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*The holiday season officially begins in our area when the Stanwood Lions Club installs their shooting star on the Hamilton stack. Photo by James M. Shipley.*

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

**NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS PARTY**
Stanwood United Methodist Church invites the community to their annual neighborhood Christmas Party from 5:30-8pm. The festivities will take place at the Floyd Norgaard Building. Dinner, singing of Christmas carols, and a visit from Santa are just a few of the fun activities taking place to welcome in the holiday season.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

**CHRISTMAS FUN & FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**
6pm-8:30pm at Elger Bay Elementary School. More food, more volunteers, more fun....and before the movie begins we will be having a wacky, tacky sweater contest.....so get in the holiday spirit and decorate yourself and your kids. We will also be accepting food donations for our local food bank! First time movie goers: Family event, kids must be accompanied by an adult. Pillows, blankets and stuffed animals are welcome. Concession stand is cash only! Tonight’s movie: “Arthur Christmas”.

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**FORD GIESBRECHT PERFORMS AT DOS REALES**
Ford plays an eclectic mix of Brazilian classical, American and Latin jazz standards, pop interpretations and original music. 5:30-8:30pm. 9739 SR Hwy 532. No cover.

MORE EVENTS CAN BE FOUND IN OUR CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS PAGE OR IN OUR MEETINGS AND CLUBS PAGE.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7
FRIDAY NIGHTS @ THE LIBRARY: OPEN MIC
Do you sing, tell stories or jokes, write poetry, play an instrument, juggle, recite from a play, etc.? Share your talents at our monthly open mic coffeehouse! 7:00-8:30pm at the Stanwood Library. Sign-up starts at 6:45pm.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7
STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7
PROZAC MOUNTAIN BOYS
7:30 pm in the Parlor at the Conway Muse. Playing Bluegrass Music. $10 cover charge. 18444 Spruce St., Conway, 360-445-3000.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 7
DANCING WITH /KIM!
Loco Billy’s Wild Moon Saloon presents Country Dance Fridays Line & Partners Dance Lessons @8pm taught by Kim Hargrove. No Cover & $5 per person for the Lessons. Line Dancing, Partner dances - Country Two Step, Schottische, Cowboy Cha Cha, Western Swing, Horseshoe, & more! Dance Floor opens at 6:30pm for Open Dancing & after the Lessons. 27021 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood. www.locobillys.com.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7
PTA CRAFT/MOVIE NIGHT
5pm – 8pm at Twin City Elementary School. Kids will make holiday crafts and we’ll show the movie “Christopher Robin.”

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7
PTO MOVIE NIGHT
Polar Express, 6:00 pm at Stanwood Elementary School.

HANUKKAH
is a Jewish holiday commemorating the rededication of the Holy Temple (the Second Temple) in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire. Hanukkah is observed for eight nights. In 2018 those nights are December 2-10. It is also known as the Festival of Lights (Hebrew: hag ha’urim). The festival is observed by lighting the candles of a candelabrum with nine branches, called a menorah.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
Ananda Farm 3rd Annual Holiday Open House and Boutique. Join us for some delicious holiday treats, warm cider and check out handmade products & more! AnandaFarms.com.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7-8

SANTA RUN FOOD DRIVE
Fire District 19 elves and Santa will be visiting some of the neighborhoods around Silvana driving a Christmas decorated fire truck collecting canned food or monetary donations for the Arlington Food Bank. (Look on December 14-15 for additional routes). DECEMBER 7: 1st Stop - 5:45 to 6:15 - Orcutt Road. 2nd Stop - 6:30 to 7:00 - Silver Springs Way. 3rd Stop - 7:15 to 7:40 - 6th Ave NW. 4th Stop - 7:45 to 8:15 - 200th St NW & 3rd Ave NW. DECEMBER 8: 1st Stop...... - 5:30 to 6:30 - Silvana Terrace to Silvana Crest. 2nd Stop - 6:45 to 7:1 - Black Tail Forest (62nd Ave NW). 3rd Stop - 7:15 to 7:45 - Black Tail Forest (64th Ave NW). 4th Stop - 8:00 to 8:20 - Happy Valley Acres (50th & 200th ). 5th Stop - 8:20 to 8:40 - Happy Valley Acres (45th & 200th ). 6th Stop - 8:45 to 9:00 - 40th Ave NW.

