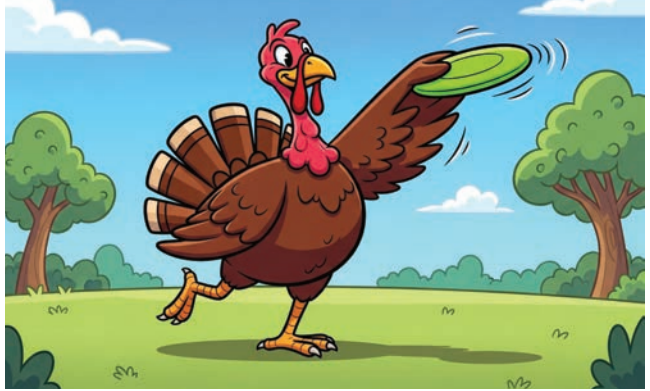
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DID YOU KNOW?

Campbell's soup created green bean casserole for a cookbook 50 years ago. It now sells \$20 million worth of cream of mushroom soup.

LEFTOVER TURNOVER V



Disc Golf Tournament at Kayak Point Disc Golf Resort.. Friday, November 28. Registration closes November 25 at 8pm. Register at discgolfscene.com.

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.

THANKSGIVING GROCERY SUPPORT

November 19th, 3pm-7pm; November 20th, Senior Serve. Age 60+ By Appointment Only; November 21st, 11am-3pm. DO I NEED TO SIGN UP? If you haven't visited the Food Bank this year, please fill out the new client form on our website prior to arriving: <http://stanwoodcamanofoodbank.org/newclient>. To shop Senior Serve on November 20th, sign up for an appointment online at <http://stanwoodcamanofoodbank.org/seniorserve>. Claim a spot in line from anywhere with our virtual number system! <http://stanwoodcamanofoodbank.org/virtualline>. WHAT SHOULD I BRING? Please bring your own shopping bags or box for your groceries. ID or verification documents are not required to shop.

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November 22, 23 and 29, 30
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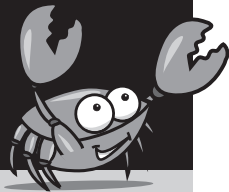
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DID YOU KNOW?

Fossil evidence shows that turkeys roamed the Americas 10 million years ago.

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."

PASTEL ART SHOW

Oct. 18 through Nov. 18th - "Pure Pigment Plus" Art show. 10 of my favorite Pastel artists, each with multiple paintings and 4 selected sculptors. Matzke Fine Art Gallery and Sculpture Park, 2345 Blanche Way, Camano Island. Open every Fri., Sat. And Sunday 11 to 5:00. matzke@camano.net - Bithia Bjuman, "Tasting Days" pastel 21 x 28.

ADULT FUTSAL

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

CAMANO FIRE'S HOLIDAY FOOD & GIFT CARD DRIVE STARTS NOV. 1

Camano Fire's annual holiday food and gift card drive benefiting the Stanwood-Camano Food Bank begins Saturday, Nov. 1, and runs through Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025. Here's how to donate this year: Bring your nonperishable food donations to any of our fire stations, or to our Administrative office. Deliver Amazon gift cards or cash/check donations to our Administrative office, 811 N. Sunrise Road. If we're closed, you can leave them in the locked drop-box outside the entrance. You can also mail gift cards if that's more convenient. Give donations to Santa and his elves during the annual Santa Run in December. Your donations of nonperishable food, pet food, and personal hygiene products help stock the shelves at the Stanwood-Camano Food Bank. Amazon gift card donations benefit the Holiday House (formerly Christmas House). Amazon gift cards help simplify the distribution process for teens at Holiday House - they're the most versatile for teens and easier to use regardless of where they live or what transportation is available to them.

