

THE CRAB CRACKER

ISSUE 400
March 21-April 3

APRIL FOOL'S DAY ISSUE



FREE
TAKE
ONE

Events, Information, and Entertainment in the Port Susan Area
Camano Island • Stanwood • Warm Beach • Silvana • Conway



MADE FROM SCRATCH WITH LOVE



- Weddings
- Birthday Parties
- Family Gatherings
- Holidays
- Celebrations of Life
- Corporate
- Retreats



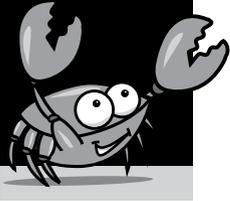
DELICIOUS FOODS!

- Italian
- American
- Mexican
- Appetizers
- BBQ
- Desserts



Islandgirlscatering.com | 360-929-3403

Table of Contents



Activity for Adults.....	29
Artist of the Week.....	30
Business Spotlight.....	31
CALENDAR OF EVENTS.....	4-25
Classes and Workshops, Etc.....	54-55
Classifieds Listings.....	56-57
Clubs & Meetings.....	58
Community Information & Announcements / News.....	35-49
Cooking Mamas.....	53
Dining Guide.....	26
Kids' Korner.....	28
Local History.....	32
Moonshine Wisdom & Wit.....	27
Pet Pages (animals available for adoption).....	59
Photos & Art.....	51
Tide Tables.....	62
View from the Bleachers.....	60-61

We're Foolin' Around...

"Welcome to our 14th annual infamous April Fool's Edition! Some of the content within these pages is fictional, and some is not. Some photos you see inside are real...and some are not. Some of the facts inside this book are not actually facts and the real facts are hidden among the fake. Don't always believe what you see or read, especially in THIS edition. If what you read seems too absurd, then it probably is. If something offends you, please don't call us...it's just some April Foolery...we do not intend to harm anyone." – James Shipley, The Crab Cracker.

*Cover photo: Happy April Fool's Day
from The Crab Cracker Community Magazine*

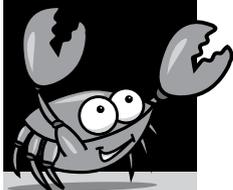


© The Crab Cracker • Created by Walking Cat Design, Camano Island
James and Malynda Shipley, owners, proprietors
thecrab@thecrabcracker.com or 425-299-7892 / 425-299-7893
P.O. Box 2535, Stanwood, WA 98292 • www.thecrabcracker.com

The Crab Cracker and its contents are the sole property of The Crab Cracker and Walking Cat Design unless otherwise noted. Opinions expressed here are not necessarily shared by the publisher. We reserve the right to refuse any material we feel unsuitable. Publisher receives advertising in the condition the advertiser agrees that at no time shall publisher's liability exceed the cost of the space, and publisher is not liable for incidental damages. Publisher accepts no responsibility for content submitted by other parties or taken from other sources, or spelling or grammatical errors. We cannot guarantee specific location of content, including ads (except cover ads).

Submission DEADLINE: MARCH 27 for Next Edition (April 4-17)

Calendar of Events



look for us
online at

[www.TheCrab
Cracker.com](http://www.TheCrabCracker.com)

or on
Facebook.

Download



FRIDAY, MARCH 21

STEWART WOODS – FRIDAYS IN THE SPEAKEASY

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Boys JV Baseball vs Snohomish. 4pm.

Boys Soccer vs Lynwood. JV: 5pm. Varsity: 7pm.

Varsity Girls Softball vs Mount Vernon. 6:30pm.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

AI SIMPLIFIED: PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR NON-PROFITS WITH BRANDON ERICSON

Whether you're looking to amplify your fundraising efforts, streamline operations, or communicate more effectively, this talk will show you how AI can make it happen. You don't need to be a tech expert to benefit—just bring your curiosity, your computer, and a willingness to explore how these practical tools can transform the way your nonprofit works. Don't miss this opportunity to level up your organization's capabilities with the help of AI! 9-11am at 26911 98th Dr NW, Stanwood.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

TEEN LATE NIGHT

Join us 7-10pm at the Stanwood YMCA for an evening of food, fun and games galore! Grades 6-12. Cost: \$10.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

THE PROBLEM

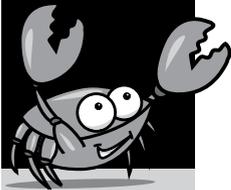
7pm at Pub 282, 370 NE Camano Dr #6, Camano. No problem here—just pure, electrifying live music! The Problem is taking over Pub 282 for a night of high-energy jams, killer riffs, and an unforgettable vibe! Grab a drink, hit the dance floor, and let's turn the volume up!

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

DROP-IN CONSTRUCTION ZONE

3:30 PM 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; no registration required.

Calendar of Events



MARCH 21 WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

Down Syndrome is a disorder that occurs when there is a duplication of the 21st chromosome. So on March 21—a date chosen to represent the chromosomal deflection—celebrate World Down Syndrome Day. Raise awareness, promote inclusivity, encourage advocacy, and support the well-being of those living with Down Syndrome.

www.TheCrabCracker.com

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

ELGER BAY COMMUNITY NIGHT

Featuring The Reptile Man. Bring the family and plan to join us for the Reptile Man at 6:00pm at Elger Bay Elementary School.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

ANNUAL TASTE OF SPRING



4-6pm at Camano Commons Marketplace, 848 N Sunrise Blvd. Free tasting event. Indulge in the wide range of flavorful pastries we will have available for sampling. Live Music and live Painting! We love offering this to our community, this fun event is a “thank you” for, continually supporting The Camano Commons Marketplace. Food Bank donations appreciated.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

PFLAG EVENT - MOVIE SCREENING - “THE HALF OF IT”



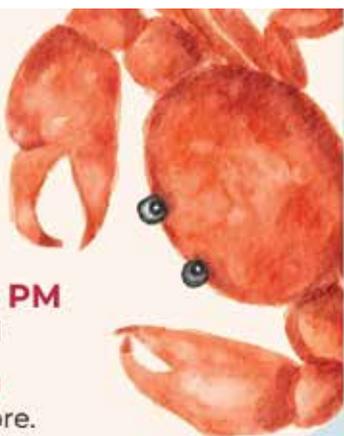
6-8pm at CRC. Event by PFLAG Stanwood-Camano. Get over hump-day with movie night! Gal Pals Watch, a LGBTQ+ film podcast by Alicia Lavery-Mullins Sarah Neilson, will be joining us for a screening “The Half of It”, rated PG-13. Movie snacks will be provided. “When smart but cash-strapped teen Ellie Chu agrees to write a love letter for a jock, she doesn’t expect to become his friend - or fall for his crush.” - IMDB. All are welcome.

Living on an Island

Learn about & get involved in your community. Free event with family activities!

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 10 AM - 1 PM
Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Rd

Contact kathryn@snohomishcd.org
or visit bit.ly/camano-101 to learn more.



WBU EXTENSION
Island County

Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination.
Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local Extension office.

Become a Dementia Friend

Free 60-Minute Information Session - All are welcome



Session Information:

The Dementia Friend Information Session will be at

Camano Island Library

848 N Sunrise Blvd

Wednesday, April 16

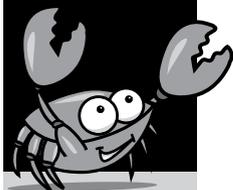
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Receive information about:

-  Dementia and the most common type
-  5 key messages to know
-  Communication tips and strategies
-  Ways to take action
-  Resources and support



Calendar of Events



MARCH 21 NATIONAL SINGLE PARENT DAY

Single parents get to take a break from constantly holding down the fort!



World
Poetry Day
March 21

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

CASEY FREEDOM, 13 PINES & OWEN EVANS

8 pm – Conway Muse. Genre: Country, Indie Folk & Singer-Songwriter. Tickets \$13 Advanced \$15 at Venue

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

THE SHENANIGANS BAND

7:00 PM – 11:00 PM at Pub 282, 370 NE Camano Dr #6, Camano. Hold onto your drinks, because The Shenanigans Band is bringing the party to Pub 282! With high-energy tunes, killer harmonies, and a setlist that'll keep you dancing all night, this is one show you don't wanna miss!

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

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, MARCH 22

KYLE'S COSMIC COUNTRY BAND, WILLIE REAVIS, AND BUDDY MAC

8pm – Arcadian Public House in Conway. Tickets \$12 Advanced \$15 At Venue. Genre: Traditional Country, Honky Tonk, Cosmic Country.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

SPRING POP UP MARKET

10am-4pm at Kristoferson Farm, Camano Island. The stand will be open along with other local vendors showcasing their products. From pottery and jewelry to home goods and handmade products, there's something for everyone!

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

MUSTARD SEED RUN

Meet at Mustard Seed at 8am, 8616 271st St NW, Stanwood, to run to Hamilton Landing Park and back - 3 miles out and back with an option to add a dog leg on Floe Rd. All paces – runners and walkers. Run or walk at your own pace. SC Runners will wait until the last runner has completed with no pressure or time limit. Runners are famously supportive of everyone.





BACON WRAPPED DATES
STEAMER CLAMS
SMOKED SALMON CHOWDER
CHICKEN COBB SALAD
THAI NOODLE SALAD
GRILLED ALASKAN SALMON
MARINATED FLANK STEAK
BEER BATTERED LINGCOD
JAMBALAYA

ANGUS SMOKED GOUDA BURGER
PASTA PRIMAVERA W/SHRIMP
PARMESAN CRUSTED LINGCOD
LINGUINI CHICKEN ALFREDO
PRAWNS AND CHIPS
GRILLED SHRIMP SKEWERS



BLUEHERONCAMANO.COM
170 E CROSS ISLAND ROAD
360-502-8700



KELLER HOSPITALITY

ROCKAWAY
BAR • grill • kitchen island

STILL WATER
LOUNGE

VIVO
ITALIAN BISTRO

BLUE HERON
RESTAURANT & BAR

MAMMOTH
BURGER CO

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

The Earth's rotation is slowing down. On average, every century the length of a day increases by 1.8 seconds.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

"PATTERN AND TEXTURE" ART SHOW RECEPTION



at Camano Gateway Gallery, 578 E North Camano Drive, Camano. Come join us at the Artist's Reception for a new group exhibition called Pattern and Texture. Enjoy a glass of wine and a nibble and talk the afternoon away with folks from the CAA community.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

JAZZ AT THE COMMONS FUNDRAISER CELEBRATION

Support the Stanwood Camano District Music Programs. 11 am-2pm at Camano Commons Marketplace. Free music. Donations welcomed. SMS Jazz Band, PSMS Jazz Band, SHS Jazz Band, Sax solos, guitar solos, and more!

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

BRANDON TIGNER & JIM OOSTERHOF

6:30-8pm at the Arcadian Public House Lobby Bar. (No Cover).

MONDAY, MARCH 24

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

JV Girls Tennis vs Everett. 3:30pm.

Varsity Boys Baseball vs Marysville Pilchuck. 4pm.

The IRS is accepting tax returns January 29th.

Be Early! Primary filing deadlines in 2025.

- S Corps, March 17.
- Partnerships, March 17.
- Individuals, April 15.

Preparation & filing of Federal tax returns for individuals, sole proprietors, S-Corps, and partnerships.

Edmunds Accounting & Tax, LLC
Steve 425-478-1317
Email: sjedmunds@me.com



Hey! It's April Fool's Day

Believe nothing and trust no one...
except me.



Malynda Shipley

Broker / Realtor

425-299-7892

mshipley@atthebeachrealestate.net
onereal.com/malynda-shipley



REAL Broker LLC



ROOF & GUTTER CARE

Camano Island

Window Cleaning LLC

Voted
Neighborhood
Favorite
3 Years in
a Row

360-387-4541



Family Owned & Operated

Serving Camano Island & Stanwood Greater Area for Over 20 Years

Residential • Commercial • New Construction

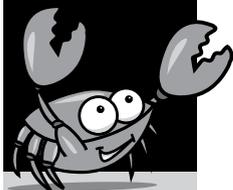
Pressure Washing • Soft Wash • Moss Treatments • Solar Panels

Senior Discounts • Free Estimates

Licensed • Bonded • Insured



Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

The Earth's rotation is slowing down. On average, every century the length of a day increases by 1.8 seconds.

MONDAY, MARCH 24

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, MARCH 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. Our Trivia winners are invited to a monthly Winner Dinner – on us.

MONDAY, MARCH 24

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!

MONDAY, MARCH 24

COFFEE TO THE RESCUE

Come join ICOM-911 Executive Director, Sofia Kohfield, for coffee and a conversation about ICOM-911, emergency services, 9-11 updates. ICOM-911 needs your help. Come find out why! 10am at the Camano Island Library.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

STAY & PLAY

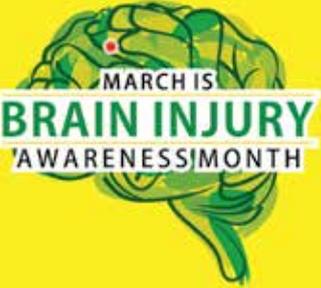
10-11am at the Camano Island Library. An opportunity for children and their caregivers to come play with fun and educational toys provided by the library. Engage in in-person play, socialize with others, and reconnect with the library. The first 15 minutes will be a mini-storytime with a read-aloud, and the last 45 minutes will be free play. Drop in any time during this event.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

TEEN CHILL & RECHARGE

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM at the Stanwood Library. Stop by to unwind, recharge, and enjoy some snacks! This week, we're diving into Diamond Art, painting 3D printed models, and playing games like Jenga and cornhole. We've got everything you need - just bring yourself and your good vibes. Bring a friend, meet new people, or just hang out on your own. No registration required - just drop in anytime.

