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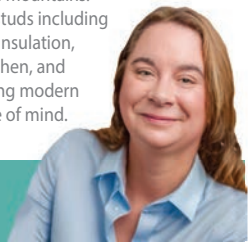


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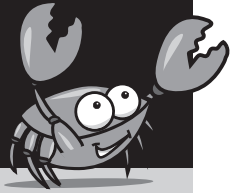


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Welcome to The Crab Cracker! Here's What's Crackin'...

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

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Submission DEADLINE: JUNE 18 for Next Edition (June 26 - July 9, 2026)

Calendar of Events



FRIDAY, JUNE 12 STANWOOD FARMERS MARKET



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

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

JAMMIN' AFTER NOON - A BIRTHDAY PARTY

8 PM - Arcadian Public House, 18444 Spruce Street, Conway. Tickets: \$12. Come celebrate your favorite birthday with classic rock n roll and CAKE.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 12 POP UP YOGA

With Carol Mason. Noon-1pm at Camano Commons. Gather with friends and join us for some outdoor yoga. Spread out and feel the grass under your feet. This is a FREE Event. Please bring a donation for the Stanwood/Camano FOOD BANK. More info: 360-629-9100

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 12-13 COMMUNITY "GARAGE SALE"



Event by Stanwood Area Historical Society. 9am-3pm at the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center, 27130 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood. Come to find craft items, household goods, antiques, jewelry, tools and much, much more!

4th OF JULY PARADE and ICE CREAM SOCIAL

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH

11 AM IN STANWOOD - AT THE WEST END

4TH OF JULY PARADE ROUTE

Start at: Josephine



Everyone is welcome to join in the parade. Come line up in the Josephine Caring parking lot at 10:15 am.

Kids Costume Contest in 3 categories: **Historic, Patriotic, & 4th of July.** Winners will receive award certificate and prize money.

Afterwards, enjoy complimentary ice-cream with strawberries and coffee at the Floyd



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DID YOU KNOW?

The only father-daughter collaboration to hit the top spot on the Billboard pop music chart was the 1967 hit single "Something Stupid" by Frank & Nancy Sinatra.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, JUNE 12-13

SONS OF NORWAY ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

9am-3pm at 21098 2nd Street, Conway, WA. Everything will be donation based. There will be a lot of fun stuff. More info: 360-854-1241.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

LIVE MUSIC WITH DUSTY RECOR

7-9pm at Conway's Pub and Eatery. Singer/songwriter bringing warm, story-driven music. Coastal soul, open-road energy, and songs about freedom, resilience, love, and connection.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

SUMMER SOLSTICE DANCE & BBQ



Celebrate the arrival of summer at the Grange! Join us for a delicious BBQ dinner followed by an evening of dancing with a live DJ. It's the perfect way to welcome the longest day of the year with your neighbors! Suggested Donation: \$35 per person / \$60 per couple. 5:30 PM: Doors Open. 6:00 PM: BBQ Dinner. 7:00 PM: DJ Starts & Dancing Begins. 9:45 PM: Last Dance. www.southcamanogrange.org

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

HONESTLY NO + THE OPINES

8 PM - Arcadian Public House, 18444 Spruce Street, Conway, WA. Tickets: \$10 ADV / \$15 DOS Doors at 7 Show at 8. 21+ only.

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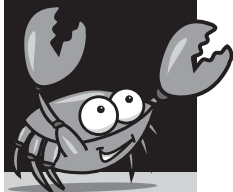
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SATURDAY, JUNE 13 BOOTS, BOWS, AND BBQ



6pm at Stanwood High School Commons. Stanwood Booster Club (SHS Cheer) is hosting a BBQ, Silent Auction and Square Dance. BBQ by Pure Smoke. Entertainment by Dave Harry! The famous square dance caller that has come to our schools for years and taught our youth! Come Join the Fun & Square Dance/line Dance with the high school cheerleaders and Support our SHS Cheer Program! Tickets on sale at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc0yCRX-BoDktcoSeEp9BNdMri_TxSOEwXI_35T-Pdh1EeUSog/viewform

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

FAMILY BINGO

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

CARS & COFFEE

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

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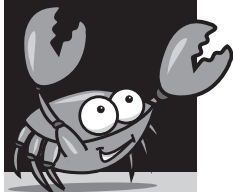
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DID YOU KNOW?

There are about 152 million males in the United States. Of these, 70.1 million (46%) are fathers

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

FILL UP OUR CASA VAN AT OUR ANNUAL PET FOOD AND SUPPLY DRIVE!

11am - 4pm at Camano Plaza IGA We will be accepting donations of pet food, litter, laundry soap, bleach, paper towels, dish soap, and more. Keeping the shelter stocked with these key items ensures effective operations and directly benefits the pets in our care.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

CONNECT AND CRAFT

11am-12:30pm at the Camano Island Library. Join us for a fun and engaging time of crafting and conversation! Discover a fresh, creative approach to image transfer that's sure to impress. We'll also highlight Creativebug, a powerful crafting resource available through Sno-Isle Libraries. Be sure to register—you won't want to miss this exciting session! All supplies will be provided.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

MASTER GARDENERS CLINIC

Snohomish County Masters will be at The Stanwood Country Store, from 10-2 to assist you with your gardening concerns. (It is very helpful if you bring either a picture or sample of your gardening issues so that we can give you an accurate diagnosis.)

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

MINIATURE WARGAMING MEET-UP

2-6pm at the Camano Island Library. Discover the strategic camaraderie of miniature wargaming with Camano Island Miniature Wargamers. Explore historical, fantasy, and sci-fi battles around the tabletops—no experience needed.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

PRIME RIB DINNER

4pm until gone (and that's usually by ~5pm) at the American Legion, Post 92, in Stanwood. Join us for plenty of good food and camaraderie! Adults \$25 and children (under 12) \$10.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

BILLY STAPLETON WITH ANNIE EASTWOOD

7pm at Pub 282, 370 NE Camano Dr #6, Camano. Get ready for a night of soulful blues, sizzling guitar, and powerhouse vocals!

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The Stevie Wonder song "Isn't She Lovely" is about his new-born daughter, Aisha. If you listen closely, you can hear Aisha crying during the song.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

STANWOOD SPARTAN WOMEN'S FOOTBALL GAME



Last chance to come cheer on your Stanwood Spartan Women's Football Team at their last HOME game for the 2026 season! 6pm at SHS vs. Granite Falls! Price: \$10 individual, \$30 per family of four. Kids 5 and under are free. There will also be raffles, concessions, merchandise, SHS Band, and much more. All proceeds help raise money for scholarships for youth sports in our area.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

BINGO AT THE VIKING HALL - SILVANA, WA

5pm. \$10 for a book of 15 games and \$1 for each black out game. We will begin serving dinner at 5pm. All profits will go to a community service project. More info: 360-618-2076.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

HWY 532 ROAD CLEANUP

The Baha'is of Camano Island have been picking up trash along the roadside on Hwy 532 for over 12 years - from the Spare room to the bridge on both sides of Hwy 532. We meet at 1pm in the parking space on Good Road across from Cascade Lumber. Our numbers are small and the Baha'i members and friends are mostly elderly so we can really use the extra community help. Donate a few hours to make our roadways cleaner, and a welcoming reflection of our beautiful Island.

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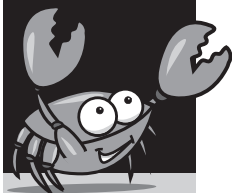
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DID YOU KNOW?

The tradition of “giving away” the bride is rooted in the historical belief that a female child was the property of her father. A father “giving away his daughter” signified that he would no longer have control over her, her welfare, or her possessions (dowry) and that her husband would take on the responsibilities of the father

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

150TH ANNIVERSARY WITH A CHOIR CONCERT



2pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Stanwood. Highlighting our church's history and our Norwegian roots throughout the generations. Featuring choir anthems, hymns, scripture readings, and glimpses of OSLC history, presented by Erik Ronning and our choir. Celebrating 150 years of faith, music, and community.