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Saturday, November 22

9 am to 3 pm

Stanwood Fairgrounds

Santa arrives
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Santa's Workshop
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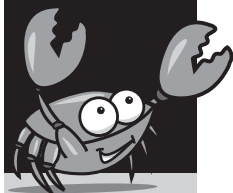
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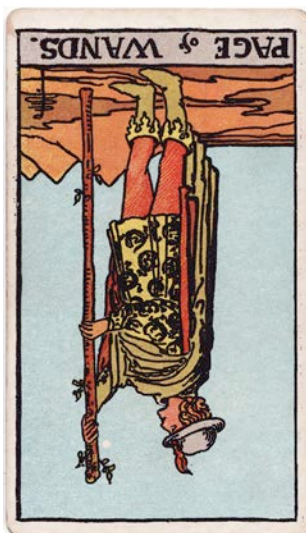
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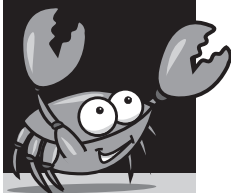
INTUITIVE TAROT WITH TIFFANY



November 14th – November 20th : Five of Pentacles. You're led to believe it's difficult to know fact from fiction at this time, but that manipulation is the true illusion. You don't need external data, but rather are invited to trust your eyes, trust your gut, trust your heart. If you pause and breathe into listening, you can feel the fear and anxiety of people around you. Alms, donations, volunteering, offering comfort and compassion, even an invite for a meal makes a deeper impact than you may realize at this time. One person really can make a difference. Many are fighting through storms you cannot see at this time. Be kind with your words, generous with your heart, gentle with your thoughts, and let this week guide you to release preconceived judgements. A graceful light of hope, a rainbow shines through the oppressive cloud cover, uplifting us with the encouragement that we will move through this time of strife and hunger, and we will see the character of others more clearly after overcoming these adversities.

November 21st – November 27th : Page of Wands Reversed. Reflect. Review. Reassess. Mercury Retrograde continues, having us retrace our steps over the last month. And as this week sweeps us toward Thanksgiving, we find ourselves remembering past holidays with loved ones, favorite family recipes, all the blessings for which we have felt thankful, but also the true historic beginnings of Thanksgiving, analyzing memories of early history lessons against the horrors of facts revealed through deeper study. This week is not about action but reexamination without avoidance or shame or judgement or even anger, just quiet reflection. Let the emotions and memories flow, but sit with what comes. Only when we face what has been can we reroute what would be. Let yourself see the scarring, not just the glazing.

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DIRECTIONS: Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Pour green beans into an ungreased 9x13-inch baking dish. In a large skillet, cook bacon over medium heat until crisp. Remove from skillet, drain on paper towels, and chop. Sprinkle cooked bacon on top of green beans. Whisk together brown sugar, melted butter, soy sauce and garlic powder. Pour over green beans. Bake uncovered for 40 minutes. Serves 8.

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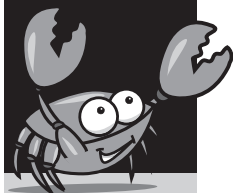
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Zumba classes - Mondays at 11am at Pathways to Wellness in Stanwood and Thursdays at 5:30pm at Camano Country Club. Sessions run from Monday, July 7th to Thursday, December 18th. For more information: www.zumba.com (Instructor: Jennifer Anderson).

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Full of Words: A Free 8-Week Women’s Writing Circle (meeting Fridays in downtown Stanwood, Oct 10 - Nov 28). Details here: <https://tinyurl.com/full-of-words>

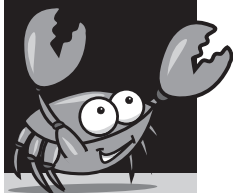
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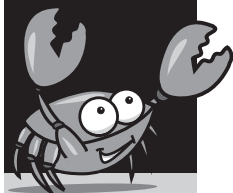


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The first Thanksgiving was held in the autumn of 1621 and included 50 Pilgrims and 90 Wampanoag Indians and lasted three days. Many historians believe that only five women were present at that first Thanksgiving, as many women settlers didn't survive that difficult first year in the U.S.

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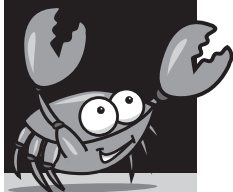
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Clubs and Meetings



Turducken, a turkey stuffed with a duck stuffed with a chicken, is becoming more popular in Thanksgiving (originated in Louisiana). A turducken is a de-boned turkey stuffed with a de-boned duck, which itself is stuffed with a small de-boned chicken. The cavity of the chicken and the rest of the gaps are filled with, at the very least, a seasoned bread-crumb mixture.

Friendship Tea - Join us for tea, treats, and a nice visit with friends, both old and new on the first Tuesday of each month at the Camano Center. No charge (donations welcome) to Camano Center members. Non-Members \$5 fee paid at the front desk. Call Connie at (360) 652-7211 for more information.