MARCH 25
**INTERNATIONAL
DAY**
OF REMEMBRANCE OF
THE VICTIMS OF
SLAVERY AND THE
TRANSATLANTIC SLAVE
TRADE



MARCH IS
**BRAIN INJURY
AWARENESS MONTH**



SAVE CAMA BEACH CABINS

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.

SaveCamaBeachCabins.org / info@savecamabeachcabins.org

2025 | CAA PRESENTS the 26th ANNUAL CAMANO ISLAND STUDIO TOUR

Art lives on Camano Island and in Stanwood



Mother's Day Weekend

MAY 9-10-11
10am - 5pm

Encore Weekend

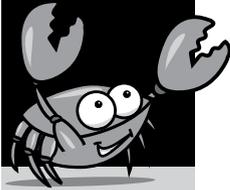
MAY 17-18
10am - 5pm

Art by Doug Landreth
*Photographic fine art -
"In the Late Afternoon"*



camanostudiotour.com

Calendar of Events



MARCH 26 LIVE LONG AND PROSPER DAY

Celebrated annually on March 26, which is the birthdate of its inspiration, Leonard Nimoy.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Boys Soccer vs Bothell. JV: 4pm. Varsity: 7pm.

TUESDAY, MARCH 25

AFTER-SCHOOL ART EVENT!

Join the Community Resource Center at Stanwood Middle School. Join us as we paint the SMS Zine library! Wondering what a zine is? Come hang out and learn how to make them yourself at our after-school event!! Free entry. Food, games, ART!

TUESDAY, MARCH 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.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

MINDFUL REFLECTION THROUGH ART

4-6pm at the Camano Island Library. 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. Event is FREE. Register at www.scaacwa.org/classes

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

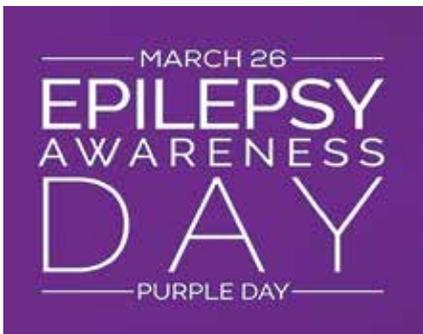
WEDNESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA!

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

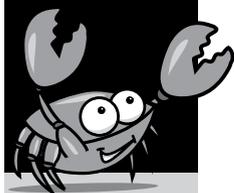
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

JV Boys Baseball vs Snohomish. 4pm.



Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

SHOP N SIP PARTY ON MAINSTREET

4-7pm at Still Water Lounge, 8715 271st ST NW, Stanwood. We're excited to announce our upcoming Shop and Sip event in collaboration with our fabulous neighbors at Curated Vintage Mall! Join us at Still Water Lounge for a fun evening of unique vintage finds, and exclusive mark downs on selected items! Plus, enjoy a special treat with free wine tasting throughout the event! Let's celebrate local businesses and enjoy a day of shopping, complimentary wine sipping, and community spirit together!

THURSDAY, MARCH 27

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Varsity Girls Golf vs Snohomish. 3pm at Camaloch.
JV Girls Tennis vs Marysville Getchell. 3:30pm.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

BILLY STAPLETON WITH ANNIE EASTWOOD

8pm at Pub 282, 370 NE Camano Dr #6, Camano. Get ready for a night of soulful blues, sizzling guitar, and powerhouse vocals!

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

CHAD HENRY & THE SETBACKS + HEELS TO THE HARDWOOD + BRITTANY COLLINS

8 pm – Arcadian Public House, Conway. Tickets \$12 Advanced \$15 At Venue. Genre: Americana & Alt. Country.

Starwood-Camano
Arts Guild

Art at the Schoolhouse

Plan on visiting the annual
Art at the Schoolhouse Show.
This fun Art show is held in the 1888 one-room schoolhouse at Christianson's Nursery in Mt. Vernon.
March 28 to April 27, 2025
at Christianson's Nursery
15806 Best Road, Mt. Vernon, Washington
www.christiansonsnursery.com
Art, Tulips and Fun... What could be better.

NATIONAL
Scribble
DAY
March 27

Weed Appreciation Day
March 28

Calendar of Events



FRIDAY, MARCH 28 SHS BAND JAZZ NIGHT



Sponsored by the SHS Band Boosters. Come and support the SHS Jazz Band with a night of swing dancing and tunes from the SHS Jazz Band, Jazz Choir and PSMS Jazz Band. Dance lessons 6:30-7, Dance and dessert 7-8:30. Location: SHS Commons. Tickets: \$15/person or 2/\$25. Admission includes dessert.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28 STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Varsity Boys Baseball vs Snohomish. 6:30pm.



Tracy Stevens



#1 Agent of 2024!



Tracy Stevens, Broker

Tracy Stevens is a top local Real Estate Broker in Stanwood and on Camano Island. Her client service and her expertise are of the Highest Caliber. If you are thinking about making a move, please reach out to Tracy today!

- 23 years of service excellence in local Real Estate
- Certified Listing Expert (CLE)
- Certified Luxury Home Marketing Specialist (CLHMS)
- Certified Seniors Real Estate Specialist (SRES)
- Extensive experience and expertise representing Estates and Trusts

TracyStevens.remax.com | TracyStevensHomes.com

cell: 425.330.7052 · email: Tracy@TracyStevensHomes.com

RE/MAX Elevate on Camano Island (at IGA Plaza).





Ask For A FREE Home Valuation

RECENTLY SOLD



LISTED: \$725,000

SOLD: \$735,000

8205 179th Place NE, Arlington, WA
4 Bedrooms - 2.5 Bathrooms
Days on Market: 10 - MLS # 2321903



LISTED: \$765,000

SOLD: \$770,000

188 Suquamish Wy, La Conner, WA
3 Bedrooms - 2.25 Bathrooms
Days on Market: 6 - MLS # 2313799



LISTED: \$525,000

SOLD: \$535,000

14787 Valley View Dr, Mount Vernon, WA
3 Bedrooms - 2.5 Bathrooms
Days on Market: 3 - MLS # 2312173



LISTED: \$1,100,000

SOLD: \$1,025,000

29614 80th Ave NW, Stanwood, WA
3 Bedrooms - 3.25 Bathrooms
Days on Market: 48 - MLS # 2311546



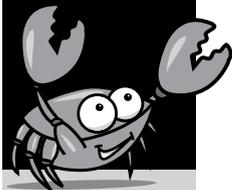
RE/MAX Elevate

370 NE Camano Dr, #6
Camano Island, WA 98282



Visit us online at elevatenw.com for more information.

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

The Earth's rotation is slowing down. On average, every century the length of a day increases by 1.8 seconds.

FRIDAY, MARCH 28

STEWART WOODS – FRIDAYS IN THE SPEAKEASY

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

SOUTH CAMANO GRANGE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

8 am - 11 am at South Camano Grange, 2227 S Camano Drive. Menu: Pancakes, sausage links, fruit with juice and coffee, tea or cocoa. This month will be by donation. Hope to see you there. Come support the Grange and see the fun happening. New members always welcome!

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

FREE BUS TOUR OF CAMANO ISLAND

Whether you have lived on Camano Island for 10 days or 10 years you can still learn some interesting facts about Camano Island. Friends of Camano Island Parks and the Camano Center are presenting a free bus tour. There are two 3-hour tours: 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM. Trips start and finish at the Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Rd. The bus has a 10-passenger capacity so sign up now. Contact the Camano Center, 360-387-0222, to sign up for the tour.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

FALSE SENSE OF SECURITY

7:00 PM – 11:00 PM at Pub 282, 370 NE Camano Dr #6, Camano. Don't let the name fool you—this band is bringing high-energy rock, raw sound, and unstoppable vibes. Get ready for electrifying riffs, powerful vocals, and a night of music that'll keep you on your feet!

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

BRANDON TIGNER & JIM OOSTERHOF

6:30-8pm at the Arcadian Public House Lobby Bar. (No Cover).

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

SELF DEFENSE WITH ANGIE

10am-noon at the Camano Island Library. Event by PFLAG Stanwood-Camano. In this class you will learn to empower yourself with knowledge and skills. Angie will teach how to escape from attack holds, as well as some techniques for fighting back. Don't miss this FREE opportunity. This class is open to everyone.



Christ Centered. Care Focused.



Assisted Living

Designed for seniors who are active and engaged yet may need help and support with the fundamentals of daily living, our caring and dedicated staff members provide round-the-clock assistance while encouraging residents to maintain a high level of independence.

Enhanced Care Assisted Living

A brand new approach to care. Residents living in our Enhanced Care neighborhood have the security of receiving an increased level of health care traditionally not available within an assisted living environment.



Memory Care

Our professional and dedicated staff understand that memory care is more than a service - it's a residential journey of dignity, respect, and personal growth. Our memory care neighborhood is designed with this philosophy at heart, ensuring that every resident feels valued and secure in a loving Christ-centered environment.

WARM BEACH

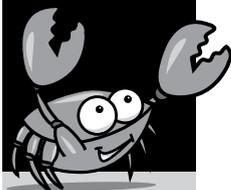
S E N I O R C O M M U N I T Y

Call Laura Perkins:
(360) 652-4591
www.warmbeach.org

20420 Marine Drive
Stanwood, WA 98292

**Ask About Our
Move In
Specials**

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

The Earth's rotation is slowing down. On average, every century the length of a day increases by 1.8 seconds.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

BENNY SIDELINGER, NATURAL ISRAEL & THE BELLFOUNDERS

8 pm – Conway Muse. Tickets \$12 Advanced \$15 at Venue. Genre: Folk, Acoustic, Americana.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

STANWOOD FROSH-SOPH INVITATIONAL

Track and Field. Boys Freshman/Sophomore & Girls Freshman/Sophomore. 10:30am.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

FIESTA / ANNIVERSARY PARTY

at Dos Reales Restaurant, Stanwood. Come join us, it'll be a lot of fun! More info: (360) 629-0822. www.dosreales.com.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

LOVE IS IN THE AIR!



Marcia Kester "One Woman Band" is bringing the HITS with a lineup of songs spanning the 1950's-1990's to celebrate the greatest Love Songs of our time from great artists like Etta James, Elvis Presley, Patsy Cline and more! Early Bird Tickets are available for \$15.00 through our website at camoschoolhouse.org or \$20.00 (cash/check) at the door. 7pm at Camano City Schoolhouse, 993 Orchid Rd., Camano.

Darrow's *Family Owned & Operated*

CarpetsPlus®
COLORTILE
America's Floor Store 

360-629-9604
www.darrowscarpets.com



Free Estimates, Quality Work
Residential & Commercial
Carpet • Blinds
Hardwoods
Laminates
Tile • Vinyl
Financing Available OAC

EMAIL:
darrowscarpets@frontier.com

27028 - 99th Ave. NW • Stanwood • Next to Ledum's Floral

Calendar of Events



SPRING TRIVIA

What is the
April birth-
stone?

Emerald,
Diamond, or
Topaz?

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

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, MARCH 29

NHS RAPID RABBIT FUN RUN



Come join the fun at our second annual event! 8:30am - SHS Main Entrance. Choose from the 5k distance, or the 1k Hop. A \$20 Entry Fee per person, in support of SHS National Honor Society, can be paid with cash or check (made out to Stanwood High School) at the ASB Window - before or after school, or during lunch. All participants must turn in a signed Fun Run Consent Form. These can be picked from any NHS student officer, Mrs. Angela Jones (ajones@stanwood.wednet.edu) or the ASB Window. Registration includes a t-shirt!

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

CIYC BOAT/KAYAK SPRING SAFETY COURSE

Event by Camano Island Yacht Club. 9am-1pm at 129 N Sunset Drive, Camano. The Camano Island Yacht Club's Cruising Group and Kayaking Group are pleased to announce our Spring Safety Course. All interested community members are invited to join us. This class is offered free of charge to the public. Refreshments, coffee, and snacks will be available. More info: (509) 388-1773.



Pristine Panes NW
Professional Window Washing

- Residential / Commercial
- Efficiency, Precision, and Care
- Experienced Professionals
- Transparent Pricing & Free Estimates
- Customer Satisfaction Guaranteed

425-308-3298

pristinepanesnw@gmail.com
www.pristinepanesnw.com

\$5 per pane, \$2 per screen



Calendar of Events



MARCH 30 NATIONAL FOLDING LAUNDRY DAY

That growing pile of clothes you haven't folded yet - it's time to fold them up neatly.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

THE EVERETT NORWEGIAN MALE CHORUS



As part of Freeborn Lutheran Church's 125th anniversary celebration, the Everett Norwegian Male Chorus will be performing at 2:00 PM. All are welcome! Free admission/ freewill offering. Freeborn Lutheran is located at 2416 300th St. NW, Stanwood. The Chorus sing a wide mixture of Norwegian, English, other Scandinavian, religious, secular, and patriotic songs.