MONDAY, JUNE 15

YOGA WITH RACHEL

This event is free!! Rachel is a Grange member and also owner of Island Harvest Farm. If you haven't tried Rachel's fresh greens you need to! Also, come to the Grange and try some Yoga with us. This will be an entry level class so all skill levels are encouraged to join! 5pm at South Camano Grange.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!



Enjoy your summer break!

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

WBCA RUN/WALK WEEKLY SOCIAL

Warm Beach Community Run/Walk Club! Meet at 5:45pm at the WBCA Park. All levels of running and walking are welcome. We have multiple different routes ranging from 1-3 miles. Come exercise and socialize! Hope to see you there!

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

PROPER TREE CARE, NO SAW REQUIRED!



CAMANO WILDLIFE PROGRAM. Often, a slight shift in perspective is all that's needed to resolve most tree issues! Loren Fuell, an ISA certified arborist, will talk about the importance of trees in our communities and how to make sustainable landscape decisions for the benefit of all. Together, we will work to come up with creative, conservation-minded solutions to common conflicts between people, infrastructure, and trees. 7 p.m. at the Island County Multi-Purpose Center, 141 N East Camano Drive.

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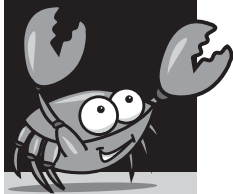
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

CHILDREN'S ART WITH STANWOOD CAMANO ARTS ADVOCACY

4-5:30pm at the Camano Island Library. What will we make today? Join us for a children's art class with Stanwood Camano Arts Advocacy Commission (SCAAC). Event is free and all materials provided. No registration required.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

WILLOW WIGGLY MUSIC SERIES

at the Community Resource Center. Willow Wiggly Music Series is a playful music and movement program designed for children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. Little ones will explore a variety of instruments, sing songs together, discover different sounds, and listen to the sounds of nature in a fun outdoor setting. Today's theme: "Bird Sounds". 2-3pm at 9612 271st St NW, Stanwood.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

LIVE MUSIC AT CAMANO COMMONS

3-5pm. LIVE music, Beatles to Bach, oldies & lots of goodies! with Island Aogato & Linda Younce on Accordion/Flute. Outside & weather permitting. Cafe Accordion & Flute, Island Affogato. Enjoy the delightful combination of musical flavors where you'll hear a classic menu of favorite songs.

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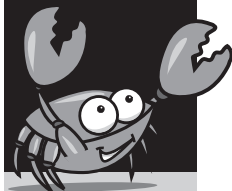
• Cuts & Scrapes

• Rolled Ankle

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DID YOU KNOW?

If show creator/producer Sherwood Schwartz had gotten his way, Gene Hackman would have portrayed the role of father Mike Brady on *The Brady Bunch*.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

CHRIS EGER

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

11am at 1866 Trading Post, 9901 270th St NW Unit A, Stanwood. You're Invited! Join Our Grand Opening Celebrations. We're kicking things off with our official ribbon cutting! The mayor will join us for the ceremony and photo op. Come be part of this special moment and celebrate with us.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

STANWOOD FARMERS MARKET

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

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 19-21

FATHER'S DAY HOMETOWN DAYS

9am-5pm at Camano Plaza ACE Hardware. Celebrate Dad all weekend long! Join us for Father's Day savings, ACE Rewards offers, free gifts, and great deals.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 19-21

CAMANO ISLAND STATE PARK CAMP OUT

Event by WetWesties - The Pacific Northwest VW Camping Society. Come and camp with. We try to camp in the "Lower Loop" however once it fills up the upper loop is next. The potluck serving line starts Saturday at 6 PM. There is no good available covered area, so we build our own from patio canopies tied together if needed. Site location for the potluck is to be determined based who has space at their site. Bring a dish of your choosing and a chair. If you can... bring a table and canopy. IT'S ALWAYS FUN !!! RSVPs are not expected, nor required. You will need to make a reservation through the state park system. We don't know who is showing up, head counts, etc. So this is your formal invitation. We like to see familiar faces as well as new ones and hope to see yours. The host is John Seehorn, he hopes to see you there! Park reservations are recommended and can be made at: <https://parks.state.wa.us/484/Camano-Island>

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DID YOU KNOW?

In the underwater world of the seahorse, it's the male that gets to carry the eggs and birth the babies.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

CHARLIE PARTIN

performing live at 7pm at Conway's Pub & Eatery. Singer/songwriter. Covers & originals. Combat vet turned troubadour. "Not promised tomorrow, so I play like it."

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

FATHER'S DAY SUMMER SWING DANCE NIGHT!



at the Floyd-Norgaard Cultural Center, 27130 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood. Join us for a lively evening of swing dancing to the exciting sounds of the house band Camano Junction. Kick off the summer with great music, dancing, and community. Free Dance Lesson: 6:30 PM. Dance Starts: 7:00 PM. Dance lessons continue during intermissions. \$12 Adults. \$10 Students. (Cash, Check, or Venmo only — No credit cards). Dress cool, bring your friends, and enjoy a fun summer night of music and dancing!

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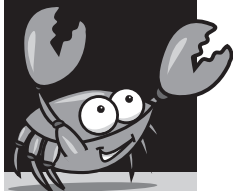
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DID YOU KNOW?

Sonora Dodd (1882-1978) from Spokane, Washington, first suggested a "Father's Day" in 1909 after listening to a Mother's Day sermon. She hoped to establish a day to similarly honor her father, William Smart, who was a widowed Civil War veteran with 6 children and a farm. Finally, in 1972, President Nixon signed the holiday into law

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

SONGS OF THE HEART WITH NATIVE AMERICAN FLUTIST PETER ALI



11am-12:30pm at the Camano Island Library. Celebrate Summer Reading with a live musical performance by celebrated Native American flutist Peter Ali, featuring songs from Native American, Mesoamerican, Middle Eastern, and Nordic cultures. Peter will tell the story of where and why these instruments were played and how they are connected to his own ancestry. After the presentation, the audience is invited for a hands-on introduction to try playing flutes from Peter's collection (appropriate for ages 10+). No registration required - just show up for this free event.

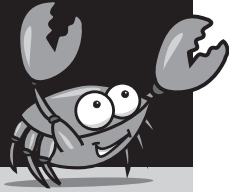
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STANFEST - STANWOOD CONCERT FESTIVAL



6-8pm at Church Creek Park, Stanwood (across from the high school). Free admission. Family event. Concert, food trucks, beer garden, vendor market, kid zone. Tonight's headliner: Stage Hogs. Stage Hogs are a local Stanwood band known for their high-energy performances and modern takes on classic hits. Blending classic rock, alternative favorites, and Top 40 crowd-pleasers.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 20 "BACKROADS" ART OPENING



CAA member exhibition called 'Backroads' running June 19 - Aug 2. Artists' Reception today from 4pm to 6pm at Gateway Gallery at Terry's Corner.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20 POP UP MARKET AT KRISTOFERSON FARM

10am. Shop for hand crafted items from local vendors and experience the joy of supporting our community of makers. Check out vendor booths and the many treats in the farm stand.



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.

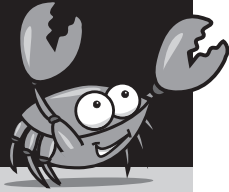
Save Cama Beach Cabins group is asking the Washington State Legislature for funding to repair the septic and water systems so the cabins can be used again. A website with more information will be available soon. They need your help to contact the Governor and your State Legislators to urge their support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

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DID YOU KNOW?

Dick Hoyt has pushed and pulled his son Rick, who has cerebral palsy, through hundreds of marathons and triathlons. Rick cannot speak, but using a custom-designed computer he has been able to communicate.