DECEMBER 7
PEARL HARBOR DAY
On December 7, 1941, Japanese planes attacked the United States Naval Base at Pearl Harbor External, Hawaii Territory, killing more than 2,300 Americans.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

WINTERFEST AT CAMA BEACH
Swags & wreaths from 11-4 pm. Materials provided. You may bring your own, too. Gloves recommended. Cama Beach Quilters demonstrating and sewing fabric ornaments and gifts, 11-4 pm. Music in Cama Center: Harmony Northwest Chorus 12-12:45. Gingerbread house building 1-4 pm. $15 per house. Pre-registration required: call Cama Beach 360 387-1550. Cookie decorating at the Historic Beach Store 11-4 pm Old Fashioned Cabin 28 at the beach. Music in Cama Center: “Winter’s Return” 6-9 pm with appetizer plates and adult beverages from Cama Beach Café. Hunt for a glass ball!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

CHRISTMAS IN MINIATURE ART SHOW 2018

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8

CAMANO COMMONS TREE LIGHTING
4:30-5:30pm at Camano Commons Marketplace, 848 N Sunrise Blvd, Bldg C, Camano Island. Join us for Camano Commons spectacular Tree Lighting! Local businesses will have specials and fun activities, Santa will be on site, and caroling from local elementary schools will begin at 5:00! Sponsored by: Camano Commons Marketplace, Naked City & Holiday Lights Northwest. There will also be a gingerbread party in the Dorsey Fine Art Studio inside the Commons Marketplace (upstairs) for $10/house. Drop in anytime between 1:30 and 4:30. Or pre-register during business hours.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
at Kristoferson Farm on Camano Island (across from the IGA). Join us & celebrate the holidays! Stop by the farm & enjoy hot cocoa & cookies, shop our farm products & gift certificate specials, taste wines great for holiday dinners & enter to win raffle items including zipline tours! We will have farm fresh handcrafted wreaths for sale, too.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
PUB 282 PRESENTS:
DAVE MILLS & THE FUNK DUB 40
7-10pm at 370 NE Camano Dr Camano Island. The Funk Dub 40 is a REVOLVING compilation of some of the finest musicians of all ages in the Seattle area. Their goal and style of music reminds you of those grooves that are dear to your heart and soul, while not wearing out their welcome! From Funkytown Mashups to Rock Steady Reggae to R&B dance and Blues they are killing it!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
FAMILY BINGO
at the American Legion Hall, 609 W. Camano Drive. Doors open at 4:30 P.M. and Bingo starts at 6pm. Snacks and beverages available. More info: 360-387-5420.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
UGLY SWEATER PARTY FOR ALL
3pm-5pm at Striv Coffeehouse, 7208 267th St. NW Suite A-103, Stanwood. This is an Ugly Sweater Party for the whole family! Join us for some live Christmas Music, Cookie decorating for the kids and of course winner for the “BEST” dressed!

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THIS DAY IN HISTORY:

December 8, 1941: Addressing a joint session of Congress, United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt declares the day before – December 7th – to be a date that will live in infamy.
New Year’s Eve at Loco Billy’s Featuring the Harvey Creek Band!

NEW YEAR’S EVE FOR A SPECIAL NIGHT OF MUSIC, DINING, DANCING & RINGING IN 2018 at LOCO BILLY’S WILD MOON SALOON in Stanwood, WA.

2 Fantastic Bands to dance & party to at Loco Billy’s in Stanwood! New Year’s Eve with HARVEY CREEK BAND & The JODY TAYLOR BAND! Ring in the New Year by having a blast eating, dancing, drinking & supporting Great Music! A fantastic casual buffet is offered featuring BBQ Beef Brisket, Black Forest Ham, Caesar Salad, Potato Salad, Fresh Shrimp, BBQ Baked Beans and a big array of appetizers and desserts. Reserved seats $49 (includes buffet) or General Admission $15 Advance, $25 Door (buffet extra.) You can purchase the General Admission with Brown Paper Tickets or in person at Loco Billy’s, but the reserved you must call & order over the phone or go into the club (425) 737-5144 to purchase because of the different configurations of the tables & seats (depends on how many in your party). You may also go into the club personally to purchase tickets. The direct link to Brown Paper Tickets can be found at www.locobillys.com or going directly to Brown Paper Tickets.com.