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

PANCAKES WITH A PURPOSE

8:30–10am at Camano Chapel, 867 SW Camano Drive. Join us for Pancakes and fellowship in the Upper Room before our family service at 10:00! Proceeds support Pre-k, Preschool and Kindergarten at Camano Chapel.

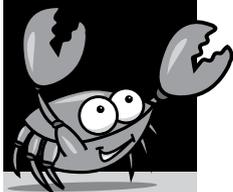
MONDAY, MARCH 31

TRANSGENDER DAY OF VISIBILITY - SIGNS OF LOVE

5-7pm at HWY 532 Port Susan Trail. Event by PFLAG Stanwood-Camano. March 31 is International Transgender Day of Visibility! Trans is an umbrella term for all those who are not binary. These people have always been a part of the human existence and cannot be erased by politics or ideology. Join us in a Signs of Love event for our trans community and let them know they are seen and accepted. We have beautiful signs and a banner from our friends at Artist Amigos.



Calendar of Events



APRIL FOOL PRANK

Pour cereal and milk into a bowl, freeze it overnight, then serve it to an unsuspecting victim. Watch them struggle with their spoon!

MONDAY, MARCH 31

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

JV Girls Tennis vs Monroe. 3:30pm.

MONDAY, MARCH 31

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, MARCH 31

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. Our Trivia winners are invited to a monthly Winner Dinner – on us.

MONDAY, MARCH 31

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, APRIL 1

APRIL FOOLS DAY

Don't believe everything you see or read!!!

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

JV Girls Stock Car Racing. 5pm at Conway Speedway.
Varsity Boys Cow Tipping. 2pm at Bryant Road Ranch.
Varsity Boys Golf vs Everett. 3pm at Camaloch.

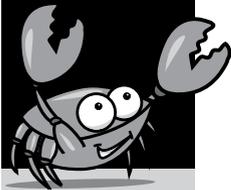
TUESDAY, APRIL 1

STAY & PLAY

10am at the Camano Island Library. An opportunity for children and their caregivers to play with fun and educational toys provided by the library. Caregivers and children will engage in in-person play, socialize with others, and reconnect with the library. The first 15 minutes will be a mini-storytime with a read-aloud, and the last 45 minutes will be free play. Drop in any time during this event.



Calendar of Events



LOCAL WILDLIFE ALERT

Don't put shell to ear to listen to the sound of the ocean. Aggressive hermit crabs are damaging eardrums.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

KARAOKE

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

THRIFTWOOD IS BACK!



This much-anticipated event will take place from 2:10 PM to 3:30 PM in the Stanwood High School commons exclusively for students, with an additional opportunity for families and community members to join us from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM.

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

TEEN CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

3-5pm at the Stanwood Library. Join us and conduct a few fun writing prompts to get your creative juices flowing! This is an informal, judgment free zone where teen and tween writers can get together to connect and write. We'll have notebooks and art supplies available if you'd like to create your own idea book - a perfect place to capture your creative concepts and brainstorming! Come prepared with up to two pages of your own writing if you would like to receive feedback from other participants. However, this is an optional activity and is not required in order to attend. No registration required.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

LEGO® AFTERNOON

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



PUGET SOUND TREE CARE LLC

360-387-0243

Jim Fay, Owner, Arborist

Tree Removal & Trimming
Stump Grinding
View Clearing
Hazard Trees
Arborist Services

FREE ESTIMATES • LIC. • BOND. • INS.

COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING

So you can be there
when the growing
season starts.



Over 45? Scope it out. Don't wait,
schedule your screening today.



For Direct Access screening:

360-814-5739

MOUNT VERNON | ARLINGTON

Skagit  Regional Health

SkagitRegionalHealth.org/CancerScreenings



"where passion and paws collide"




BlazingDogs

BlazingDogs.com

"We come to you."

360-610-9688

- Behavior Consultation
- Private 1-on-1 Training
- AKC Canine Good Citizen
- AKC Scent Work
- Tracking Classes
- Puppy Training
- Newly Adopted Dog / Puppy Classes
- Virtual Dog Training
- Service Dog Training
- Reactive / Aggressive
- Board and Train

Four Springs House
for your next event



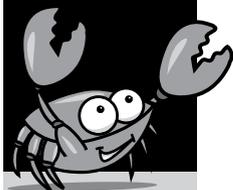
Weddings • Retreats • Business Events
Family Celebrations



Four Springs Lake
Preserve

360-387-1418 • fourspringshouse.com
fourspringshouse@co.island.wa.us

Calendar of Events



DID YOU KNOW?

April is National Multiple Birth Awareness Month. Did you also know that James Shipley, the creator of The Crab Cracker, is a triplet?

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TRIVIA!

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

JV Girls Tennis vs Snohomish. 3:30pm.

JV Boys Baseball vs Roosevelt. 4pm.

Varsity Girls Softball vs Marysville Getchell. 6:30pm.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Varsity Girls Tennis vs Marysville Getchell. 3:30pm.

Boys Soccer vs Jackson. JV: 5pm. Varsity: 7pm.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

LIT LAB

Today's theme is "Change." Camano Lutheran Church, off SR532 at 850 Heichel Road at 6 pm in Pioneer Hall. Plan to share something about 5 minutes long, 800 to 1000 words. We will have a sign up sheet if you have a longer piece. See you then!

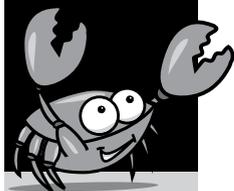
THURSDAY, APRIL 3

TEEN/TWEEN SPRING BREAK EXTRAVAGANZA

12:15-2:30pm at the Stanwood Library. Take advantage of the half day off from school by joining us for an afternoon of crafts, food, and activities! To celebrate the beginning of spring break, we'll have pizza, crafts, games, and plenty of space to socialize. Try your hand at making your very own Shrinky Dinks keychain, play corn hole, adventure with the Oculus Quest, or level up a ball cap with our bedazzler, fabric paint, and other supplies. This informal program is designed for teens and tweens ages 9 to 18. Drop in any time. All materials will be provided. This event is presented in collaboration with the Camano Library.



Dining Guide



SPRING TRIVIA

Spring brings rain showers to some areas. Which location below receives the most annual average rainfall?

- a) Mount Waialeale, Hawaii
- b) Borneo
- c) Amazon Rainforest
- d) Congo Basin

The correct answer is a) Mount Waialeale, HI

AMIGO MEXICAN RESTAURANT & LOUNGE (Stanwood) • (360) 629-5052
BAKED CAFE (Camano Island) • (425) 530-3314 or (425) 232-5885
BEAUTY BAR SALON + LOUNGE (Stanwood) • (360) 629-2324
BEST BURGER HUT (Stanwood) • (360) 853-0067
BLUE HERON KITCHEN & BAR (Camano Island) • (360) 502-8700
CAMA BEACH CAFE (Camano Island) • (360) 387-3266
CAMANO ISLAND INN (Camano Island) • (360) 387-0783
CAMANO THAI (Camano Island) • (360) 926-8688
CENTER CAFE (Stanwood) • (360) 629-7403
COASTAL VIE (Stanwood) • (360) 355-9541
CONWAY MUSE (Conway) • (360) 445-3000
CONWAY BOXCAR (Stanwood) • (360) 629-0651
CONWAY PUB & EATERY (Conway) • (360) 445-4733
COOKIE MILL (Stanwood) • (360) 629-2362
DOS REALES (Stanwood) • (360) 629-0822
DRAGON PALACE (Stanwood) • (360) 629-8106
DUCK IN CAFE (Stanwood) • (360) 629-3440
FARMERS CAFE – (Stanwood) • (360) 629-4953
GYRO STOP (Stanwood) • (360) 572-4175
IXTAPA MEXICAN RESTAURANT (Stanwood) • (360) 629-5228
JACK IN THE BOX (Stanwood) • (360) 629-2384
JIMMY'S PIZZA (Stanwood) • (360) 629-6565
JOHNNY'S BURGER STOP (Stanwood) (360) 629-9427
JOURNEY'S END CAFE • (Camano Island) • (360) 387-9120
LITTLE CAESARS PIZZA (Stanwood) • (360) 629-6999
MAMMOTH BURGER COMPANY (Stanwood) • (360) 572-4500
MCDONALD'S (Stanwood) • (360) 629-9787
MIYAKO'S TERIYAKI & WOK (Stanwood) • (360) 629-4535
MUSTARD SEED BAKERY & CATERING (Stanwood) • (360) 572-2499
NAHA TERIYAKI (Stanwood) • (360) 629-0681
PADDLE PUB (Stanwood) • (360) 652-4156
PAPA MURPHY'S TAKE 'N' BAKE PIZZA (Stanwood) • (360) 629-3826
PAT'S THAI (Stanwood) • (360) 572-2381
PATINI'S GRILL (Stanwood) • (360) 629-0822 or 360-572-2981
PHOENIX PAVILION (Stanwood) • (360) 629-4662
PRIMAL BARBECUE (Camano Island) • (360) 572-2122
PUB 282 (Camano Island) • (360) 926-8960
PURE SMOKE BARBEQUE (Stanwood) • www.puresmokenw.com
RALIBERTO'S TACO SHOP (Stanwood) • (360) 629-2000
ROCKAWAY BAR & GRILL (Camano Island, at Camaloch) • 360-926-8920
SAAL BREWING CO. (Stanwood) • (360) 629-0102
SAHARA PIZZA (Stanwood) • (360) 629-6886
SASQUATCH SUBS (Stanwood) • (360) 610-2765
SEN - JAPANESE RESTAURANT (Stanwood) • (425) 765-4577
SPARTAN DRIVE IN (Stanwood) • (360) 629-8988
STANWOOD CAFE (Stanwood) • (360) 629-8427
STANWOOD CUPCAKES (Stanwood) • (360) 926-8241
STANWOOD GRILL (Stanwood) • (360) 629-5253
STANWOOD HOTEL & SALOON (Stanwood) • (360) 629-2888
STANWOOD THAI (Stanwood) • (360) 572-2200
STARBUCKS (Stanwood) • (360) 629-2701 • 629-5027 • 629-2500
STILL WATER LOUNGE (Stanwood)
SUB JOINT (Camano Island) • (360) 230-9611
SUBWAY (Camano Island) • (360) 631-5055
SUBWAY (Stanwood) • (360) 629-2678
TACO TIME (Stanwood) • (360) 629-5018
TAPPED CAMANO (Camano Island) • (360) 572-4986
THAI THAI KITCHEN (Stanwood) • (360) 629-0600
TWIN CITY LANES CAFE (Stanwood) • (360) 629-3001
WAYNE'S CORNER CAFÉ (Stanwood) • (360) 939-2300
WILLOW & JIM'S COUNTRY CAFE (Silvana) • (360) 652-0372



Story by Jack Archibald.

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

THE BIG DIG

Some of you commuters that use State Route 230 through the gridlock that Stanwoodopolis has become in recent years will be comforted to know that the city, the county and the state all feel your pain. For some years planners and engineers have debated the best course of action regarding a proposed bypass to ease that congestion. City fathers, rightfully so, are concerned that downtown businesses would suffer if we islanders were detoured away from the floodplain stores and over to farmlands to the north. And so not only has there been gridlocked traffic but planning has been at an impasse as well. What to do, what to do?

All manner of remedies have been proposed over the years, everything from that alternate route to the north through the snow-goosed farmfields and back to the bridge onto the island, to an elevated highway over the present one with one way traffic going east beneath and one way going west above. The bridge advocates argue that the elevated highway would provide magnificent viewing to the river, the mountains and the Sound. At least going west. Admittedly the lower shadowed highway would at least afford drivers the view they enjoy now of sewage lagoons and the old Twin City barrier wall.

Lately an alternative route has been proposed, heretofore not reported in the Stanwoodopolis Gazette but seems to be a possible solution to the logjam of competing proposals. A tunnel. An underground bypass beneath the city, starting east of Haggens and re-entering beyond the bridge to the west. The cost, of course, would be extravagant and in this era of government downsizing by the Musketeers of DOGE, possibly beyond reach for the city and county, even coupled with state and federal funding. But serendipitously in a beach walk today around the Head I ran into a civil engineer and his wife who works designing roads, bridges and other projects. In the course of general howdy do's, nice weather and local gossip, we happened to fall into talk about how congested island traffic has become going off island and especially through town.

My newly met friend mentioned how he'd been involved in a new plan for that very problem. On the QT, he also mentioned, but since he had barely met me, how could he know that QT is not in my vocabulary, not when I'm the cub reporter for the Crab Cracker. Well, one rumor led to another, but... I have it on reliable inside word that the Tunnel has the inside track for our traffic solution. Or maybe the underground track. He acknowledged that the expense would be considerable. And yet, this was a fix for decades to come, the cost amortized over a lifetime.

I don't know about you fellow commuters, but a subterranean tunnel to bypass Stanwoodopolis definitely works for me. With the 500 units on schedule to clog the intersection of the high school, Haggens and all that uptown commercial traffic, plus the soon-to-be-built Uff-Da Tower Housing Complex on the site of the Viking Village demolition coming soon, you bet I'm planning to write my legislators. Maybe a few of you others could do the same. The future is in our hands. Bypass Stanwoodopolis! What other choice do we have?

Kid's Korner



DID YOU KNOW?

The exact origin of April Fool's Day is unknown, but it is believed to have started in France in the 16th century.