They ran their first five-mile race together when Rick was in high school. When they were done, Rick said "Dad, when we were running, it felt like I wasn't disabled anymore!"

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

PAWS WITH CAUSE PET PAINTING PARTY



3-4:30pm at the Stanwood Library. Join us for a unique painting event hosted by PawsWithCause! At this creative gathering for adults and teens, you'll paint portraits of real shelter pets from Wet Noses Foster Paws to help showcase these animals and encourage adoption. We'll provide all the materials you need, including paints, brushes, and pre-sketched canvases. No prior experience is necessary. All skill levels are welcome! To further support local shelters, we'll have puppies on hand - please keep this in mind if you have allergies. Space and supplies are limited. Be sure to register each participant in advance to secure your spot.

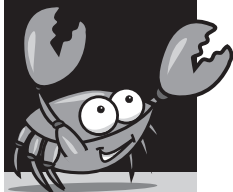
SATURDAY, JUNE 20

19TH ANNUAL STANWOOD CAMANO SOAP BOX DERBY



starting at 8am at 615 Arrowhead Rd., Camano. We are the largest local Soap Box Derby Race in the WORLD - as of 2025. Children ages 7-19 have the opportunity to build and race an official soap box car. Winners of the Derby go on to race at the All-American Soap Box Derby World Championship in Akron, Ohio!

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DID YOU KNOW?

A.A. Milne created Winnie the Pooh for his son, Christopher Robin. Pooh was based on Robin's teddy bear, Edward, a gift Christopher had received for his first birthday

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

SUMMER SOLSTICE ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR



9am-4pm at the Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Rd. Celebrate the first day of summer. Spend the day exploring 50+ talented local artists and makers offering unique handcrafted goods you won't find anywhere else. Shop a wide variety of treasures, including pottery, wooden bowls and signs, soaps, lotions, jewelry, fused glass, metal garden art, and so much more. With vendors located indoors and outdoors, this fun community event is happening rain or shine. Free admission. Mi Espresso will be on site with their coffee truck serving fresh-brewed coffee and refreshing summer drinks. Come shop local, support small businesses, connect with neighbors, and welcome summer with us!

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

CARS & COFFEE

Come have coffee and admire our local hot rods, muscle cars, and more. Free admission to general public and free to bring by your custom car. The location alternates each week, either at Coastal Vie, Stanwood or Camano Commons. Check with them to determine this week's location. Free coffee (or ice tea or orange juice) for participants (and mini donuts at Coastal Vie). 7-11am. All cars welcome. Come out and have fun!

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2026 LAVENDER SEASON OPENING CELEBRATION



at Our Legacy Fields, 27031 36th Avenue NW, Stanwood. Get over here to help us welcome the 2026 lavender season at Our Legacy Fields Lavender Farm! We can't wait to throw open the gates and welcome back our community of lavender-loving friends, family and neighbors. We will have games for the entire family, food trucks, music, ice cream, cold beverages, farm-made gifts and goodies, U-Pick Flower Field, warm sunshine, picnic tables, blankets (if you forgot yours), neighbors (if you forgot yours), compliments, hugs, baby lavender starts for you to take home to your own backyard garden, really happy people and much much more. This is always a free event. Outside food is allowed. No dogs, smoking, meanies or alcohol.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

JAKE HOLDER AND THE MISFITS

Country Cover Band from Tennessee at 7 PM - Arcadian Public House, 18444 Spruce Street, Conway. Coming to you all the way from Tennessee! They'll be playing for a private party the night before and decided to stay another night to play for an open show. They have a massive amount of music and will be running a four hour show. If weather allows, this show will be outside. Tickets: \$18 ADV / \$20 DOS. 21+ only.



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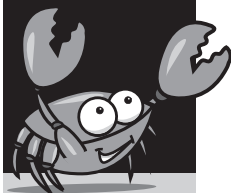
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DID YOU KNOW?

Chromosomes from the father determine the sex of their offspring. Mothers always pass on an X chromosome to their children; a father passes on either an X or Y chromosome

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

ONCE UPON A TIME WHERE PUPPETS LIVE

Join professional puppeteers Phil Morrison and Ken Mu from Slapdash Puppets Co. for "The Fairytale World of Princess Penny," a make-believe story filled with royalty, scoundrels and the unexpected! 11am-1pm at the Community Resource Center, 9612 271st St NW, Stanwood. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and join professional puppeteers. After the show, the puppeteers will share some of their secrets for making puppets and bringing them to life! No registration - just show up. No pets, please.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

MASTER GARDENERS CLINIC

Snohomish County Masters will be at The Stanwood Country Store, from 10-2 to assist you with your gardening concerns. (It is very helpful if you bring either a picture or sample of your gardening issues so that we can give you an accurate diagnosis.)

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 20-21

SVH SUMMER GAMING SERIES



Event by Stillaguamish Valley Horsemen. 9:30am-4:30pm at the Stanwood Fairgrounds. UPDATE: due to the May SVH rain out our June SVH show will now be a 2 day show. 9:30 START. SATURDAY EVENTS: (from canceled May show) Keg, Speed Barrels, Polo, Key, International Flag, TEAM Just Another Pair. SUNDAY EVENTS: Poles, Spur Race, Half 8, 2 Barrel Flags, 3 Pole Weave, and Team Ribbon Race

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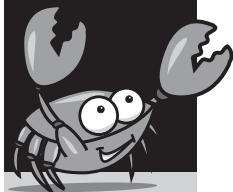
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JUNE 21 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER

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SUNDAY, JUNE 21

BBQ & BLOOMS - A DAY FOR DAD

AT OUR LEGACY FIELDS LAVENDER FARM. Join us for a relaxed Father's Day in the lavender fields. Treat dad to slow smoked barbecue, stroll through fragrant blooms, field games, simple family fun, and a chance to unwind in a beautiful place. A perfect way to celebrate the dads you love. Picnic tables, picnic blankets and unlimited photo-worthy backdrops provided. Just BYO-dad! This is a free community event. 27031 36th Avenue NW, Stanwood.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

MINDFUL REFLECTION THROUGH ART

4-6pm at the Camano Island Library. Discover your layers through both hidden, revealed and personally-embellished art in this intuitive and process based approach to art making. Class incorporates movement, guided meditation and time for optional & confidential sharing at the end. All Levels. Registration at www.SCAACwa.org/ classes.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24

CONNECT OVER COFFEE

An informal evening gathering open to EVERYONE where we regularly meet to share perspectives and explore ideas that spark positive change within ourselves and our communities. 7-9pm at the Camano Island Library Community room. Bahaisofcamanoisland@gmail.com

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

LIVE MUSIC AT THE CAMANO COMMONS

3 to 5pm, LIVE music, Beatles to Bach, oldies & lots of goodies! with Island Affogato & Linda Younce on Accordion/Flute. Outside & weather permitting. More info at www.smallchambers.com

THURSDAY, JUNE 25

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DID YOU KNOW?

Wrestling and roughhousing with a father helps shape a child's brain to help them manage emotion and develop a balance between thinking and physical action

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 TEDDY BEAR PICNIC



10am-1pm at the Community Resource Center, 9612 271st St NW, Stanwood. Celebrate literacy, imagination, and the joy of storytelling as we gather under the willow tree for a cozy morning of stories and connection. This event is for preschool and school aged children and their families. Bring your favorite teddy bear and a sack lunch, and settle in for some magical moments together. We're also excited to celebrate the Grand Opening of Dottie's Garden—our new outdoor nature play area designed especially for our early learning programs! It's a sweet summer tradition you won't want to miss—come read, relax, and play with us!

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 LIFE ENHANCEMENT EXPO

(all ages). 9am-2pm at Lincoln Hill Retirement Community & Senior Center, 7430 276th St NW, Stanwood. We started working on this event in 2025 with hopes of bringing community resource providers, local entrepreneurs, and healthcare providers together to help bring our all-ages community options they may not know are available. Lunch in our new "Bob & Glenda Mitchell Dining Hall" will be made available (donations greatly appreciated). All proceeds are used locally to support low-income senior programs.