Social Gaming Club - This weekly club at the Stanwood YMCA will develop critical thinking, problem solving, and social skills through tech-free gaming. Board games, card games, RPGs and more will be on the table! No need to bring any supplies, come prepared to play! Questions? Email sleonardo@ymca-snoco.org

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.

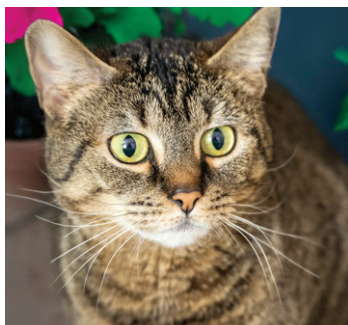
Kaleidoscope Play & Learn a FREE play group for 0-5 years and their grown ups. A variety of developmental activities that promote early learning. Inclusive of all young children, languages, and cultures. RSVP at www.crc-sc.org/events.

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!

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>.

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.



CASA'S PET OF THE WEEK:

SODO is a 4 year old cat looking for her forever home. She is a sensitive gal and will need a calm owner to go at her own pace. Sodo has lived indoor only her whole life. Once she gets to know you, she is a sweetheart who loves attention. She would do best in an adult only home or a home with older kids, as she is not a fan of younger kids. Sodo can be playful and enjoys playing with fishing pole toys and laser pointers. Stop by to see Sodo today!

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



NOAH'S PET OF THE WEEK:

Meet **SUNSHINE**. I actually don't want to meet you, or anyone else. I want to be safe, with food, bed and box and be left alone. I'd be the perfect silent roommate - and I won't leave dirty dishes in the sink! Perhaps with time and patience, I might - MIGHT lower myself to let you touch me, but we'll just have to see... Come meet - wait, no - just look at me at The NOAH Center today!

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



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

LOUIE is a tender hearted boy who will melt your heart within minutes of meeting him. He loves to meet new people and thinks that everyone is his friend. He is a great little sidekick in the car and the very best couch companion that you will find. This guy is open to anything. **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 MOST HATED FONT



As someone who pretends to be a writer (translation: I have a laptop and opinions), I take the craft seriously. I've studied the greats: Hemingway, Twain, and the guy who writes the fortunes inside fortune cookies. I've learned that before you write a single word of your Great American Novel (or 600-word scathing Yelp review of your dentist), you must first answer one critical question: What font should I use?

Now, I know what you're thinking: "Who cares? Just use Times New Roman and move on with your life." Well, that's where you're wrong, my friend. Times New Roman is a fine font if you're writing a term paper or a ransom note, but it lacks pizzazz. Fonts speak. They have moods. They have vibes. Arial says, "I'm professional but still down to party." Courier New says, "I miss typewriters and the 1940s." Wingdings says, "I'm off my meds again."

But there's one font – one font – that has been mocked, maligned, and metaphorically tarred and feathered more than any other: Comic Sans.

Ah, Comic Sans. The font equivalent of dad jokes and black knee-high socks with sandals. It has been called childish, chaotic, ugly, unprofessional, and the "Croc of typography." People hate Comic Sans with the kind of passion usually reserved for bee stings and people who clap when the plane lands.

It's been the target of internet rage for decades. Entire websites have been devoted to its humiliation. Twitter (now known as "X" because apparently we're all in an Elon Musk fever dream) had thousands of tweets from typographic vigilantes who wanted to burn Comic Sans to the ground and salt the earth behind it. There was even a group that created something called the Ban Comic Sans Manifesto, which sounds like a political rebellion but with more kerning (look it up).

The hate runs so deep, I wouldn't be surprised if someone lost a job because they handed in their resume in Comic Sans. (Though to be fair, if you're submitting your resume in Comic Sans, maybe unemployment is a growth opportunity.)

But here's the thing...What did Comic Sans ever do to you, buddy?

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.

It's a font. Just a font. It's not like it kicks puppies or uses speaker-phone in public. It doesn't tailgate you on the freeway or mow its lawn next door at 7 in the morning. It's just trying to live its best sans-serif life, and the world keeps throwing shade harder than a solar eclipse.

Let's look at the origin story. Comic Sans was created in 1994 by a Microsoft designer named Vincent Connare. (Yes, someone willingly admitted to creating Comic Sans. And no, he's not in witness protection.) It was originally designed for use in comic book-style speech bubbles in software designed for children.