FAUX FISH STICKS



For the fish sticks, place a couple of handfuls of cornflakes in a ziplock bag and crush them with a rolling pin. Cover 2 sugar wafer cookies with peanut butter, then toss them in the cornflake crumbs to coat. For the peas, tear off and roll small pieces of the taffy candy into balls. If the taffy is too stiff to work with, microwave it for about 6 seconds. For the ketchup, use a fork to stir a few teaspoons of the jam until it's smooth.

Source: tistheseasonblog.blogspot.com

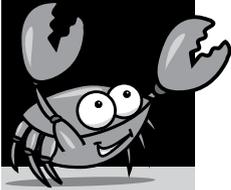


Pull the zip-tie, throw it, and run!



TheCrab@TheCrabCracker.com

Activity for Adults



DID YOU KNOW?

In medieval times, April Fool's Day was known as "Hilaria," a day of games and pranks.

DIY "SPONGE" CAKE APRIL FOOLS PRANK



Materials: Large yellow sponges, Triangle template, Sharpie, Scissors, Hot glue gun, Cardboard, Vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry frosting

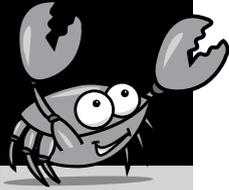
1. Trace or draw a triangle onto your sponge. I got two layers of cake out of one sponge.
2. Cut out the triangles and set aside.
3. With your cardboard, cut out one triangle per slice of cake that's the same size as the sponge piece.
4. Hot glue the slice of cake together with the cardboard in the middle.
5. Cover the top and short end of the sponge with frosting. And make sure to cover the cardboard strip as well.
6. Decorate it how you would with a normal slice of cake, with sprinkles and piped frosting and serve it to your April Fool's Day victim!

Source: <https://awwsam.com/2016/03/diy-sponge-cake-april-fools-prank.html>



"Local Service Is Our Passion!"
7104 265th St, Suite 101, Stanwood, WA 98282
For a complimentary title and/or escrow quote,
call our Stanwood/Camano office at 360-629-9737
www.ltco.com

Artist of the Week



Are you interested in promoting your art, craft, or live performance?

Email us info or a bio about yourself and we will feature this page to you... and it's all FREE!

FLORA RAMIREZ-BUSTAMANTE



"I don't believe in objects" is a series of paintings that explores the modernist canon of still life. These paintings recreate domestic objects within a lyrical and semi-abstract context focused on the relationships between the objects that recursively appear in different dialogues. With this change of focus, the artist exposes the inner dialogue that she establishes with those objects, enhancing their emotional and poetic value, and transcending the domestic and decorative point of view. My artwork is a metaphor of nostalgia, and a reflection of the conversations I keep in my mind. I want to explore the materiality of these metaphors utilizing any subjects, materials and techniques that are at my hand."

Flora Ramirez-Bustamante is a Spanish-born artist based in Stanwood. Trained as a linguist and having never taken any formal art classes, Ramirez-Bustamante develops a personal approach to work with diverse materials and explores different styles with a primary commitment to spontaneity versus perfection. She received her BA in Spanish Linguistics from the Universidad Autónoma of Madrid, Spain, and her PhD on General Linguistics and Spanish Grammar from the same university years later.



Specializing in the removal of existing concrete and the set-up / re pouring of new concrete projects. Projects include but are not limited to: driveways, patios, hot tub slabs, walkways, stairs, and garages.

Zach McNutt

CandewConcrete@gmail.com

425-244-6215

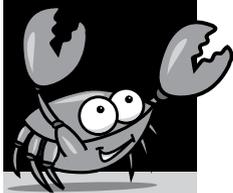
Lic # CANDECC812JS

Find us online

www.CandewConcrete.com

Facebook.com/CandewConcrete

Business Spotlight



CAMANO ISLAND LAUNCHES LIGHTHOUSE TOURS

In a bold and somewhat confusing move, Camano Island has officially announced “The Grand Camano Lighthouse Tour”—a scenic adventure allowing visitors to experience the rich maritime history of... a lighthouse that does not exist. Eager participants who sign up for the tour can expect: A guided walk to a location where a lighthouse should be; Dramatic storytelling about the “lost lighthouse of Camano,” which, as it turns out, was never actually built; A complimentary flashlight, so guests can “make their own lighthouse” by shining it into the distance; Visit the gift shop, which sells tiny model lighthouses from other places. Tour guide Ed Bednarczek insists that just because there’s no lighthouse doesn’t mean the tour isn’t worth it. Local reactions have been mixed, with some excited about the tour and others confused about the lack of an actual lighthouse. “This is either genius or complete nonsense,” said Camano resident Barbara Higgins. “But I already bought my tickets, so we’ll see.” Meanwhile, as ticket sales become regular, Ed is considering building a real lighthouse—just to make the tour slightly more realistic. Until then, bring a flashlight and a good sense of humor.

**We are a family run company
and we are in Stanwood**

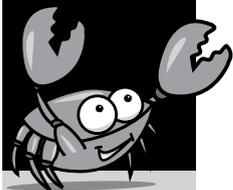


We specialize in Roof
Replacements, Roof Repairs,
New Construction/Owner Builder
Roofing, and Roofing for Additions.

Call 360-652-4300
Free estimates and financing
options available
www.allenroofing.com

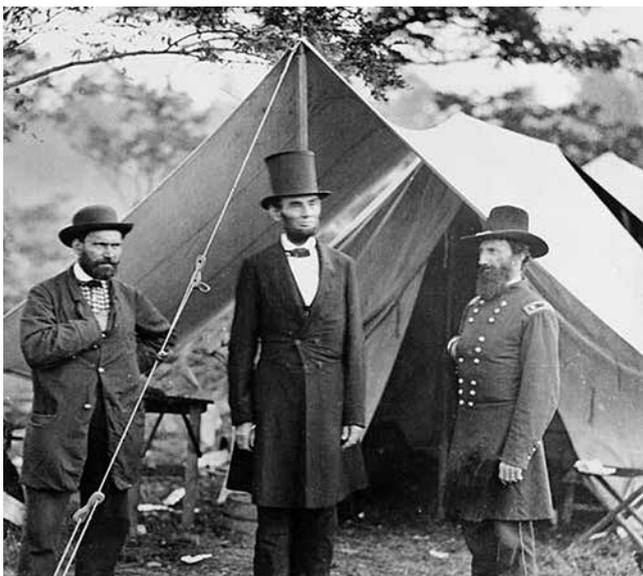


Local History



DID YOU KNOW?

The earliest recorded April Fool's Day prank was played on April 1st, 1698. It was a humorous story published in a London newspaper that stated that the moon was visible from the Earth.



President Lincoln camping at Camano Island State Park, ca 1863.



Lost Lake water ski team - Seafair trials.



Windermere

REAL ESTATE



WATERFRONT **\$1,890,000**
 Wonderful Utsalady Bay location, home and huge shop on 7.23 acres with potential to accommodate an additional luxury ADU.
 #2324574



MARYSVILLE **\$1,495,000**
 Exceptional property-3 private, Custom homes with dream shop perfect for multi-generational living and partial mountain views. #2342098



VIEW HOME **\$729,000**
 Exceptional Bay, Mountains and farmland views from cute rambler and shop on 2.35 level acres mostly fenced in the Mount Vernon/Bayview area. #2327108



VACANT LAND **\$240,000**
 Great Camano location for this lot with partial views and permits in place plus home plans available and community beach access. #2254476



COUNTRY CLUB **\$899,990**
 Newly constructed Camano home with beautiful finishes, expansive deck and serene water views out to Mount Baker.
 #2339569



MABANA **\$749,000**
 Camano home with lots of new updates, wonderful covered outdoor living space, community trail to the beach and pickleball court. #2336233

STANWOOD
 7359 267th St. NW, #D
 360.629.8233



CAMANO ISLAND
 818 N. Sunrise Blvd.
 360.387.4663

Visit WindermereStanwoodCamano.com for more information
 Windermere Real Estate/CIR



“Get Fresh Crab!”

Join our subscriber list (it's free) and be one of the first people to get the newest, freshest, edition!



GET "FRESH CRAB" EVERY TWO WEEKS

Join our subscriber list (free) and be the first to read our newest edition.

Email

SIGN UP

Go to www.thecrabcracker.com. Sign up at the bottom of the home page.

Do you need an Ace Handyman?



It's time to tackle that growing list of home projects. The multi-skilled craftsmen at Ace Handyman Services have the expertise you can trust with the helpful approach you'll LOVE.



Fencing



Flooring



Drywall



Carpentry



Doors



360-926-0926

Proudly serving Camano and Snohomish County / pugetsound@acehandymanservices.com

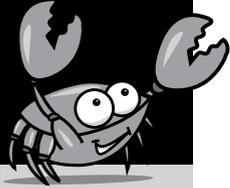
THE SUSPENSE WON'T KILL YOU, TEXTING MIGHT.



STOPTEXTSSTOPWRECKS.ORG



Community Information



DID YOU KNOW?

The comic strip "Peanuts" created by Charles Schulz featured a character named April Fool, who played pranks on his friends.

LINCOLN HILL RETIREMENT COMMUNITY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Location: 7430 276th St. NW. Stanwood. Thrift Store Volunteers: (Hours TBD by Volunteer/Volunteer Coordinator. Volunteers needed with retail experience including cashiering, cleaning, stocking merchandise organizing departments and other duties as assigned. Training will be provided. Coffee Bar Barista: Volunteer coffee bar Barista needed for our in-house coffee bar. (No experience necessary – will train). Lunchroom Help Needed: We need volunteers to check people in for lunch and accept payments for meals purchased. Servers are also needed to serve meals to customers. Food Handler's permit is required for servers. For information on any of our volunteer positions please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Darlene Campbell at 360-629-7403, ext. 104 or via email at dcampbell@lincolnhill-rc.org.

400TH EDITION!



"This issue of The Crab Cracker is our 400th one. Our first edition was October 2, 2009. We missed only one edition in our 15-year history, in 2020 during the height of the Coronavirus Pandemic. There was even a moment I created the magazine from an airport and once from a hospital bed.... no joke." - James M. Shipley.

WARM BEACH CAMP OPEN HOUSE

Come enjoy a day of fun at Warm Beach Camp on May 18 from noon to 4! This is our way of saying thank you to everyone who cares so lovingly for Warm Beach Camp! The event is free, but an RSVP is required, you can do that here: <https://www.warmbeach.com/warm-beach-open-house/>

Nothing is as it appears today,
and you should trust nobody.
It's our April Fool's edition!



Community Information



DID YOU KNOW?

In France, April Fool's Day is known as Poisson d'Avril, which means April Fish. It's customary to place a paper fish on someone's back without them knowing.

ALIEN ABDUCTION OF COW AND FARMER

On March 14, a UFO was reported to abduct a cow and a farmer from a field on 300th Ave. in Stanwood. Seconds later, the alien ship returned the farmer and kept the cow, citing, "we want to only study intelligent life."

PROJECT PC

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

STANWOOD AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM EXHIBITS

Open for guided visits and history research 1 - 4 pm Wednesday and Saturdays. Tour the D. O. Pearson House Museum, the Eldridge Center Gallery and Library, the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center 3rd Floor Exhibits and the Veterans Memorial (Outside). Volunteers welcome! More info: www.sahs-fncc.org.

CEDARHOME DECLARES CITYHOOD

Cedarhome will officially secede from Stanwood and create its own town in 2026. The move, announced via a Facebook post and a handwritten flyer taped to the Cedarhome Market door, marks a new chapter for the once-overlooked community, which has long considered itself "definitely separate from Stanwood, no matter what Google Maps says." Mayor-by-default, A. Muse has planned the city for years claiming "we have more population than Stanwood and Camano Island combined and we want our own voice." Upon hearing of Cedarhome's declaration of cityhood, Stanwood city officials reacted with surprising indifference. "Wait... weren't they already acting like their own town?" Honestly, this changes nothing for us. I mean, they still have to use our post office." As a newly established city, Cedarhomewill introduce several groundbreaking policies, including: Ban on Roundabouts, City-Wide Flannel Fridays, and a Cedarhome Border Tax – Anyone driving in from Stanwood must pay a toll of exactly one Mountain Dew or equivalent snack. While cityhood is an exciting new chapter, Cedarhome still faces some logistical challenges, including: Deciding where City Hall should go (current frontrunner: Cedarhome Market) and figuring out if they need a police force or if one guy on an ATV is enough.



Community Information



DID YOU KNOW?

In 1698 an April Fools' Day joke tricked several individuals to go to see lions being washed at the Tower Of London.

GIRL DENIED PARTICIPATION IN LITTLE LEAGUE

6'4" Jess Kidding from Silvana, WA submitted a civil grievance to the Little League Association of Snohomish County, claiming she was denied registration for the upcoming little league baseball season for not being "little".

COMMUNITY MEAL – CAMANO

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday except for Holidays. 11:45 am - 12:30 pm at Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Rd. Camano Island. By Donation. All donations welcome! Full cost of a meal is \$12.20. Coffee or tea is \$1.00.

STANWOOD SPARTANS WOMEN'S FOOTBALL 2025 SEASON



Our team: for women aged 18 and above. No prior experience is necessary to participate. You will gain the skill, knowledge and a new family by joining our team! Stay tuned: our games and events will be announced on Facebook. More info and register at stanwoodspartanmoms.org or call 360-303-1514. Sunday practices: 1-3:30pm at Stanwood High School. Wednesday practices: 5-7pm at Stanwood-Middle School. Registration: \$125. Register online or at a practice.