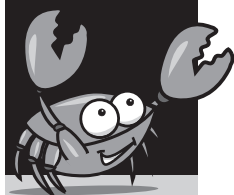
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RUSTIC POPCORN SAMPLER | DIY GIFT FOR DAD



YOU’LL NEED: Variety popcorn; Glass, sealable jars from your local craft store (I’d recommend one medium jar for the regular yellow popcorn, and two smaller ones for the specialty colored popcorn); 3.5 round tins from your local craft store; A basket to nestle everything in when you’re done putting it together; Printable tin labels (there are several free pre-designed templates available online!); One sheet of cardstock or one sheet of glossy photo paper or (my personal favorite) one sheet of Avery Brown Kraft Shipping Label Paper from Amazon; Lastly, the most important elements! You’ll need all of the spices for these five popcorn spice recipes:

Greek Lemon: 3 tsp salt; Dried dill 3 Tbsp; 3 Tbsp dried lemon peel (ground); 1.5 tsp onion powder

Cinnamon-Twist: ½ tsp table salt; ½ tsp ground nutmeg; ½ cup powdered sugar; 4 tsp cinnamon (powder); ½ tsp allspice (ground)

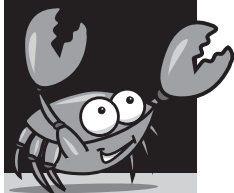
Southern Ranch: 2 ¼ tsp salt; 6 Tbsp dry buttermilk; 1 ½ tsp onion powder; 1 ½ tsp powder mustard; ¾ tsp garlic powder; ¾ tsp white pepper powder

Kickin’ Chili Popcorn Seasoning: 5 tsp salt; 2 ½ tsp garlic powder; 5 tsp ground cumin; 5 tsp paprika; 10 tsp chili powder

Italian Parmesan: 1 tsp salt; ½ cup finely grated parmesan cheese powder; 4 tsp dried thyme; 1 tsp garlic powder

DIRECTIONS: Step 1: Fill Jars with Popcorn. Fill the largest glass jar with the regular, yellow popcorn, and the smaller two jars with the black and rainbow popcorn, respectively. Set those aside for later — they’re done! Step 2: Cut Out Labels from Printable Page. Download any printable template and cut out to rectangular labels. I used a single sheet of brown kraft Avery shipping label paper that I had on hand. I love this paper, because it is adhesive on the back, and the brown kraft color has a great, vintage style. Step 3: Attach each label to the lid of the tin. If you used the Avery adhesive paper, simply peel and stick each label on. If you used cardstock or other standard paper, I’d recommend using a glue stick or rubber cement to prevent puckering or wrinkling. Step 4: Combine the Spices. One at a time, make up each spice recipe by simply combining all of the spices in the recipe into a bowl or jar. Step 5 (Optional): Seal the Tin Edges. If you are shipping the popcorn sampler, you’ll want to use a piece of scotch tape around the edges of the tins to keep the spices from spilling out. Step 6: Using tissue paper, gently pack your spices and popcorn jars into the basket. You’re done! Your rustic popcorn sampler is ready to give to dad with hugs and kisses on Father’s Day.

Fun and Crafts



DID YOU KNOW?

Halsey Taylor invented the drinking fountain as a tribute to his father, who contracted typhoid fever after drinking from a contaminated public water supply in 1896.

ROSEMARY PINE BEARD BALM



This rosemary pine beard balm is great for beards and smells amazing. It is easy to make and is also great for gift giving, especially for dad! Learn how to make this homemade herbal and foraged woody beard balm! It has some ingredients that help to moisturize and condition both the beard and the face. It's also more portable, and has a great pine and rosemary scent to it, with a slight hint of orange. To make the infused oil, gather some fresh green pine needles and a few springs of fresh rosemary, and place them in a jar. Completely cover them with your carrier oils of choice (I like to use a blend of olive, coconut, sweet almond, and jojoba for this beard balm) and let sit in a dark place for several weeks. Once you are ready to make the beard balm, strain out the pine needles and rosemary from the oil. It will be a nice green color and will smell amazing. This recipe makes about 6 ounces of beard balm. You will need a container (or containers) to keep it in. I used 2 ounce tins, which would make you three balms total. Use a double boiler, or make one with a smaller pot, bowl, or glass pyrex measuring cup over an inch or so of simmering water. If you use the glass measuring cup, put something in the bottom of the pot that it can rest on, such as a canning jar lid. Put the infused oil and beeswax into the top container of the double boiler. Stir it as it heats up and the beeswax will slowly melt. A wooden skewer works well as a stir stick. Once the beeswax is almost completely melted, add the shea butter. Continue to stir, and the shea butter will melt rather quickly. Once everything has liquefied, stir in the essential oils. Then carefully pour the mixture into your tins or jars. Let the beard balms cool undisturbed for several hours. They will harden as they cool. Soon you will have a luscious and wonderful rosemary pine beard balm on your hands. Speaking of hands, this will also work wonders on dry and cracked hands and feet. It's definitely multi-purpose! This beard balm smells amazing, and is for sure woody and rustic, but not overpowering. It will make a beard smell good as it softens and repairs it. Perfect! - Source: www.growforagecookferment.com



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Moonshine Wisdom & Wit



Story by Jack Archibald.

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THE DREADED COUNTY BUILDING INSPECTOR

Back before the building booms when Camano was discovered by the denizens of Seattle and California seeking low cost gated communities, the Piranha Brothers plied their trade in the South End backwash. Their motto, We Don't Need No Stinking Permits, explains why they worked after hours, on weekends, often times in the gloom of night, anything to avoid the dreaded building inspector. They worked fast and they worked cheap, hammers strapped to their construction belts slung low the way a gunfighter hung his .45, safety off, trigger filed. They used recycled materials gleaned from tear downs and salvaged structures, not so much out of environmental concerns as a strategy to building on the cheap. Sheds, garages, chicken coops, artist studios --- no job was too small, no building too demeaning. They moved surreptitiously from site to site, word of mouth spread to prospective clients the way a virus travels by stealth and speed. The jobs they turned down were those that might arouse the neighbors or were visible from the highway. Cash only, the Brothers demanded. Leave no trace. It was only a matter of time, of course, before the long reach of the Island County Building Department tracked the two men to an unpermitted barn south of Tyee Store where Jimmy Kennedy found the pair hammering rafters into place three stories above ground. Nowhere to run, nowhere to hide. 'I'll need to see a building permit, boys,' the lawman shouted above their hammers' racket, 'and I'll need to see it now.' Even though they'd never laid eyes on the county's agent, they knew who this was and they knew too the jig was up now that their cover was blown. It was, Josh told his partner Pete over a long afternoon of beers at the Stanwood Hotel after paying their fines and receiving their reprimands, inevitable.

'You aren't suggesting we go legit, are you?' Pete asked bleary-eyed. 'No way, partner, that's for other construction outfits, not the likes of us.' And so, maybe sad to say, maybe not, the heyday of the Piranha Brothers seemed at its end. There are some who say the Piranha Brothers never really existed, just a rumor from the scofflaw days of the island when we built our own homes without permission or permit, us pioneers of Camano. Others claim they retired, drifted back into time and the backwash where even today they construct odd buildings that defy gravity and the law. But if truth be told --- and it seldom is down here at the end of the island --- the boys drifted into legend. Even if it was only in their own minds.