So naturally, grown adults took this playful font for kids, used it to make funeral invitations and legal documents, and then blamed the font for looking "immature." That's like blaming a teddy bear for not fitting in at a corporate board meeting. Comic Sans wasn't designed to look like a Wall Street banker. It was meant to look like a cartoon balloon with dreams. A bubbly little font that just wants to make your PowerPoint presentation feel like a 2nd grade birthday party. Is that so wrong?

But no, the world said, "You're not Helvetica. You're not Calibri. You're not even Gill Sans. You're the Nickelback of fonts."

Personally, I think we're being a little harsh. It's not Comic Sans' fault that Karen from HR used it on the company-wide sexual harassment policy memo. Or that your kid's third-grade science fair trifold looked like a ransom note from Elmo. That's user error.

The truth is, Comic Sans is inclusive. It's the golden retriever of fonts – friendly, approachable, and maybe a little bit goofy, but it means well. It's not trying to impress you with its serifs. It's just trying to make your dentist's reminder postcard a little less terrifying.

And before you throw stones from your Adobe Creative Suite, let's remember that design trends are like bell bottoms – they all come back eventually. Today we mock Comic Sans. Tomorrow, you'll be wearing Crocs with socks while reading a self-help book in Papyrus font.

Let's take a moment to consider how Comic Sans must feel. Other fonts get to be on wedding invitations, luxury hotel signage, and the credits of Netflix documentaries. Comic Sans gets stuck on passive-aggressive PTA flyers and the occasional ironic meme. It's the Rodney Dangerfield of typefaces. No respect.

So, I say it's time to end the font-shaming. Let Comic Sans live! Let it frolic freely across the digital fields of Word docs and email signatures. Let it brighten the spreadsheets of our lives with its curly optimism.

And if that doesn't convince you, just remember this: somewhere out there, a young graphic designer just got berated by their boss for using Comic Sans on a promotional poster. And they're weeping into their pumpkin spice latte. Don't laugh at them, you monster.

TIDE TABLES / SARATOGA PASSAGE / NOVEMBER 14-27, 2025

Date	High /Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Moon Visible
F 14	Low	5:44 AM	2.8	
14	High	1:00 PM	11.5	
14	Low	7:47 PM	3.3	
Sa 15	High	1:39 AM	7.9	
15	Low	6:44 AM	3.9	
15	High	1:29 PM	11.4	
15	Low	8:20 PM	2.1	
Su 16	High	2:47 AM	8.7	
16	Low	7:40 AM	4.9	
16	High	1:55 PM	11.3	
16	Low	8:50 PM	1.0	
M 17	High	3:41 AM	9.6	
17	Low	8:31 AM	5.7	
17	High	2:20 PM	11.2	
17	Low	9:19 PM	0.1	
Tu 18	High	4:29 AM	10.4	
18	Low	9:18 AM	6.3	
18	High	2:46 PM	11.1	
18	Low	9:49 PM	-0.6	
W 19	High	5:11 AM	11.0	
19	Low	10:03 AM	6.9	
19	High	3:14 PM	10.9	
19	Low	10:21 PM	-1.1	
Th 20	High	5:50 AM	11.5	
20	Low	10:48 AM	7.3	
20	High	3:43 PM	10.6	
20	Low	10:55 PM	-1.3	

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F 21	High	6:28 AM	11.7	
21	Low	11:32 AM	7.6	
21	High	4:12 PM	10.3	
21	Low	11:30 PM	-1.4	
Sa 22	High	7:06 AM	11.8	
22	Low	12:16 PM	7.8	
22	High	4:41 PM	10.0	
Su 23	Low	12:06 AM	-1.2	
23	High	7:47 AM	11.8	
23	Low	1:02 PM	8.0	
23	High	5:10 PM	9.5	
M 24	Low	12:44 AM	-1.0	
24	High	8:30 AM	11.7	
24	Low	1:56 PM	8.1	
24	High	5:39 PM	9.1	
Tu 25	Low	1:24 AM	-0.5	
25	High	9:15 AM	11.7	
25	Low	3:00 PM	7.9	
25	High	6:13 PM	8.5	
W 26	Low	2:07 AM	0.1	
26	High	9:57 AM	11.6	
26	Low	4:06 PM	7.3	
26	High	7:11 PM	7.8	
Th 27	Low	2:56 AM	0.8	
27	High	10:35 AM	11.7	
27	Low	5:03 PM	6.3	
27	High	8:59 PM	7.2	



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