Doors open 6:30pm - The Buffet will be available at door opening until it is gone. Show starts 8pm. Party Favors & a Champagne toast will be complimentary to all ticket holders. The Jody Taylor Band doing Classic Country & great, danceable originals will start out the night at 8pm. Then Harvey Creek Band will take the stage all the way through to the countdown at midnight & into the New Year! The band boast stellar male & female lead & backup vocals with a fascinating line-up of musicians! Their danceable covers are predominately Country in addition to some great Classic Rock done with their own country style. For more about Harvey Creek band go to their website http://www.facebook.com/harveycreekband. Loco Billy’s Wild Moon Saloon is located at 27021 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood, WA. www.locobillys.com for more info or call (425) 737-5144.

Loco Billy’s is a great place to ring in the New Year ~ in 2015 the proprietors remodeled the venue for great sound by adding 1200 sq. ft. of sound panels & are utilizing the best sound equipment around. In addition to the superior sound, the club has a fabulous DJ/Music Video system to dance to before, after & during the breaks of the bands. The club boasts a big dance floor & ample seating. For more info on Loco Billy’s Wild Moon Saloon go to http://www.locobillys.com. For more info contact Cookie Spirk (425) 737-5144 or cookiespirk@wavecable.com.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
STILLY VALLEY YOUTH DYNAMICS ACTIVITIES
Drop In, food, video Games, Pool. 7:30am-10am at The Spot, 9831 271st St. NW, Stanwood. More info: 425-879-7633

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
PRIME RIB DINNER
Served 4 PM until gone. Feast on a delicious menu of Prime Rib, Baked Potato, Rolls, Steamed Veggies, Green Salad and Dessert. $18 Adults, $7 kiddos under 12. PUBLIC WELCOME Proceeds to the Post.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & BAKE SALE
9am-3pm at St. Aidans Episcopal Church, 1318 SR532, Camano Island,(360) 629-3969.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
ACT TEST
Stanwood High School will offer the ACT test on Saturday, December 8th. The test will take place in the library. Students should be at the testing site at 7:30 a.m.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 8
KNUT BELL & THE BLUE COLLARS
Loco Billy's Wild Moon Saloon presents Knut Bell and his band doing their own style of music “Honkahillarockabilly”, consisting of original Outlaw Country and danceable cover Honky Tonk. $8 Music Charge includes the Line Dance Lessons @8pm! Band starts 9pm. 27021 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood. www.locobilllys.com or (425) 737-5144.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
TECH PROS - DIGITAL LEGACIES: HANDLING AN ONLINE LIFE LEFT BEHIND
2:30pm-5:30pm at the Stanwood Library. We leave an ever-increasing digital footprint every day. Learn how to manage these digital legacies after death.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
JOAN PENNEY
7:00 pm in the Bard Loft at the Conway Muse. Playing Jazzy Christmas tunes with a fabulous Swing Band. $12 cover charge. 18444 Spruce St., Conway, 360-445-3000.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
STEPHEN PIOLILLA
7:30 pm in the Parlor at the Conway Muse. Playing piano tunes. $7 cover charge. 18444 Spruce St., Conway, 360-445-3000.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8
TECH PROS - SAFE ACCESS OPTIONS: MAKING/ MANAGING PASSWORDS AND MORE
10am-12:3pm at the Camano Island Library. Passwords are our first line of defense…and our greatest weakness. Let’s talk about challenge of managing this mess and the best, safest ways to store and retrieve your passwords.
SATURDAY-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8-9
“HOLIDAY VINTAGE SALE”
Sat: 9am-4pm. Sun: Noon-3pm. At Camano Swim Fitness and Social Club. 1243 Beach Dr., Camano Island. More info: 360-387-1655

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8-9
WALK-THRU LIVING NATIVITY
5-7pm at Cedarhome Adventist Church, 28505 68th Ave NW, Stanwood. Take an incredible journey to Bethlehem. Meet Roman soldiers, shepherds, angels, and wisemen along the way. Join Mary & Joseph in welcoming baby Jesus. This event is outdoors so please dress warmly. Cookies & warm drinks provided afterwards.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9
SILVANA VIKING HALL BINGO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9
BREAKFAST WITH A VIEW
10am at Camano Chapel. Donations support Preschool & Pre-K. (360) 387-7202. 867 S West Camano Dr, Camano Island

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9
CIYC BRUNCH AND FIRST MATE’S BAKE SALE
9am-non at Camano Island Yacht Club. Bring the family for Brunch that includes bacon, sausage, eggs, hash browns, blue berry pancakes, fresh fruit, pastries, juice, coffee, tea and a great time. Adults $11 and add an omelette for $1. Kids under 6 years old $5. After Brunch take home cookies and cakes from the First Mates Bake Sale.