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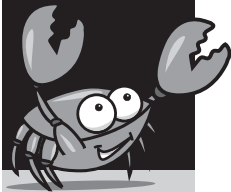
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AUTHOR & ARTIST KELLY CRUMPLEY LAUNCHES LADREAM SKIN CARE



Fantasy-inspired skincare has arrived on Camano Island. Local author, artist, and longtime skincare formulator Kelly Crumpley introduces LaDream Skin Care — a handcrafted botanical skincare line inspired by beauty rituals, nature, and a touch of magic. Kelly previously owned Bella di Terra Organic Skin Care and has been formulating handcrafted skincare products since 2001. After spending the last 9 years selling real estate in the local community, she decided to reopen her skincare business to follow her longtime passion and love for creating luxurious, effective skincare products. LaDream Skin Care blends amazing ingredients, powerful skincare actives, beautiful scents, and adorable packaging into products designed to make everyday skincare feel magical and indulgent. The Collection Includes Cleansers & Exfoliants • Toners & Serums • Body Butters • Aromatherapy • The popular Clean Green Acne Routine • Targeted Skincare for Aging and Mature Skin. Every product is handmade from scratch using carefully selected ingredients sourced from trusted farms around the world. LaDream Skin Care focuses on nutrient-rich botanical ingredients chosen for their quality, effectiveness, sensory experience, and skin-loving benefits. Visit LaDream Skin Care at the Stanwood Farmer's Market Fridays from 2 PM – 6 PM June through September. Shop online anytime at: www.ladreamskincare.com. Handmade on Camano Island with love! Follow her on Instagram & Tiktok @ladreamskincare

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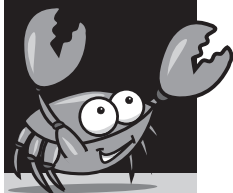
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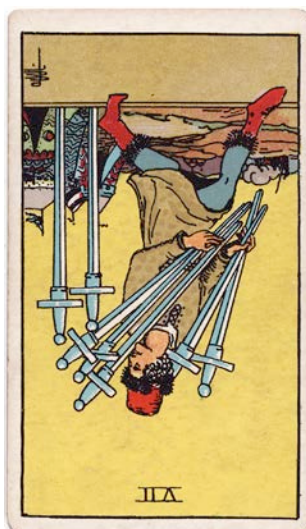
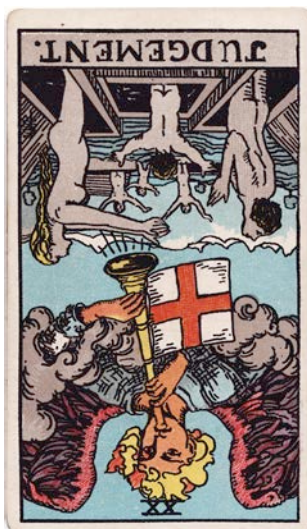


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INTUITIVE TAROT WITH TIFFANY



June 12th – June 18th : Judgement Reversed. Or rather, Judgement reserved. This week's card softly encourages you to consider that maybe it doesn't have to make sense to you, and perhaps this unique situation, which has previously triggered a sense of disapproval within you, now provides you the opportunity to stretch your capacity for basking in the unknown. And while you're strengthening those muscles, though you may mean well, perhaps the inherited opinions you still hold need not leave the lips, especially through the loudspeaker. Promoting the assimilation of others is rarely as beneficial as we've been led to believe. Plus, Sunday's Gemini New Moon spurs the celebration of broadening minds through communication, education, and social connection. Different is not synonymous with wrong any more than understood or known are equivalent with correct, and love can shine upon and from within each of us, if we find the courage to allow.

June 19th – June 25th : the Seven of Swords Reversed. More than you yet realize or thought possible, the work is falling into place, much being done even behind the scenes without your full awareness. You didn't need to micromanage every decision or have full executive control of the project after all. This message is not expressed disparagingly, but rather soothingly in support of relaxing the reins and trusting the unfolding. You're moving in the right direction even as you continue to look over your shoulder, questioning every step, second guessing every choice made, perhaps lamenting what's been left behind. With each step we embody forward, we must shed, and often mourn, the footprint we've vacated. A path of alignment, along with the determinations necessary to keep true, are not devoid of emotional ebbs and flows, therefore endeavor not to fall prey to doubt when feeling pangs of natural grief.

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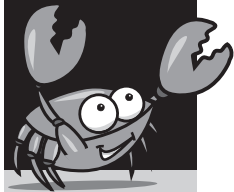


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Cama Beach Foundation kicks off summer with its weekly Toy Boat Building Workshop on Saturdays at Camano Island State Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. located in the North Beach Picnic Area. First workshop begins Saturday, May 23. Follow the signs to our “shipyard” station (in the North Beach Picnic Area) and learn how to build a wooden toy boat. The best part? You get to bring it home as a souvenir! For safety, all children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Building materials and tools provided. \$5 suggested donation to the Cama Beach Foundation.

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DID YOU KNOW?

A “patrophile” is a child who has more affection for the father than the mother

STANWOOD-CAMANO AREA FOUNDATION AWARDS RECORD-BREAKING \$352,100 IN LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The Stanwood-Camano Area Foundation hosted its annual Scholarship Night on May 26, celebrating local graduating seniors and presenting the Stanwood-Camano Community Scholarships. This year, 154 students received 292 scholarships from 118 local donors, with total community support reaching a record-breaking \$352,100 for the Class of 2026. Of those awards, 16 scholarships are renewable for an additional one to three years, extending the impact of this community investment well beyond graduation. All scholarships presented during Scholarship Night are made possible by local individuals, families, businesses, and community organizations. Many are funded through endowments established by local families years ago to create perpetual annual scholarships in memory of loved ones, ensuring their legacies continue to support future generations of students. The Stanwood-Camano Community Scholarship Program is open to any graduating senior living within or attending the Stanwood-Camano School District, including students who are homeschooled or attend private school. SCAF extends special thanks to this year's event sponsors, Stanwood High School and The UPS Store, as well as SCAF Platinum Sponsors Stanwood Redi-Mix, The Olson Foundation, and UBS Pacific Summit Group, for helping make this meaningful community celebration possible.

SUMMER READING IS BACK

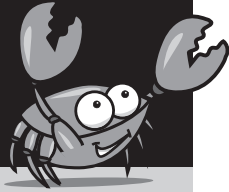
And this time we've even got something for the grown-ups! Adults that read for 10 hours total get to pick up this super fun tote bag! And the kids & teens can get a jump start on their summer reading & pick up their log as well! Read 10 hours to get a free book & sticker! Any & all reading counts! Whether it's a picture book, chapter book, graphic novel, an audiobook, or being read to! Come on down to the library, pick up your reading log, add your name to our wall & get reading! Happy Reading!

FREE VBS KIDS CAMP

July 6-9, 9am-noon: Kids 4 yrs - incoming 5th grade, sign up today to come to Camano Chapel's VBS Kids Camp at camanochapel.org/connect. We'll be challenged to answer Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" as we explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The City is taking steps to celebrate, recognize and preserve Stanwood's history with the creation of a new Historic Preservation Commission! We are now seeking residents to serve on the Commission to help maintain a local historic inventory, promote awareness of Stanwood's history and advise City leaders on preservation-related matters. Applications are due by June 21, 2026 and will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. If you live within Stanwood city limits and have a passion for local history, architecture, preservation and planning we encourage you to apply. The Historic Preservation Program is one of many efforts the City is undertaking to preserve the small-town character, charm and history that makes Stanwood such a special place to call home. To learn more and apply, visit www.stanwoodwa.org/applyforhpc.

COMMUNITY MEAL - CAMANO

Presented by Island Senior Resources. 11:45 am - 12:30 pm at the Camano Center. By Donation. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday except for Holidays. 606 Arrowhead Rd. Camano Island. All donations welcome! You determine your ability to contribute to your own or someone else's meal. Our full cost of a meal is \$12.20. Coffee or tea is \$1.00. Dates and times of scheduled events are subject to change. It's always advisable to call to confirm. 360-321-1600.

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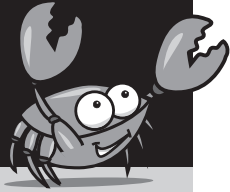
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DID YOU KNOW?