Jan Mather
Camano Island Expert
360-507-4133

**Excellent Service • Extensive Knowledge
Especially Fun To Work With!**

WINDERMERE  REAL ESTATE

FREEDOM PARK

A Park For and By the Community

Rotary Adventure Playground was added to Freedom Park in May of 2010. It was built in 5 days by over 1,000 Volunteers!

Unfortunately, it has aged and we must replace the fence surrounding the playground.

**For the first time in 15 years,
We are selling fence pickets! With your name on it!**

Get a picket for your kids, pets, loved ones, church etc.

FREEDOMPARKASSOCIATION.COM

OR

SCAN THE CODE BELOW.

**Our Mission:
Preserve the park for
future generations!**



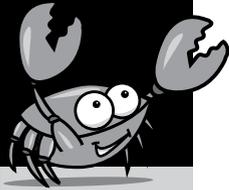
The new fence will be made of recycled plastics and will last over 50 years, but that is pricey. By selling 850 pickets we hope to cover most of the cost.



Freedom Park Association, is a small group of volunteers who care for the entire park including the playground.

We are 100% funded by donations from the community.

Community Information



DID YOU KNOW?

Camano Island residents must travel through four counties to get to their own court house.

NEW BUD HUT TO OPEN ON CAMANO ISLAND - BUT IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK

A new business recently opened on the south end of Camano, called Bud Hut, but it is not to be confused with the cannabis store by the same name. This Bud Hut, taking over the old Tye Store, is designed for buds - the friends type, not the plant type. Neighbors and friends are invited to meet and join in conversation with a cup of coffee or tea or play games. On Monday nights, they will host "buddy" movies for men, titled "Man-day Night Movies", starting out with the 1995 movie, "Bad Boys." On Wednesday nights, they will host buddy movies for women called "Female Flicks", starting with "Thelma and Louise." For more info, contact Laura Randall at doesthismakemybudlookbig@aprilfool.com.

NEW 2026 HOLIDAY DECORATIONS FOR HAMILTON SMOKESTACK

The Lions Club has been generously decorating the top of the Hamilton smokestack for many years with seasonal lighted displays. Community residents look forward to the Christmas, Easter, St Patrick's Day, and Valentine decorations, to name a few. Electricians and welders have completed five new designs for next year: National Spaghetti Day, Lost Sock Memorial Day, Alien Abduction Day, World Emoji Day, and Koningsdag.

SURVIVOR - CAMANO ISLAND

The upcoming season of Survivor that was filmed here on Camano Island this past year, has finished filming and completed editing and post-production. It is scheduled to air this Summer. One of the show's most infamous and popular challenges is the "delicacy eating challenge." In this challenge, castaways must eat a variety of native, usually gross foods, such as live beetle larvae, or a tarantula smoothie, or a fermented egg. This season, being located on Camano Island, the challenge featured Camano Island and Stanwood "delicacies." Survivor contestant, Robyn Greshaw stated in a press release that she failed the challenge when she was forced to eat lutefisk.

REKDAL EXAM

Rekdal Road, one of Camano's most infamous stretches of pavement, has officially failed its annual exam. Local users of that road were not surprised. Beth Miller said, "I wanted to give it the finger myself."



Community Information



Do you have a press release or an announcement you want the community to know about? Let us know and we will publish it here in Community Information **FOR FREE!**

Call us for info.
425-299-7892.

“UFO CAPITAL OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST”



Camano Island State Park was recently recognized by The Salish Supernatural Society as “UFO Capital of the Pacific Northwest,” claiming that its wide-open beaches and quiet backroads make it an ideal landing zone for extraterrestrial visitors. There have been several reported UFO sightings over the years. Notably: April 26, 2018: A report described a yellow, diamond-shaped craft hovering at an estimated elevation of 5,000 feet over Camano Island. The object suddenly departed in the direction of Whidbey Island. (seattlepi.com). July 19, 2013: A couple observed an unidentified white light moving across the sky, making sudden, inexplicable maneuvers (southwhidbeyrecord.com). December 2013: Mysterious orange lights/orbs. May 2021, campers at Camano Island State Park reported observing a series of lights moving steadily across the night sky. (reddit.com). To commemorate their new title, local businesses are fully embracing the theme, rebranding themselves to attract tourists....and...of course... aliens. For example, Elger Bay Store will be selling UFO merchandise. Washington State Parks will sell a t-shirt that reads “PARK HERE”, incorporating the park logo and a landing spaceship. Elger Bay Elementary School announced plans to build a UFO Landing Pad behind the playground, though it was later revealed that this was just the principal’s attempt to repave the teacher parking lot.

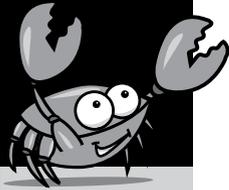


Guitar by Ford

Ford Giesbrecht

All Ages, Levels & Styles.
Learn at Your Own Pace.

Instruction & Performance
Ukulele & Bass Lessons Also Available
Serving Stanwood & Camano Island
360-631-0661 • guitarbyford.com



DID YOU KNOW?

In 1878, a defunct tabloid, the *New York Graphic*, fooled its readers into believing that Thomas Edison invented a food machine that could turn soil into cereal and water into wine, which it accomplished with a convincing ad spot.

DOG POOP TRACED TO DOG OWNERS

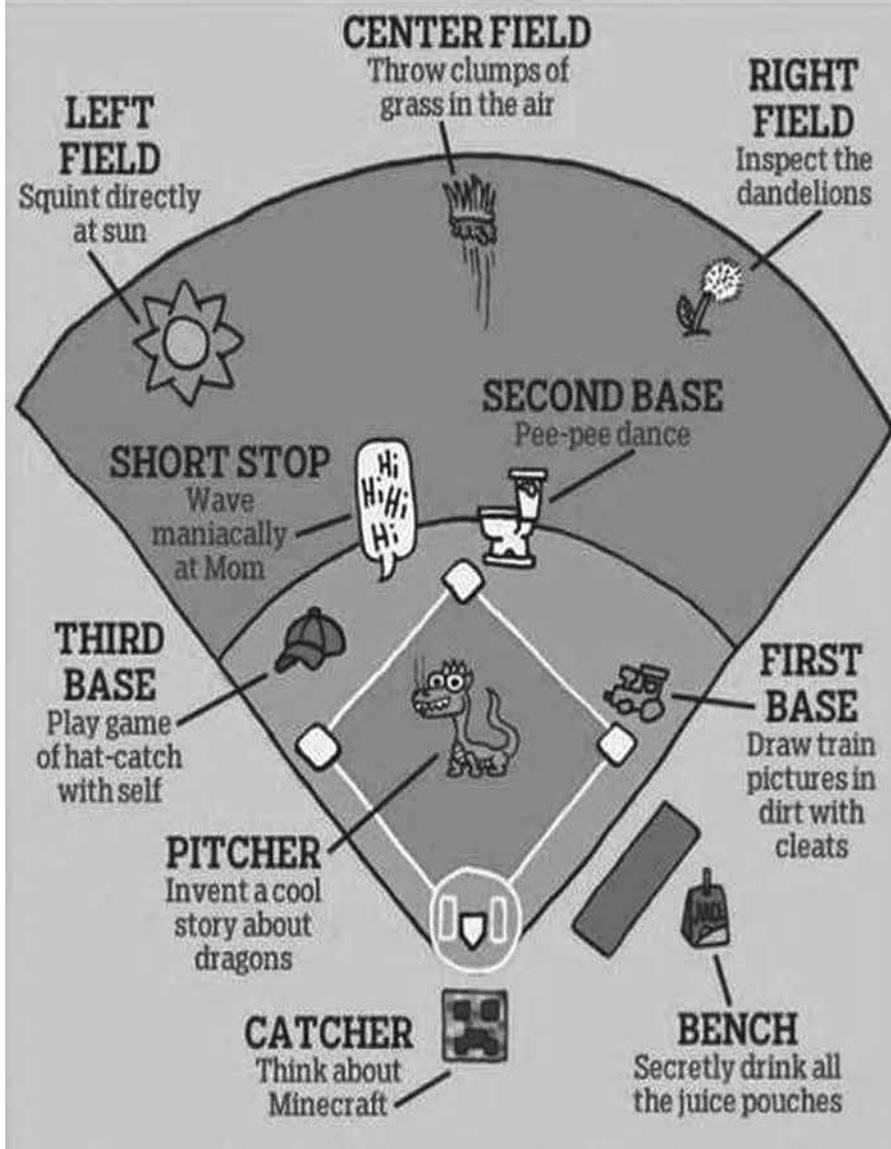
In what can only be described as a crime against clean sidewalks, Stanwood recently took dog poop investigations to the next level—by using forensic science to track unclaimed droppings back to the guilty dog owner. Despite multiple warnings, neighborhood meetings, and the distribution of thousands of free poop bags, people still refused to pick up after their dogs. The town's sidewalks and parks had become a minefield of mystery droppings, and something had to be done. Bea Foold, a local veterinarian, explained, "Dog DNA is like a fingerprint. If we had a registry of dog DNA, we could match poop samples to their owners." Starting April 1, all dog owners in Snohomish County must register their dog's "Doodie DNA". Failure to comply will result in canine confiscation.

LION ENTHUSIASTS MISTAKENLY CRASH LOCAL PRIDE FESTIVAL



What was supposed to be a joyous and colorful celebration of love and inclusivity at Warm Beach last month took an unexpectedly wild turn when a group of lion enthusiasts accidentally crashed the Warm Beach Pride Festival. The misunderstanding began when the Northwest Big Cat Appreciation Society (NBCAS)—a small but passionate group of lion lovers and amateur wildlife fans—mistook "Pride Festival" for a gathering of actual lion prides. "We just assumed it was a convention for people who love lions," said Karla Matzke. "We thought we'd meet other folks who share our passion for mane grooming, powerful roars, and the majestic spirit of the African savanna." Armed with lion-themed T-shirts, plush toys, and at least one full-body lion mascot suit, the group enthusiastically stormed the festival. The mix-up became clear when one of the lion enthusiasts asked, "So when do we get to see the actual lions?" They were informed by event staff that this was a festival celebrating LGBTQ+ pride, not lion prides. Despite the initial mix-up, the lion lovers quickly embraced the festival's actual theme and decided to stick around. After the event, both the Pride Festival organizers and NBCAS members agreed that perhaps next year, they should just combine forces. "We're thinking of calling it the 'Pride Pride' Festival—A Celebration of Love, Inclusion, and Also Lions," said event coordinator Bill Randall. "It'll be the first Pride event where you can wear either rainbow body glitter or a full mane—and no one will question it."

YOUR GUIDE TO EVERYONE'S POSITIONS ON THE T-BALL FIELD





DID YOU KNOW?

In 1878, a defunct tabloid, the New York Graphic, fooled its readers into believing that Thomas Edison invented a food machine that could turn soil into cereal and water into wine, which it accomplished with a convincing ad spot.

MY Y WEEK RAISES OVER \$42,500 FOR THE 2025 YMCA COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN

The YMCA of Snohomish County wrapped up My Y Week, exceeding expectations and surpassing its \$40,000 fundraising goal by bringing in over \$42,500 in financial support. Throughout My Y Week, community partners donated \$1 for every member check-in from March 2 – 8, 2025, generating excitement and participation for the 2025 Community Campaign. These partners support the Y because they recognize the importance of strong community partnerships in promoting health and well-being. Their contributions help ensure that everyone, regardless of financial circumstances, has access to the programs and resources they need to thrive. The 2025 Community Campaign aims to raise \$1.6 million to provide equitable access to all YMCA programs, including swimming lessons, youth sports, and child care. Last year, the Y granted \$2.5 million in financial assistance and funds raised this year will help close the gap. With three weeks remaining in this year's Community Campaign, the Y hopes the energy and excitement generated during My Y Week will inspire even more individuals to give. To learn more about the 2025 Community Campaign, please visit ymca-snoco.org/give.

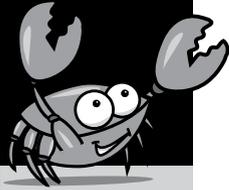
FREE KIDS SCOOP WEEKEND!

To launch our opening of the Ice cream Department for the season, We have free kids scoops of Lopez Island Ice Cream! March 29th- 30th 11-6pm at Camano Commons Marketplace. More info: 360-386-7011.

EGG SHORTAGE SOLUTION FOR EASTER



Due to the shortage of eggs and resulting high prices, many parents are concerned about how that will affect their ability to have enough eggs to dye for Easter Sunday. Enter the "Madrona Ladies Egg Society", a civic minded group of women on the west side of Camano. Scouring local Next Door and Facebook groups on the internet and searching for "Eggs for Sale" signs at the ends of gravel roads and driveways, the ladies have been buying and storing large quantities of eggs to distribute to deserving families on the day before Easter. Follow the Community Information section of the Crab Cracker for location and times.



Do you have a press release or an announcement you want the community to know about? Let us know and we will publish it here in Community Information **FOR FREE!**

Call us for info.
425-299-7892.