DECEMBER 9
CHRISTMAS CARD DAY

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

SUNDAES WITH SANTA
3-4pm at the Stanwood-Camano YMCA, 7213 267th St NW. Join us for a visit with Santa Claus! You’ll get to make and enjoy a sundae treat, make a craft and take your picture with Santa. Free for members.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

ANNUAL MARK EIKELAND POTTERY SALE & SHOW
11am-4pm at 10010 270th St. NW, Stanwood (at Wash and Wear hair salon).

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

DAVIS PLACE TEEN CENTER DROP-IN
2-5pm at 9612 271st St NW, Stanwood (across from Stanwood Library). Free art activities, foosball, Ping-Pong, board games & community service opportunities. Free meal served 2pm-3pm. Today’s project: Community Service Project.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

GAME NIGHT @ ELGER BAY
4:30pm-9:00pm at Elger Bay Grocery / Kara’s Kitchen. No cost to play. New & experienced players welcome. Bring your board games to share or just play ours! More info: 425-508-3484.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

OPEN STUDIO
2-5pm at A Guilded Gallery in downtown Stanwood. It’s a time for all artists & aspiring artists to bring their projects & supplies & enjoy the camaraderie of other artists while creating art. SCAG Members free. $5 for non-members. More info: 360-629-2787.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

**AFTERNOON WITH SANTA**
2-6pm at the Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Rd. Free Community Event and a Camano Island tradition. Sip hot cocoa and decorate a cookie. There will be crafts and more! Bring a camera for photos with Santa & Mrs. Clause, the festive Mr. Bear and a live reindeer.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

**EVENING CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS**
6-7:30pm at Camano Chapel. Kaboom (Kindergarten – 2nd Grade) is an evening full of music, games, stories, snacks & crafts. Centershot (3rd -5th grade) is an archery based program with a bible study & lots of fun. Pre-register your child by visiting www.camanochapel.org/kaboom or www.camanochapel.org/centershot.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

**CHOIR CONCERT**
7pm – 8pm at Port Susan Middle School.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

**WHITE CHRISTMAS (1954)**
7 pm at Stanwood Cinemas. Two talented song-and-dance men (Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye) team up after the war to become one of the hottest acts in show business. One winter they join forces with a sister act (Rosemary Clooney and Vera-Ellen) and trek to Vermont for a white Christmas. The result is stuff dreams are made of.

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DECEMBER 12

**POINSETTIA DAY**
is in honor of Joel Roberts Poinsett. Poinsett was the first Ambassador to Mexico. Poinsett brought this plant back to his plantation in the U.S. & gave them out as gifts.

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12
FREE RESEARCH WEDNESDAY
1-4pm at the Stanwood Area Historical Society Eldridge Center, 27108 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood (behind the Museum on 2nd floor). Genealogists & historians will be there to help you research your family or your house. More info: 360-629-6110

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12
YOUTH & FAMILY NIGHT
6pm at Peace Lutheran Church, 1717 Larson Road, Silvana. The evening begins with a shared meal & includes a variety of games, crafts & activities, along with a short spiritual message for the children. Open for all ages! More info: (360) 652-8739.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12
STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12
FUSION HOLIDAY CONCERT
Eleger Bay Elementary and Utsalady Elementary Schools come together to perform holiday music. Kindergarten - Grade 1: 6:30pm-7pm. EBE / UES: 7:15pm-8pm.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12
ADVENT COMMUNITY NIGHTS
6:00-7:45pm at Peace Lutheran Church, Silvana. A gathering for all ages, including a shared potluck meal (today’s theme: “All About Pie”), Advent reflections and Holden Evening Prayer (starting at 7:15). A craft or other activity will also occur.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13
BAND CONCERT
7pm-8pm at Port Susan Middle School.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13
CHOIR & BAND CONCERTS
at Stanwood Middle School. The choir concert will be at 6pm in the cafeteria and the band concert will be at 7pm in the gym.