After her father died, 25-year-old Jinna Yang travelled around the world with a life-sized cardboard cutout of her father. According to Yang, her father was always too busy to travel, so she wanted to honor his memory by taking him to famous landmarks, such as the Louvre and the Eiffel Tower.

MEALS 'TIL MONDAY

Stanwood Camano Food Bank is offering free, convenient, and kid-friendly grocery support for families with children age 0-18. Meals 'til Monday is available to families who reside in Stanwood and Camano Island, and will operate as a weekly text-based ordering model with easy curbside pickup at the Food Bank. 1. SIGN UP. Fill out the Sign Up For Meals 'til Monday application form, linked below. We will reach out via email to confirm your submission as well as share information about next steps. 2. PLACE YOUR ORDER. Ordering is done weekly via text or email link. We send a new link every Monday morning, and orders can be placed up until the following Thursday at midnight. We will pack your parcel based on your order preferences. 3. VERIFY DOCUMENTS. After we confirm your sign up, you must present proof of guardianship of each child in your household, as well as proof of residency in the zip code service area. Reference list below for examples of acceptable documents. 4. PICK UP YOUR ORDER. Orders are picked up during our distribution hours in the grocery pickup line: Wednesdays 3pm-7pm Fridays 11am-3pm. Simply tell the carting staff your name, and they will bring your order to your car. Contact: sfoodbank@scfbs.org or 360-629-2789.

FREE SUMMER CAMP



An exciting opportunity for Camano Island teens this summer. Thanks to grant funding from Island County, the YMCA has received resources to provide FREE summer camp opportunities for teens who live on Camano Island. We still have several thousand dollars in funding available and would love to connect local families with this incredible program. Currently, any teen who resides on Camano Island is eligible to attend up to two weeks of YMCA Summer Camp at no cost, while funding remains available. Summer camp provides opportunities for teens to build friendships, develop leadership skills, try new activities, and create lasting memories in a safe and supportive environment. Our goal is to ensure that as many local teens as possible benefit from these available funds before they are exhausted. More info: 360-572-3411.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Father rheas (type of bird) are “super dads.” The sole male in a family group of up to a dozen females, the father rhea will be the only one to incubate up to 50 eggs for 40 days. The male will then raise the chicks completely on his own and will chase anything, including females, away from his chicks

SKATEPARK ART MURALS



Local students have transformed the Heritage Park Skatepark into an awe inspiring work of art! Last weekend, some of Stanwood’s most talented young artists rolled up their sleeves, picked up paintbrushes, and created a collection of locally inspired murals. What began as a city-led effort to encourage public art and reduce tagging quickly grew into an exciting community collaboration, one that gave students the chance to leave their mark on the very town they call home. The City would like to thank Meyer Arts Center, Stanwood-Camano School District, participating students, and local artists for helping bring this project to life. This is one of many public art initiatives underway to help create a bright, vibrant, and welcoming city. Today, the Heritage Park Skatepark is more than a place to play. It is a reflection of the small town spirit, creativity, and connection that makes Stanwood such a special place to live. Applaud our local youth for a job well done!

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at Lincoln Hill Retirement Community. We need you! Location: 7430 276th St. NW. Stanwood. Thrift Store Volunteers: Hours to be determined by Volunteer and Thrift Store Managers. Volunteers with retail experience in cashiering, cleaning, stocking, organizing departments, and related duties are encouraged to apply. However, if you are interested without retail experience, we’ll still be happy to hear from you. Training is provided for all volunteers. Coffee Bar Barista: Volunteer coffee bar Barista needed for our in-house coffee bar. (No experience necessary – will train). Lunchroom Help Needed: Volunteers are needed to help the chef with food prep, serve meals, check in lunch guests, and process payments one day per week from 10:30–12:30. Cooking or baking skills are helpful. A Food Handler’s permit is required for food handling roles. Training is provided for all positions. Maintenance Volunteers: Volunteers needed to help our maintenance department with vacuuming, and other janitorial services. No experience necessary, training will be provided. 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.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Father's Day is celebrated at different times around the world. Spain and Belgium celebrate fathers on March 19; Australia and New Zealand honor fathers on the first Sunday in September; and in Britain, Canada, and the U.S., Father's Day is celebrated on the third Sunday in June

FREE SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM AVAILABLE AGAIN



plus extra grocery help through SunBucks. Good nutrition is essential for effective learning every day — all year long. Just as learning does not end when school lets out, neither does the need for good nutrition. Summer meal programs help children get the nutrition they need to learn, play, and grow throughout the summer months. The Stanwood-Camano School District is again offering its free Summer Food Service Program for all children ages 18 and younger. The program is open to all families and doesn't ask for any paperwork — kids can just drop in and grab a meal. "Access to nutritious meals shouldn't stop when the school year ends," said Don Vennetti, Director of Food Services. "We're committed to making sure every child in our community has the food they need, every day." The summer meal program will be offered Monday through Friday at the following location: Twin City Elementary (26211 72nd Ave. NW, Stanwood). Dates: June 29-August 21. Breakfast: 8:30-9:30 a.m. Lunch: 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. The summer meal program will be offered Monday through Thursday at the following location: Stanwood High School (7400 272nd Ave. NW, Stanwood). Dates: July 27-August 20. Lunch: 10:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. These are the only two school sites eligible to be distribution locations because they are within a zone identified on the No Kid Hungry Average Eligibility Map, which uses US Census household income data to qualify geographic areas. SUN Bucks grocery benefit available for eligible families. In addition to free summer meals, many families may qualify for SUN Bucks, a summer grocery benefit that provides \$120 per eligible school-aged child to help purchase food during the summer months. Benefits can be used at grocery stores, farmers markets, and other retailers that accept EBT. Most eligible children will be automatically enrolled, while some families may need to apply. New for 2026, all enrolled children will receive a SUN Bucks card by mail. Families should keep the card after using it, as Washington plans to reload the same card in future years for eligible children who qualify. Families can learn more about eligibility requirements, application information, and program details by visiting Washington SUN Bucks. This summer grocery benefit can help supplement the free meals available through the district's Summer Food Service Program and other community food resources. Additional summer food support available through the Stanwood-Camano Food Bank.



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DID YOU KNOW?

Isaac Newton's father was also called Isaac Newton.

FIRE SAFETY TIP: LIMIT USE OF WEED-BURNING TORCHES



On May 31, Camano Fire crews stopped a brush fire from turning into a major house fire. A homeowner using a weed-burning torch accidentally caught several decorative arborvitae on fire. The fire rapidly spread up the trees and onto the roof of the home. Arriving firefighters quickly contained the blaze, limiting damage to the roof and attic over the garage. This fire is a reminder that weed-burning torches can be extremely dangerous, especially during the spring and summer, when temperatures are high and plants are dry. Did you know? Weed-burning torches burn at roughly 1,200° F. Wood combusts at only 700° F. Before you use a weed-burner, keep these safety tips in mind: Don't use the weed-burning torch near arborvitae, dry brush, grass, or bark. Don't use weed-burning torches during a burn ban. ALWAYS have a charged garden hose or bucket of water nearby. Call 911 immediately if you accidentally start a fire.

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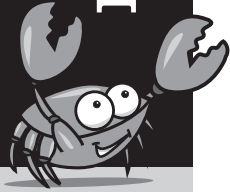
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and I love writing
about bugs!*

SOMETHING BUGGING YOU?



Warm and sunny weather means people are taking to the trails, but they're not the only animals that got the memo. Just like us, insects are exploring nature in full force this time of year. Why now? Where do they go in winter? How dangerous are they? Let's chat! I'm Nick DeLisi, I have a master's degree in entomology, I'm the district manager of the Camano Island Mosquito Control District, and I love writing about bugs!