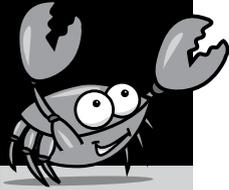
CAMANO ISLAND OPENS FIRST-EVER CAT PARK

Move over, dog parks—Camano Island has officially launched the first-ever dedicated cat park, a fenced-in paradise where local felines can roam, climb, and judge humans in peace. However, what was supposed to be a wholesome gathering of friendly neighborhood kitties quickly descended into absolute madness. The grand opening of “Purr-adise Cat Park” was intended to be a stress-free social event, featuring: A state-of-the-art climbing wall for ambitious felines; A giant sunbathing bed for maximum relaxation; A special “bird-watching zone” for premium entertainment; A tunnel system for dramatic chase sequences. The event began peacefully, with cautious feline visitors sniffing their surroundings and staring judgmentally at their owners. But then—disaster struck. As more cats arrived, the carefully planned activities quickly unraveled: An intense turf war broke out in the climbing area, with a particularly grumpy tabby claiming the highest platform and swatting at all challengers. Several cats immediately escaped, despite the eight-foot-high fence. Owners quickly realized they had no control. Attempts to call their cats back were met with blank stares. Desperate owners tried every trick in the book to restore order: Shaking treat bags and dangling toys were ignored. Many owners left the park empty-handed, with cuts, gashes, and scratches over all parts of their bodies and their clothes shredded. Eventually, volunteers had to lure the cats back into their carriers using a trail of shredded rotisserie chicken. Even then, several felines vanished into the bushes, deciding to live in the wild forever. Despite the absolute catastrophe of the first day, local officials insist the park “just needs some fine-tuning.” Possible improvements include: Separate zones for “social cats” and “leave me alone forever” cats and a dedicated “First Aid Area” for humans who realize that their cats will leave only when THEY want to leave.

FLOATING COFFEE STAND



Kirkpatrick is the owner of two Camano Island Coffee stands. For the past year, she has been looking for a new location. Unable to find one, she decided to CREATE one. Now open, “The Drifting Bean” is Saratoga Passage’s first-ever floating coffee stand, catering to boaters and kayakers. It is a cozy little wooden shack on a barge just off Beach 2 in the Country Club area of Camano Island, complete with a top-of-the-line espresso machine, a stash of homemade scones, and a small sign reading “Out Of Coffee? We’ll Make You MOOR.”



DID YOU KNOW?

Burger King released an ad for the fictitious “Left-Handed Whopper” on April Fool’s Day of 1998, upon which reportedly thousands of customers went to their stores requesting the sandwich.

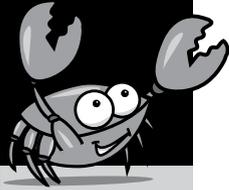
SHS ASTRONOMY CLASS TAKES THE SUN FOR STUDY



Stanwood High School students, with the assistance of science teacher, Jo King, transported the sun on March 8 to Classroom #4, checking on its health, performance, and general temperament. The results, while mostly expected, included a few alarming surprises. Temperature: Still way too hot. Mood: Unstable, slightly irritable. Likelihood of random solar flare tantrum: Extremely high. “Every year, we run a full diagnostic on the Sun just to make sure it hasn’t decided to explode unexpectedly. So far, so good,” said Mr. King. Biggest concern: Avoid staring directly at the Sun, the sun says that’s rude.

SONS OF BELLEVUE

Following the arrival in the Stanwood area of Scandinavian immigrants in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, social clubs were formed to assist them and make them feel more at home. One such group that still has a strong presence in the area is the Sons of Norway in Stanwood. With more recent arrivals of retirees from places such as California, Seattle, and east of Lake Washington, similar groups and associations have formed to help those unaccustomed to our rural environment and small-town atmosphere. One recently formed group is the Sons of Bellevue, aka the SOBs. With their ladies’ auxiliary the Daughters of Issaquah, and the Kids of Kirkland for the younger set, the newer groups also celebrate their traditions in an appropriate manner. Rather than feasting on the traditional Scandinavian fare of lutefisk, the SOBs enjoy their own delicacy of sushi, available at several restaurants and stores in the region. This raw fish is often accompanied by dim sum and washed down with bottles of wine from Woodinville or local craft brews. And unlike lutefisk, the only thing that has anything to do with the word “pickle” is the rousing game played afterwards on the former tennis courts near Camano’s Administration Building. A new building is planned to be built in 2026 next to the Stanwood Amtrak station to serve the SOBs. “The T-Mobile Sons of Bellevue” building will be a modern, glass skyscraper, decorated by Chihuly glass and local vegetation from Bellevue botanical Garden, and each floor will be adorned with various products supplied by Bellevue Square and Kirkland boutiques. Additionally, there will be a coffee/juice bar, a Brazilian steakhouse, a 100-seat Imax theater, and ten salons. Next on the horizon: look for new groups and associations formed by emigres from Los Angeles and San Diego, with some variation of the word SoCal in their names.



DID YOU KNOW?

In Portugal, what object is traditionally thrown at friends in celebration of April Fool's Day?

Answer: Flour

Flour bombing is an established April Fool's Day practice in Portugal and some other countries.

LIBRARY GIVING DAY: APRIL 1, 2025



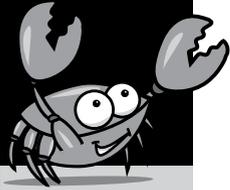
On April 1, library supporters from across the country come together in an incredible movement to empower their community libraries. Join the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation and 450 library systems in celebrating the transformational power of public libraries and giving back to your community library. This Library Giving Day, can we count on your support in raising \$50,000 for Sno-Isle Libraries' incredible programs and services to ensure our libraries continue to thrive? How You Can Help: Make an online gift of any size between now and midnight on April 1st. Whether you give \$10, \$100, or \$1,000 – donations of all sizes make a difference and are greatly appreciated. Mail a check to: Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation, 7312 35th Ave NE, Marysville, WA 98271. Give through your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or Donor Advised Fund (DAF). Email Christina at ckourteva@sno-isle.org before April 1st to ensure we count your contribution.

4TH ANNUAL SHOP LOCAL WIN LOCAL SPRING EVENT!



Registration is now open, sign up ASAP but no later than the end of March! The Camano Island Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with the Stanwood Commerce Alliance are excited to host the 4th Annual Shop Local Win Local SPRING EVENT! The event starts on April 15th and ends on April 30th. Deadline to register to participate as a business is March 31st. All we ask from you to participate is a donation of an item/gift basket or gift card that we will use for prizes (any \$ amount). This year YOU will keep your donation item and display it proudly in your place of business to promote the event.

Community Information



APRIL FOOL TRIVIA

A task that has zero chance of success is known as what?

Answer: Fool's Errand

A fool's errand is a common April Fool's Day prank, such as sending a person to search for something that doesn't exist.

LOCAL MAN TRAINS SERVICE DOG TO DRIVE - CHAOS ENSUES



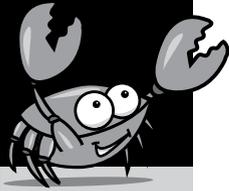
In what experts are calling “both inspiring and deeply concerning,” a local man has attempted to train his service dog to drive a car. The “experiment” was conducted by Norm Wilson, who, despite being legally blind, insists that his dog, Biscuit, is more than capable of operating a vehicle. “HE’S A GOOD BOY. HE CAN HANDLE IT.” Mason, who has relied on Biscuit as his service dog for years, claims that modern driving technology should allow trained animals to “take the wheel” safely. “Cars practically drive themselves these days. If people can trust Teslas, why not trust a dog?” Eyewitnesses at a Stanwood parking lot described pure chaos as Biscuit made his debut behind the wheel. Attempt #1: Biscuit successfully started the car but got distracted by his own reflection in the rearview mirror. Attempt #2: Biscuit nearly pulled it off—until he spotted a squirrel, at which point all driving instincts vanished. Local officers arrived at the scene to find Biscuit wagging his tail proudly, having managed to park illegally, very close to, of course, a fire hydrant.

TWIN CITY FOODS SOLD TO AMUSEMENTS NW LLC

The Canadian Meatless Factory vacated the old Twin City Foods location and will soon be replaced with a water park attraction. Thanks to the hard efforts of the city mayor and city organizations, Stanwood will be home to Washington’s newest theme park, “Twin City Tidal Waves”. The new park, scheduled for construction this Spring, will include a water slide park with twelve different attractions and a food court. One portion of the space will include a “parents” spa that will include body treatments from natural resources, including mud treatments from Ovenell Pond. The cost of the project is \$2.43 billion. Much of that money will come from a 500% coffee tax and monies generated from the Camano Island Bingo weekly fundraisers.

BREWCADE WEEKLY 3 STRIKE TOURNAMENT

6pm-10pm on Mondays at The Brewcade, 7009 265th St NW #102, Stanwood. \$5 buy-in 3 strike Pinball tournament. Sign ups start at 6pm and flippers up at 6:30pm. Pot splash happens if over 15 players!



DID YOU KNOW?

On 1 April 1946, a tsunami struck Hawaii which people initially thought was a hoax. This disaster, which resulted in the death of over 160 people, has been dubbed the April Fools Day Tsunami due to some in Hawaii believing that initial warnings of such were a hoax.

CAMANO BIKE RIDE HAS LONG HISTORY



Bike riders can circle Camano Island in the McClinchy Camano Classic Century on Sunday, April 27. The annual event offers scenic and challenging route options of 103, 65, 50, 35 or 15 miles. Fresh food stops and lots of hills are included. Century riders pass through three counties! The first McClinchy Mile was hosted by B.I.K.E.S. Club of Snohomish County on Oct. 3 1982 out of Monroe. It was named after an early club member Stuart McClinchy who died too young. Camano Island and the Stanwood Camano Kiwanis became part of McClinchy in 2019. Prior to that, the Kiwanis had hosted the Camano Climb Bike Ride for more than 25 years. The Stanwood Camano Amateur Radio Club assists with communications during McClinchy, and Arlington VeloSport (formerly of Stanwood) provides mechanical support. McClinchy riders finish their day with gourmet tacos at SAAL Brewing in Stanwood. Any extra rest stop food after the event is donated to the Stanwood Food Bank. McClinchy is a major fundraiser for both B.I.K.E.S. and Kiwanis. B.I.K.E.S. gives grants for local bike-related causes such as the nonprofit Sharing Wheels Community Bike Shop and helmets to go with bikes for low income kids. The Kiwanis use event proceeds for a high school scholarship program. The first 200 registrants will receive a ride souvenir. Price increases \$10 on April 1. Learn more and register at bikesclub.org/mcclinchy

BRUNCH AND BRUSHES

Cedarhome Ladies are excited for our next Women's Ministry event! We hope you'll join us Saturday, March 29th at 10AM for Brunch and Brushes! Breakfast will be provided and we'll each get to craft an Easter porch sign to take home. Register at Cedarhome Baptist Church by 3/23, there is a \$15 fee to cover sign supplies.

THE SPOT

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

CO-ED ULTIMATE FRISBEE

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

Community Information



APRIL FOOL TRIVIA

On April Fool's Day 2018, which celebrity was famously pranked on Instagram into believing his pregnant wife was about to give birth?

Answer: Ray J

Ray J and his wife, Princess Love, did eventually give birth to a bouncing baby girl on 23 May 2018.

VIKING VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT



After a heated City Hall meeting last month, city officials have abandoned the original plan for Viking Village condos and shopping, and instead is planning an "actual" viking village. Inspired by Leavenworth, WA, which was once a logging town that redesigned itself to the Bavarian village tourist attraction after the logging boom ended, Stanwood hopes that Viking Village will do the same to revitalize Stanwood. According to city hall council member, Gene Crookston, the village will allow you access to explore the lives, work, and influence of the Vikings, as you to wander through authentic houses and immerse yourself in a living, breathing Viking community. Photo: artist rendering of Viking Village, Stanwood.

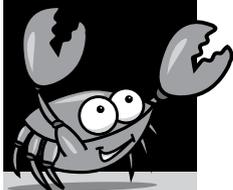
LOCAL SCHOOLS INTRODUCE ALLIGATOR EGGS

The current egg shortage and price spikes are primarily due to a widespread outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), also known as bird flu, which has led to the culling of millions of egg-laying hens, severely impacting the supply. Due to the high cost and health risks of bird eggs, the local school district held an emergency meeting to find alternatives to chicken eggs and voted to create egg dishes from alligator eggs instead. Sno-Co Director of Schools, April Fewl said, "Alligators are not affected by the Bird Flu, therefore, their eggs are completely safe. We've already made arrangements with The Reptile Man in Monroe, WA to supply us with eggs year-round." The students, however, are not embracing the new eggs. "These eggs taste... swampy," said Noah Dgoke. Kit Ting commented the flavor after eating a breakfast burrito, "It started as sausage, then became bacon, then... was that a hint of fish?" In response to growing community concerns, only one school within the district will continue implementing the egg substitution pilot program. Which school? The district refused comment.

CAMANO COUNTRY CLUB & COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE FUNDRAISER

is coming April 25 - 26. We need gently used donations on April 21, 22, 23. Call Kathleen 360-572-4112 for more information.

Library 10th Anniversary



A weekly announcement about the beginnings of the Camano Island Library.

10 years CAMANO ISLAND LIBRARY

CONTINUING THE STORY OF BECOMING THE CAMANO ISLAND LIBRARY...

Passing the Bond, Part 1

In 2011, a Political Action Committee (PAC), Citizens for a Camano Library, was formed to promote a bond issue for a permanent library facility on Camano. A survey done in October of that year showed that more than 70% of those surveyed favored a permanent library on the island. However, the survey also indicated that the slow pace of economic recovery made the timing unfavorable for running the bond issue in April, 2012.