Insects rely on the temperature of their environment to dictate their daily activities. Hot weather means they have a speedy metabolism and are ravenous for food and... friends! Most reproduction happens in warmer months, which is why you see large flying swarms in parking lots, at the golf course, or along a trail in summer. If you're a photographer, this is a great time of year to capture beautiful blue dashers (pictured above) hunting for prey, or majestic mantises in full camouflage.

What about when it's cold? Their metabolism slows, and instead of looking for meals and mates, they mostly try to stay warm. Other than some cold-adjusted insects, the reality is most bugs will die come winter. Don't feel too bad! Part of the reason insects have taken over the planet (my next article title?!) is because of how rapidly they can repopulate even after being nearly wiped out. That's what happens when a few moms lay a few hundred eggs every week, and then their babies do the same thing. It's sort of like compounding interest, except the interest is baby bugs, and the outcome is a whole lot itchier...

Insects are an essential part of our environment, but that doesn't mean they can't cause great suffering. Mosquitoes, the focus of my job, are the deadliest animals on the planet. About half a million people die every year thanks to mosquito bites and the pathogens they spread. Fleas, lice, bed bugs... if you weren't itchy already reading this, I bet you are now. Even when they're not spreading disease, some bugs are a major nuisance. Preventing the spread of disease and letting people explore outdoors without itchy bites are just a few reasons why our mosquito district exists, and why other ones like it are found across the United States.

Summer is a wonderful time of the year, and I hope you get the opportunity to go out and enjoy it. If you're experiencing a mosquito problem in northeast Camano, our district can help. We're a small government entity that you may already be paying for alongside your property taxes, so don't hesitate to reach out. Find out more at www.cimcd.org. Have a great summer!

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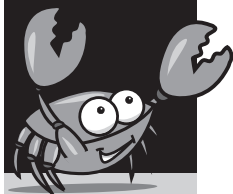
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Longevity Lens



A column about longevity and aging well.

Dr. Maria Cayabyab ("Dr. Maz") is a board-certified OB-GYN, a functional medicine practitioner, and medical director at Kirra Health.

THE MISSING STORY BEHIND MIDLIFE WEIGHT GAIN



Many women reach midlife feeling frustrated by a body that no longer responds the way it once did. The habits that worked for years suddenly stop working. Weight accumulates more easily around the abdomen. Muscle seems harder to maintain. Energy feels lower. Recovery takes longer. The common explanation is simple: eat less and move more. But that explanation often misses what is actually changing. Midlife is a period of significant hormonal transition. Estrogen, progesterone, testosterone, insulin, and cortisol all help regulate how the body uses, stores, and distributes energy. As these systems shift, the body often becomes less efficient at directing energy toward muscle and more likely to store it as fat—particularly around the abdomen. In other words, the issue isn't simply how many calories are entering the system. It's where those calories are being directed. This helps explain why so many women feel frustrated. They're applying the same strategies that worked for decades to a body operating under a different set of biological rules. The encouraging news is that these changes can be influenced. Strength training, adequate protein, quality sleep, stress management, and appropriate evaluation of hormonal health can all help support healthier energy allocation. But perhaps the most important insight is this: Sometimes the problem isn't that you're failing. It's that your body changed—and nobody explained how the pieces fit together. Questions to consider: Am I focusing only on weight, or also on muscle, sleep, hormones, and metabolic health? Do I have a healthcare partner helping me connect the dots—or am I trying to piece it together on my own? For more insights, visit kirrahealth.com/blog.

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Story written and submitted by Jim Sable, Camano Island.

It's about leverage and using it to solve a problem I had caused by a traffic accident.

I have had other stories published by the Duluth News Tribune, the Forward and the Seattle Times.

LEVERAGE IS THE BEST REVENGE

Leverage. An interesting and useful word. What does it mean? The dictionary says it means the power to influence a person or situation to achieve a particular outcome. I would say the operative word in that sentence is "power." To put it simply, you could say it's about getting the upper hand in any situation.

As we get older and begin to lose physical and mental capacity that we had in abundance when we were younger and prettier, our ability to control things in our lives may feel like it begins to slip away. But you don't need to succumb to losing control. You can think your way through a difficult situation to achieve the outcome you desire.

Here's an example: On a nice, clear fall day, my wife and I were driving from our home on the south end of Camano to Home Depot in Burlington. We came to the roundabout in Conway. We slowed to a full stop because there were cars in the roundabout.

While waiting to enter, we were shocked by a sharp jolt from behind. A truck behind us had slammed into my truck's rear bumper. I got out of the truck and saw the bumper had been bashed in. I talked to the driver who hit us. He was a landscaper and said his name was Sid. We agreed to pull into a nearby parking lot to exchange information.

After we pulled into the lot, I gave Sid my driver's license and insurance information. He gave me a funky card which he said was his insurance along with his driver's license. Since the accident had taken place in a rural area, there was no police department to report the incident to. I later learned I should have reported it to the State Patrol which I subsequently did.

I later got an estimate for a replacement bumper from an auto body shop. It came in at about \$1,000.

I next contacted Sid's insurance company to make a claim. The claims representative gave me the runaround instead of processing my claim. Since I was getting nowhere with the representative, I researched how to file a complaint against the insurance company with the state insurance commissioner's office. After multiple unsuccessful calls to Sid's insurer, I had to threaten the claims representative with a complaint to the insurance commissioner before he told me that Sid's insurance policy only covered the two employees of his business, not Sid himself.

At this point, I understood I was facing a dilemma. I was dealing with a person who was driving without insurance. More importantly, if Sid was willing to lie about having insurance coverage, he was likely to try to wiggle out of compensating me for the damage to my truck bumper. I also realized I had to do something to motivate him to fix the problem he created.

What to do? I needed something and that something was leverage. In order to get leverage, I needed information. I knew Sid owned a commercial landscaping business since it was advertised on his truck. So, I went online and looked up his business with the secretary of state's office. I learned how his business was organized. Better than that, I found his business had a website. On his site, Sid adver-

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tised that his business was fully licensed, bonded and insured! Well, that was a lie.

Having been in business myself, I knew that most businesses live or die by their online reviews. So, I posted a review of Sid's business in which I described the accident he caused with his business truck and how he was driving without insurance even though he stated on his website that he was insured.

What happened next blew my mind. Within five minutes of posting my review, Sid called me, yelling that I was destroying his business. I responded by calmly telling him I would remove my review if he paid me for the damage he caused to my truck. He offered to pay me by check. I secretly laughed and told him it had to be in cash.

The result? We met later that same day. I showed Sid the estimate and he paid me for the damage which covered the cost of the new bumper.

The lesson I took from this experience was that when circumstances force you to deal with an unscrupulous individual, you have to rise to the challenge. This requires you to be creative in finding something to use to leverage your position to get the outcome you want.

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CHIMICHURRI SAUCE: 1/2 c. flat leaf parsley (about 1 bunch); 1/2 c. cilantro leaves (about 1 bunch); 1/4 c. oregano leaves (.75 oz.) pkg.; 3 cloves garlic, pressed; 1/2 tsp. red pepper flakes; 1 tsp. salt; 1/2 tsp. black pepper; 1/4 c. fresh lime juice (about 3 limes); 1/3 c. extra-virgin olive oil

STEAK: 2 (10-12 oz.) NY strip, Tenderloin, Rib-eye or Porterhouse steak (1-1/2 in. thick); 2 T. olive oil; Salt and black pepper; Dan's Sweet & Spicy Rub or your favorite rub (optional)

DIRECTIONS: 1. **CHIMICHURRI SAUCE:** In a food processor fitted with a blade attachment or blender, combine parsley, cilantro, oregano, garlic, red pepper flakes, salt and pepper; pulse a few times to chop the herbs. 2. With the food processor running on low, drizzle in lime juice and olive oil. Turn the machine off and scrape down the sides; pulse a few more times to combine. 3. Pour the chimichurri sauce into a small bowl; refrigerate until ready to serve. 4. **STEAK:** Allow the steaks to come to room temperature about a 1/2 an hour to an hour before cooking. 5. Season the steaks liberally on all sides with salt, pepper and your favorite rub. 6. Heat the olive oil in a cast iron skillet over medium-high heat. Cook the steaks until a dark crust has formed, about 5-7 minutes per side (reduce heat if the meat is browning too quickly). Hold steaks with tongs, quickly browning all edges, turning as necessary. 7. Remove steaks from the pan to a cutting board, cover loosely with foil and allow steak to rest for 5-10 minutes. 8. Cut steaks diagonally across the grain into thin slices. Spoon the chimichurri sauce over steaks and devour! 9. **Cook's Note:** We cooked these steaks Medium-rare (135 degrees). If you prefer your steak Medium, cook to (140 degrees) Medium-well (150 degrees). Recipe for Dan's Sweet & Spicy Rub - <https://www.cooking-mamas.com/dans-sweet-spicy-rub/>

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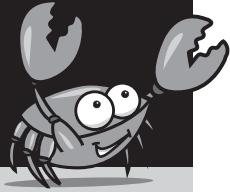
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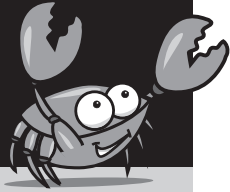
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Mark and Alison Joy brightening the day at the Stanwood Camano Pride Festival on June 6th, 2026. Photo by James M. Shipley.



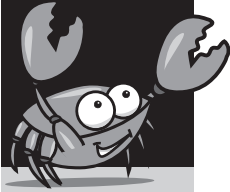
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Camano Island Library Friends - You're invited to attend the Camano Island Library Friends General Membership Meeting on June 25th, 3p.m., in the Community Room at the Camano Island Library. Whether you're a current member, a long time supporter or simply curious about how you can get involved, we welcome you to join us. Rose Olson, Sno-Isle Libraries Board of Trustees, will be the Guest Speaker. She will share information about Sno-Isle Libraries upcoming levy. We will review the fiscal year budget and elect officers. If you'd like to help with our book sales, let us know via email to camanolibraryfriends@gmail.com. No prior experience or commitment is required, just bring your interest and enthusiasm! We encourage anyone who values libraries, literacy, and community engagement to attend. Come and learn how you can support our beautiful island library!

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GERBER ADULT BABY FOOD - AND OTHER EPIC MARKETING DISASTERS

Most Business marketing gurus study successful product launches like the iPhone, the Amazon Echo, or my personal favorite – the wheel. Not me. As one of America's leading self-proclaimed marketing and brand management experts, I prefer to examine the spectacular, crater-sized smoking holes left in the market by history's greatest commercial flops. (I'm looking at you, Cyber Truck.) I'm talking about those mind-bogglingly bad ideas that make you wonder if the entire executive suite was huffing industrial copier fluid during the development phase.

Recently, while researching some of the most catastrophic product launches of the past half century, I uncovered a treasure trove of previously unreleased shareholder letters from corporate CEOs. These letters attempted to explain how products which should have been laughed out of the conference room somehow made it all the way to store shelves. What follows is a sampling of a few of those letters. All of the following disastrously misguided product launch failures actually happened.

EXHIBIT A: GERBER FOODS (1974) Context: The genius idea to market "Gerber Singles" – pureed, jarred meals for single adults.

To Our Valued Shareholders,

As you know, our Q3 earnings look like a crime scene. Many of you have expressed disappointment over our recent launch of Gerber Singles for Adults. For this, I must squarely place the blame on our Senior VP of Product Innovation, Gary Smithers.

Gary assured me that the "swinging singles" of the 1970s were tired of cooking whole steaks and wanted nothing more than to pop open a small glass jar of room-temperature, pureed Beef Burgundy and eat it with a tiny plastic spoon while watching Match Game.

Unfortunately, the launch suffered due to several unforeseen factors. For one, Gary badly misread the market. He insisted on using the slogan: "Dinner You Can Swallow Without Chewing." In hindsight, this may have unintentionally suggested weakness, frailty, or that the product was primarily aimed at nursing home residents.

The product flopped after three months not because adults don't want mushy, pre-chewed food, but because Gary insisted on putting a picture of our iconic chubby Gerber baby on the label. I think it sent the wrong message.

We are currently repurposing the leftover mush into drywall paste. Gary has been demoted to jar-sterilizer.

EXHIBIT B: HARLEY-DAVIDSON (1996) Context: The legendary motorcycle company launches Harley-Davidson Perfume.

Dear Shareholders,

As many of you know, our entry into the fragrance market failed to meet expectations. Specifically, consumers did not embrace our Harley-Davidson perfume line, despite extensive testing. Our chief marketing officer Chad Bennington strongly believed men would be

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DID YOU KNOW?

A father's level of education is the strongest factor in determining a child's future success at school. Children are 7½ times less likely to be successful at school if their fathers failed to achieve. A mother's education was less important, with a child approximately 3 times as likely to have a low educational outcome if the mother had a low level of education.

drawn to women who possessed a fragrance that hinted of "gasoline, leather, poor financial decisions, and Lynyrd Skynyrd concerts."

It turns out men do not want their wives on date night to smell like a broken-down transmission fluid leak. In Chad's defense, our focus groups responded surprisingly positively after the fourth beer.

Where we miscalculated was in assuming customers wanted to smell like motorcycles rather than simply ride them. We also failed to realize in time that there really is no such thing as an automotive personal fragrance market. Chad has been asked to clear out his desk and ride his motorcycle into the sunset.

We remain optimistic that a relaunch could succeed if paired with a free kickstand and limited-edition neck tattoo.

EXHIBIT D: COLGATE-PALMOLIVE (1982) Context: "Colgate Kitchen Entrees," featuring frozen dinners like Colgate Beef Lasagna.

Dear Investors,

We regret to inform investors that our line of Colgate frozen dinners has been discontinued. Apparently, consumers were uncomfortable purchasing entrées associated with cavity prevention.

Our senior branding director Brenda Whitaker convinced the board that because people love the minty-fresh taste of Colgate toothpaste at 7:00 AM, they'd naturally crave a piping-hot tray of Colgate Beef Lasagna at 7:00 PM. Unfortunately, we discovered that people don't enjoy eating products that sound like they should be followed by rinsing and spitting.

Several focus group participants specifically cited concerns over "minty lasagna confusion." One customer reportedly wandered a grocery aisle for twenty minutes trying to determine whether "Colgate Beef Ravioli" was intended for lunch or plaque control.

Still, we stand by the quality of the meals themselves and maintain that our "Tartar Control Meatloaf" deserved more time in the marketplace.

Brenda is no longer with us, and we are currently trying to melt down the remaining inventory into a mint-flavored bathroom caulk.

As I reviewed these corporate apologies, one thing became painfully obvious: many CEOs are unwilling to admit when an idea itself is idiotic. Instead, they blame the rollout. The packaging was wrong. The slogan missed the mark. America overreacted to mint-flavored ravioli. Apparently, no one in the boardroom ever stood up and said: "Gentlemen, perhaps adults do not want strained beef in a baby jar." Personally, I think if the CEO's explanation for Harley-Davidson perfume failing is, "Consumers weren't emotionally prepared to smell like carburetors," then perhaps the real product needing to be discontinued is their CEO.

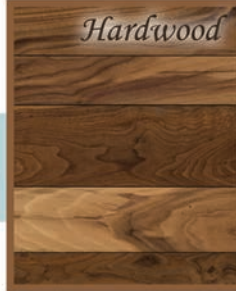
Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to go market my own new invention: The View from the Bleachers-Brand Scented Air Freshener. It smells like overcooked hot dogs, stale beer, and shattered dreams. My marketing team assured me it's an amazing idea. So when it fails, I already know exactly who to fire.

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