In January of 2013, a reconstituted PAC, Citizens for a Camano Library Steering Committee, began planning to place two measures on the August 6 ballot. One measure, requiring a simple majority to pass, would create a taxing district of just Camano Island. A second measure, requiring a 60% majority to pass, would fund the actual library building. Both measures would need to pass for the library to become a reality.

In May of 2013 the Sno-Isle Libraries Board of Trustees took an unprecedented measure and voted to provide temporary financing for the purchase of The Islanders restaurant at Terry's Corner when that property went into foreclosure. If the August ballot measures were approved, this would become the site of a permanent Camano Island Library.

On August 6, 2013, following months of campaigning and phone calls, the voters passed the first ballot measure to create the taxing district by a supermajority of 60.88%. However, the second ballot measure to issue the capital bonds for construction of the library received only 58.71% of the votes – short of the required 60%. The measure was just 78 votes short of passage...

Continued next issue...

Photos and Art



DID YOU KNOW?

Since 1986 there have been press releases issued to announce the April Fools' Day Parade in New York City. No such parade exists.



*Asian Titan Mosquito spotted at pond at Barnum Point Park.
Photo by James M. Shipley.*



The REAL reason Cama Beach cabins are closed. Photo by Aryu Kitting.



Church Creek white water rafting. Photo by Fik Chin.

Maximizing Your Home's Value in Today's Market

In today's housing market, research shows that there are **3 top questions** that homeowners have when getting ready to sell their home.

#1. How to get top dollar.

#2. What's strategic marketing look like?

#3. What are practical ways to improve my home to sell for a higher price?

I consider these questions daily on my facebook page with tips from easy electrical upgrades, staging advice and how to select the right paint palette. I am here to guide you every step of the way. My goal is simple: make your home quickly stand out, attract more attention and increase its appeal in this competitive market. Stay up to date and informed by following my Facebook page or YouTube channel @tourwithmelanie.

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

Melanie Galloway 360-391-4628

Interior Designer + Real Estate Broker

License #23018393 Realty One Orca



Melanie Galloway
← REAL ESTATE BROKER →

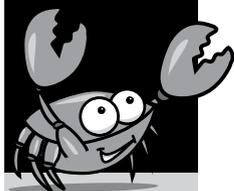
MEDICARE QUESTIONS?

We're here to help.



(425) 361-2944 TTY:711
M-F 9:00am – 3:00pm
10320-SR 532
Stanwood, WA 98292
WAOIC # 782423
www.vidorassociates.com

**WE ARE LICENSED INSURANCE AGENTS
NOT AFFILIATED WITH OR ENDORSED BY ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCY**



Recipes by
Cooking Mamas
created by
Dusty Hutchins-
McNutt.

*"Great recipes
begin in Mama's
Kitchen!"*

Visit me at: www.CookingMamas.com

COSMIC BROWNIES

These Cosmic Brownies are absolutely out of this world!



BROWNIES: 1 1/2 c. salted butter, partially melted; 1 3/4 c. brown sugar; 3/4 c. granulated sugar; 5 lg. eggs; 2 T. corn syrup; 1 T. vanilla extract; 3 c. all-purpose flour; 1 1/4 c. Dutch processed cocoa powder; 1 T. cornstarch; 1 tsp. salt; 1 tsp. baking soda

FUDGE FROSTING: 1/2 c. salted butter, softened; 3 oz. cream cheese, room temperature; 3/4 c. Dutch processed cocoa powder; 3 c. confectioners' sugar; 2 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract; Milk as needed to thin; Candy coated chocolate chips (Amazon)

DIRECTIONS: 1. **BROWNIES:** Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9x13-inch baking pan with parchment paper. 2. In the bowl of a stand mixer or in a large bowl with an electric hand mixer, cream together the partially melted butter, brown sugar, and granulated sugar for a full 5 minutes on the highest speed. The mixture will be extremely light in color and very fluffy. 3. Add the eggs, corn syrup and vanilla. Beat again on the highest speed for an additional 5 minutes. 4. Add the flour, cocoa powder, cornstarch, salt, and soda to the bowl. Beat until everything is just combined. Using a spatula, fold the mixture by hand a few times to make sure that everything is well combined. 5. Transfer the brownie batter to the prepared 9x13 pan. Spread the mixture until it is smooth and even. 6. Bake for 25-30 minutes. The brownies will rise significantly, the edges will begin to crack a little. Test the center of the brownies with a toothpick, if a few moist crumbs come up on the toothpick they are ready to come out of the oven. 7. Immediately upon taking the brownies out of the oven, drop the pan onto a cutting board a few times to let the excess air out of the center of the brownies. This will cause the brownies to deflate and give us that extra fudgy texture. While the brownies are cooling, make the frosting. 8. **FUDGE FROSTING:** In a large bowl, cream together the butter and cream cheese until smooth scraping the sides of the bowl as needed. Add in the cocoa powder and a teaspoon or two of milk to help bring the mixture together. Beat on the lowest speed, to avoid adding extra air to the frosting. 9. Next, add in the confectioners' sugar, again adding a little bit of milk, as needed to bring the mixture together while mixing on the lowest speed. 10. Add the vanilla and mix until combined. The frosting should be thick, creamy, and dark in color. 11. Scoop dollops of the frosting onto the top of the brownies. The heat from the brownies will slightly melt the frosting making it easier to spread. Spread the frosting evenly over the brownies. 12. Return the brownies to the warm (but off) oven for 3-5 minutes to melt the frosting onto the brownies (this will help get that silky smooth appearance on top of the frosting). 13. Immediately sprinkle the candy-coated chocolate chips on top of the frosting. Allow the brownies to cool completely in the pan before cutting.

Classes and Workshops



DID YOU KNOW?

In Poland April Fools' Day is so strongly believed that an anti-Turkish alliance signed on April 1st with Leopold 1 in 1683 had to be backdated to March 31st.

Parent qualifying course Family Academy is hosting a Parent Qualifying Course at Tailored Homeschool in Stanwood! This 5-week course equips parents with the tools and confidence needed to legally homeschool in Washington State. Dates: March 20 – April 17 (Thursdays) Time: 6:00 – 8:30 PM Location: Tailored Homeschool, Stanwood Register through Family Academy at www.familyacademy.org Don't miss this opportunity to get the support you need to homeschool successfully! Spaces are limited—register today!

Zumba Dance Party with Jennifer Anderson Latin dance-aerobics, medium intensity level, fitness class. Open to all levels and experience. Zumba combines movements from Salsa, Merengue, Reggaeton, Cumbia, Hip Hop, and more, with fun music. Mondays at 11am & 5:30pm in Stanwood @ Pathway to Wellness. \$10 – space limited, registration required. Thursdays (starting March 6) at 5pm on Camano @ Camano County Club. Free for members / \$10 non-members. For more information or to register: <https://www.zumba.com/en-US>

Join S.A.I.L. (Stay Active and Independent for Life) classes for cardio, balance, and strength building to help prevent falls. To learn more, go to <https://senior-resources.org/fall-prevention/>

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 and Dance Teacher offering the following private lessons: Sax, flute, clarinet, piano & voice. Available classes: Ballet, and Tap. All classes are held at: 1095 Essex St. A-1 Camano Island. For more info or to register please contact: Chris Tuohy 360.572.9262 or jazzman2e@mac.com

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.

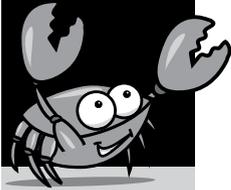
Reiki and Restore February 21, 6:30-8pm. 90 minutes of deep relaxation. Enjoy restorative yoga poses with an optional reiki session as part of a long soothing savasana. Reserve your spot at movementarts.com/events or call 360-629-9100. \$35

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.

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

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

Classes and Workshops



DID YOU KNOW?

The book *The Canterbury Tales*, written in 1392 by Geoffrey Chaucer, associated April 1st with foolishness.

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.

Chakradance: March 22 @ 4pm. Soulful free form ecstatic dance that enlivens your body & mind. Balance energy, change your life! www.beeauthenticpilates.com/chakradance.

Movement Arts Yoga Classes In-studio & Online. ONLINE VIDEO LIBRARY – practice anytime, anywhere – just practice! Go to www.movementarts.com and follow the links to view our video library of online hour length classes.

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

YogaTone March 23 & April 6. 10-11am. Join us for a fantastic, fun, positive sweat/dance/movement/yoga class that's designed for just about anyone. Enjoy simple movement patterns that challenge your mind/body to new places. Find rhythm and melody in the body, even if you think you can't dance! Aerobic and low impact, Kara has an extensive background in many forms of dance, and blends them into a class that promises to uplift and locate the joy within. See you there! Drop ins welcome if space is available. \$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 March 22 (10:15am at Camano Library). Free event Learn how to navigate the Medicare maze. Discover your available options for supplementation through private insurance. RSVP with John, a licensed insurance agent on Camano Island: 360-967-9601.

Full of Words: An 8-Week Women's Writing Circle (Free at the Camano Island Library, Apr 11 - May 30). Details here: <https://tinyurl.com/full-of-words>

Research Study - Healing and Transformation with Sound



Are you a veteran, front-line worker, or their family members affected by trauma, anxiety, or stress?

Join our **Sound Healing Research Study** to explore the transformative benefits of sound therapy and contribute to vital research in trauma recovery.

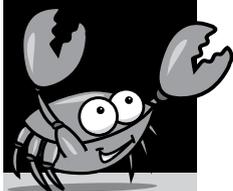
★ What We Offer:

- Weekly sound healing sessions on Camano Island, WA (January through March 2025).
- A safe and supportive environment for relaxation and healing.
- The opportunity to help advance research in sound therapy for trauma recovery.

Limited spots available. Visit our website for details and to sign up!

Contact Us: info@projectpc.org 🌐 Learn More: www.projectpc.org/sound-healing-research

Classified Listings



DID YOU KNOW?

In ancient times court jesters were considered to be wise men, able to use humor to put things into perspective.

FOR SALE OR FREE:

Farm and Garden: Local Camano mixed grass hay. Nice quality. Barn Stored. \$9 per 50#bale. Text or call 360-209-9177.

Vintage mens clothing liquidation sale: wool jackets, coats, sweaters, dress shirts, western wear, Pendleton, Brooks Brothers, Canali, store fixtures. Buy all or part. 360-630-7275 - Madeline.

Apartment for sale: Beautiful second floor, two bedroom, 3/4 bath, apartment at Utsalady Bay, 1/2 block from the beach with beach rights! Uncovered parking available in the parking lot \$2,200 with deposit. Utilities and garbage not included. No pets or smoking, Application and background check is required. Please contact Chris Tuohy at 360.572.9262 or jazzman2e@mac.com.

MISCELLANEOUS:

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

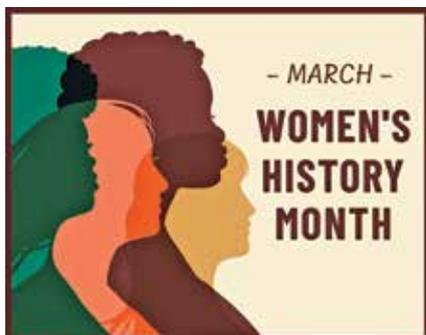
Jenn's Rentals is LOCAL vacation rental management. Jenn will take care of your house, your renters and you, as the homeowner. Jenns-Rentals.com 360-631-0905.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

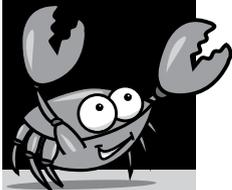
Do you need help caring for your aging family member! I can help. I am a CNA with 18 years experience caring for seniors with a wide range of medical conditions. I have nurse delegation and medication management training and specialize in dementia care. Call Elisabeth Waldron 360-770-1272 or email elisabethwaldron36@gmail.com.

Preparation and filing of Federal tax returns for individuals, sole proprietors, S-Corps, and partnerships. Call Steve 425-478-1317 or email sjudmunds@me.com

Compass Point Composites Fiberglass Repairs and Fabrication. Boats, autos, sports, custom plugs, molds, and parts. 35 Years experience with a great crew. Google for photos and more information. Cheers, Erik 425-308-7423.



Classified Listings



DID YOU KNOW?

In the 1950s the BBC ran a news story about a spaghetti harvest in Switzerland. This prank resulted in many requests for spaghetti trees.

Clean Cuts Mobile Haircuts by Leah. "I will come to you!" Licensed & insured, experienced cosmetologist. Serving North Snohomish County and Camano Island. 360-722-2892.

Stained glass shop, design, and fabrication. Got broken stained glass? We can fix it. Message 360-629-9377.

Are you looking for someone who has a caring heart to be a companion/Caregiver for the one you love? I have lots of experience and references. I have had the pleasure in working with the elderly and disabled off and on for 42 years. Give me a call (650)455-3666. Steff.

Learn to square dance, have fun, meet new friends, lessons start September 10th, first lesson free, for info call Jerry at 425-327-4742.

"I fix stuff and know things. How can I help?" 206-245-5482.

Your Home Remodeled, Repaired. Douglas, local craftsman. [www. Alpinerenovationsllc.com](http://www.Alpinerenovationsllc.com). 425-478-2098.

Camano Decks & Sheds LLC Local, Affordable & Efficient. Free estimates 10% discount for seniors & ADL ramps. Jim 360-913-2941 E-mail: jmitchell8974@gmail.com. Serving Outlying Areas.

Psychonauts: Certified guide and comprehensive education in meditation, lucid dreaming, psychoactive substance use and ritual. Free initial consultation. 206-245-5482.

WANTED:

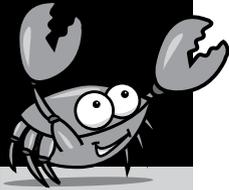
Considering a career in real estate? Windermere is looking for sales associates in our Stanwood and Camano Island offices. Contact Jill at jillvail@windermere.com for more information. windermere-stanwoodcamano.com.

I ♥ CAMANO ISLAND

CAMANO ISLAND IS TOTALLY CLAWSOME!

North48
KERRI JONES | NORTH48 REAL ESTATE
KERRI@CAMANOKERRI.COM | 206-963-6615

Clubs and Meetings



APRIL FOOL PRANK

On a Windows computer, press Ctrl + Alt + Down Arrow to flip the screen upside down.
On a Mac, go to System Preferences > Displays > Rotate.

Mutual Aid Assembly - "Hello all, I am launching a local grassroots organization: Mutual Aid Assembly of Stanwood-Camano. Our first meeting will be Sunday March 30, 1 PM at the Stanwood Library meeting room. All are welcome. There is more info on the website: mutualaidassembly.wordpress.com. The meeting agenda is in the blog posts and you can also subscribe to to get email notifications for future meeting announcements. If you need help with transportation, childcare, or translation services, email mutualaidassembly@protonmail.com and we will do our best to help."

Camano Island Quilters - Machine Embroidery Group (1st Friday, Monthly). 10am - 12pm at Skagit Regional Clinics, 269th St. Stanwood. Need help with your new embroidery sewing machine? CIQ members will share help, ideas, designs, etc.

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!

Friendship Tea - "A cup of tea shared with a friend is happiness tasted and time well spent" - Anonymous. 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.

TOPS Club on Camano Island -- Accountability and Weight Loss Support: We provide gentle accountability, warm fellowship and support in your weight loss journey. We meet Thursday mornings for weigh-in from 8:15 to 8:45; meeting at 9 am. The first meeting is always free. Come join us and see how TOPS provides support during your weight loss and afterward, helping you to keep it off. All ages welcome! Camano Lutheran Church, 850 Heichel Rd, Camano Island. Call Karen (leader) at (360) 387-9716 for info.

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.

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>.

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. A variety of developmental activities that promote early learning. Inclusive of all young children, languages, and cultures. RSVP at www.crc-sc.org/events.



CASA'S PET OF THE WEEK:

SIRIUS BLACK! He is about 10 years old and now ready to be adopted! Sirius is a sweet, curious poodle that has lots of energy for his age. He is very loyal, loving and smart. Sirius has lots of personality traits but overall, he is such a sweetheart just looking for his furrever home! He tends to do well with cats, other dogs and children. Sirius may be your next partner in crime! Come meet him at the shelter today!

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



NOAH'S PET OF THE WEEK:

CLARENCE was turned in to us after the recent Pride Festival. He's the biggest cat we've ever had here and he will need extra care getting him comfortable in your house. He will require a house with no other pets since he has already eaten about a dozen kittens when he broke into the kitten room. Come meet him today at The NOAH Center.

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



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

SARGE is an energetic fella who would be a great walking, jogging or hiking buddy. He is always happy and just wants to please his people. Sarge is dreaming of a family that will include him in all their adventures. Sarge was a gentleman with our dog safety tester. **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

COMMUTE CHILDCARE

Former teacher offering before and after-school childcare with no late fees to help ease the stress for parents who have to battle difficult commutes. Transportation and homework help will be provided as well as dinner as needed on those especially long days. Big yard and private beach access will provide a fun afternoon! Located near Elger Bay Elementary School.



**Call Lori for more information
(831) 392-7777**

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.

NEW YORKERS HARASSED BY SUSPICIOUS FOREIGNER ATTEMPTING TO SAY HELLO

Anchorman: Good evening and Welcome to Eye Witness News. I'm Sonny Vabich. This just in: A sixty-three-year-old Midwestern man visiting New York City for the first time has been accused of terrorizing New Yorkers on their way to work. From several eye witness accounts, this man, who claims his name is Earl Pickens, has been spotted approaching people minding their own business and saying unsettling things to them like, "Hello" and "Nice weather we're having today, eh?"

Believed to be a wheat farmer from Nebraska, Mr. Pickens has been seen walking up to complete strangers in several parts of Manhattan, suspiciously asking for directions to places like the Empire State Building and even the Statue of Liberty. In just a matter of hours Pickens has left several New Yorkers traumatized by his repeated attempts to interact with them in a friendly, cheerful manner. We turn to our reporter on the scene, Woody Dewitt. Woody, what can you tell us about this latest incident that's putting so many New Yorkers on edge?

Reporter Woody Dewitt: Thanks, Sonny. Based on security footage, we've determined that Pickens arrived at Penn Station in the heart of Manhattan at approximately 8:57am at the peak of the morning commute. He had boarded the AirTrain rail line from Newark International Airport earlier that morning. He had already attempted to say hi to several airline passengers at the Newark Airport baggage claim – even offering to assist one person in retrieving their luggage from the carousel. But he was quickly told, "Get away from me, you creep," after which Pickens reportedly quietly left the scene, uttering words to the effect of "I am so sorry. I apologize. Please have a nice day."

One anxious commuter at Penn Station recalled seeing a tall man later identified as Pickens accosting their co-worker, saying, and I quote, "Pardon me, ma'am. Do you know which way to Times Square?" unquote. He left several worried commuters here unsure why a man they did not know was talking to them, not to mention smiling. [Cut to a local eye witness.]

Local eye witness: He made direct eye contact with me. His face was no more than three feet from mine. And then he said, completely unprovoked by me, mind you, "Good morning." I was speechless. I thought perhaps he was on drugs and might try to hit me up for money. I was terrified. But something in his tone suggested that this might be a greeting. Thankfully, there was several police officers nearby, so they intervened to rescue me from a situation that could have turned bad, although, now that I think about it, probably not.

Reporter Woody Dewitt: While Pickens was standing in line at a Dunkin Donuts, a SWAT team of six New York City police officers quickly identified him and took him into custody to await further questioning. However, he was released a few hours later when it was determined by the Manhattan District Attorney's office that friendliness towards strangers is not currently considered to be a crime in New York. Outside the station, Pickens issued a brief statement. [Cut

View from the Bleachers



to Mr. Pickens reading from a written statement.]

Earl Pickens: Where I come from in Nebraska, it is okay to greet strangers and tell them to have a nice day. I did not know that such behavior is not tolerated here in New York City. I deeply apologize to anyone I may have offended or to whom I may have caused emotional distress. I did not mean to cause anyone to panic when I carelessly uttered words like "Nice day, eh?" and "Thank you." Would it be okay for me to go now?

Anchorman Sonny Vabich: Woody, what should New Yorkers do if they find themselves approached by an out-of-towner, from, say, Iowa or Minnesota?

Reporter Woody Dewitt: Police recommend you avoid making eye contact and putting your headphones on and keeping your head down. You have no idea what nice sentiment they may attempt to verbalize with you or one of your family members. And failing that, if someone you don't recognize confronts you, say, to ask for directions to the Bubba Gump Shrimp company or otherwise tries to engage you, the best advice is to tell them in a fractured, foreign accent, "No speak-a-duh-Engleese." Then walk briskly towards the nearest Starbucks.

Anchorman Sonny Vabich: Sounds like smart advice. Thanks, Woody. And after a quick commercial break, what should you do if an elderly lady with a foreign accent attempts to sit next to you on the subway? More on that next.



Hop on into *Stanwood Hearing*



**Some bunny needs
to remind you to
"Test Your Ears
at 60 Years"
(and beyond, of course!)**

**Call to schedule
your hearing
evaluation today.**



Tonia MacPhail,
A.A.S., HIS
Owner



Dr. Shashi Churchill,
Doctor of Audiology,
Hearing Instrument Specialist

STANWOOD HEARING

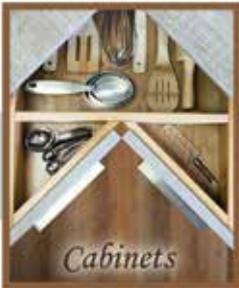
9300 271st St NW, Suite B-5, Stanwood, WA 98292

Near QFC, between Papa Murphy's and H&R Block

p: 425-272-9435 | f: 360.572.4765 StanwoodHearing.com

TIDE TABLES / SARATOGA PASSAGE / MARCH 21 - APRIL 3, 2025

Date	High /Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Moon Visible	Date	High /Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Moon Visible
F 21 21 21	Low High Low	4:19 AM 8:48 AM 4:46 PM	7.6 9.5 1.2		F 28 28 28 28	High Low High Low	4:59 AM 11:07 AM 5:05 PM 11:13 PM	11.9 2.3 10.9 1.3	
Sa 22 22 22 22	High Low High Low	12:47 AM 5:27 AM 9:21 AM 5:44 PM	9.5 8.1 9.1 1.1		Sa 29 29 29 29	High Low High Low	5:29 AM 11:48 AM 6:04 PM	12.1 0.7 11.5	
Su 23 23 23 23	High Low High Low	2:22 AM 6:47 AM 10:39 AM 6:47 PM	9.9 8.1 8.7 0.8		Su 30 30 30 30	Low High Low High	12:00 AM 6:00 AM 12:29 PM 7:02 PM	2.3 12.1 -0.6 11.9	
M 24 24 24 24	High Low High Low	3:07 AM 8:11 AM 12:20 PM 7:50 PM	10.4 7.6 8.5 0.5		M 31 31 31 31	Low High Low High	12:47 AM 6:32 AM 1:12 PM 8:00 PM	3.6 12.0 -1.6 12.0	
Tu 25 25 25 25	High Low High Low	3:37 AM 9:06 AM 1:50 PM 8:47 PM	10.9 6.7 8.8 0.2		Tu 1 1 1 1	Low High Low High	1:34 AM 7:05 AM 1:58 PM 9:02 PM	5.0 11.7 -2.0 11.8	
W 26 26 26 26	High Low High Low	4:04 AM 9:48 AM 3:02 PM 9:38 PM	11.3 5.4 9.4 0.2		W 2 2 2 2	Low High Low High	2:24 AM 7:40 AM 2:48 PM 10:12 PM	6.2 11.3 -1.9 11.4	
Th 27 27 27 27	High Low High Low	4:31 AM 10:28 AM 4:05 PM 10:26 PM	11.7 3.9 10.2 0.5		Th 3 3 3 3	Low High Low High	3:21 AM 8:19 AM 3:43 PM 11:31 PM	7.2 10.6 -1.4 11.0	



Cabinets



Window Fashions

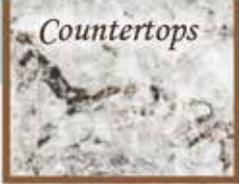


Hardwood





Luxury Vinyl



Countertops



Tile

Mount Vernon Carpet One
mvcarpetone.com

360-336-6533
 400 W. Fir St.



ARCHERY LESSONS

ARROWHEAD RANCH & LET 'ER FLY ARCHERY
BOOK A SPOT TO COME TRY ARCHERY!

**EQUIPMENT PROVIDED OR
BRING YOUR OWN!**

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS THIS SPRING

615 Arrowhead Rd. Camano Island, WA

**ALL
AGES**



Tory Eo Charette

Your Local Agent |
License #972580

10101 270th St NW
STE 210 Stanwood,
WA 98292

Call 360-629-0174 today!
For Home, Auto and Business.

tcharette@farmersagent.com

Coverage to live the life you want

- Commercial Auto Insurance
- Business Insurance
- Auto Insurance



Underwritten by Farmers, Truck, or Fire Insurance Exchanges, or affiliate.
Insurer licensed & licensed in WA: Farmers.com/insurancesolutions/insurers
not authorized in all states. Each insurer solely financially responsible.

BIKE CAMANO ISLAND

Sunday, April 27

103, 65, 50 or 35 miles



Finish with tacos & friends at
SAAL Brewing in Stanwood



Hosted by B.I.K.E.S. CLUB OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY AND LOCAL KIWANIS

*Spring
Break*

ART CAMP

April 7- 10th

1:00 - 4:00 PM each day

Camano Schoolhouse: Firehouse

**FOR KIDS
AGES 8-11**

www.scaacwa.org/classes

**CREATE YOUR OWN 3D ART
WONDER WORLD!**



Courtesy of Univ. of Iowa, Stanley Museum of Art





Windermere

REAL ESTATE

2025

Shred-A-Thon

SATURDAY APRIL 12TH, 9AM-12PM

**Windermere Stanwood / Camano Island
818 N Sunrise Blvd Camano Island, WA 98282**

We're excited to welcome back Shred-It for this year's 19th annual Shred-A-Thon!

Gather all of your unwanted documents and bring them to our Camano Island Office for safe and secure shredding!

A suggested donation of \$5 for every grocery bag or banker's box, or \$10 for any oversized box or bag. All proceeds will benefit WSU Waste Wise, Island County.

360-387-HOME | 360-629-8233
Windermere Real Estate/CIR