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MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS
11am at Freeborn Lutheran Church, 2304 300th St NW, Stanwood. Freeborn is hosting another exciting FREE (as always) live-action drama for both young & old to enjoy! Experience the story of Mary, the mother of Jesus, as told by Reverend Gwen Ehrenborg. The drama will take place upstairs, with a hearty meal & fellowship to follow. We invite all to come and share in the wonder of the story of Jesus Christ as never heard before! Another performance will be December 15th.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13
BRENT JENSEN’S “PURE DESMOND”
7:30 pm in the Parlor at the Conway Muse. Playing Cool Jazz. $10 cover charge. 18444 Spruce St., Conway, 360-445-3000.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 13
JAM / OPEN MIC
Loco Billy’s Wild Moon Saloon presents our weekly jam at 8pm. This week Dave Millz, Nick Mardon & friends host the jam. This fun all genre jam is sponsored by Northwest Music Foundation and Sahara Pizza. Bring your instrument or voice or just come to dance & enjoy all the great music. No Cover. 27021 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

GATHERING PLACE FREE DINNER
Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church is the location for the Gathering Place free dinner from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Several local churches take turns preparing and providing a free dinner each week. Come and enjoy food and friendship. Church location is at 27201 99th Ave NW. Stanwood.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

BINGO NIGHT AT NAKED CITY
B-I-N-G-O! Come on down to Naked City Camano Island for bingo night. Host Krista will spin the wheel and call the numbers from 6-8pm. Play is free and prizes include Naked City swag and gift cards.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

CAMANO GARDEN CLUB HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
This is a time to be thankful for family & friends & share good cheer! Public is invited! Where: Cama Beach Café. 12:00 PM – Catered Lunch. More info: www.camanogardenclub.org/contactus.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13-16

LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS
More than one million lights will be displayed, a spectacle spread over 15 acres at Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood. Live entertainment, children’s activities, food, holiday shopping & more. Reservations can be made for Overnight accommodations in holiday-themed lodges & for Dinner Theatre (A Christmas Carol….More or Less – This humorous twist on a Christmas favorite, written by Stefano LoVerso and Mary Irey) & Sunday Dessert Matinee. Gates open at 5pm. Event closes at 10pm.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

DINNER & MUSIC
Dinner at Cama Beach Café and music by “Heartstrings” 6-9 pm. Reservations required: www.camabeachcafe.com.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 14

DANCING WITH KIM!
Loco Billy’s Wild Moon Saloon presents Country Dance Fridays with Line Dancing & Partners Dance Lessons @8pm taught by Kim Hargrove from Happy Valley Dance Studio. No Cover & $5 per person for the Lessons. The Lessons are by request & cover Line Dances, Couple dances - Country Two Step, Schottische, Cowboy Cha Cha, Western Swing, Horseshoe, & more! Dance Floor opens at 6:30pm for Open Dancing & after the Lessons. Loco Billy’s is located at 27021 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood. www.locobillys.com or 425-737-514.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

WAYNE HAYTON
7:30 pm in the Parlor at the Conway Muse. A show to Benefit the Mount Vernon Neighbors In Need Food Bank. Donations welcome. All proceeds will go to the Food Bank. 18444 Spruce St., Conway.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS
Boys Basketball vs Archbishop Murphy. C Team: 4pm. JV: 5:40pm. Varsity: 7:15pm.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14
FORD GIESBRECHT PERFORMS AT DOS REALES
Ford plays an eclectic mix of Brazilian classical, American and Latin jazz standards, pop interpretations and original music. 5:30-8:30pm. 9739 SR Hwy 532. No cover.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14
LEGO CONSTRUCTION ZONE
3:30pm-5pm at the Stanwood Library. Use your imagination to build planes, cars, buildings and whatever you fancy. Snacks provided.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15
SANTA RUN FOOD DRIVE & SANTA MEET & GREET
Fire District 19 elves and Santa will be visiting some of the neighborhoods around Silvana driving a Christmas decorated fire truck collecting canned food or monetary donations for the Arlington Food Bank. DECEMBER 14: 1st Stop - 5:45 to 6:15 - Willow & Jim’s Café. 2nd Stop - 6:30 to 7:00 - Sky Mountain Ranch. 3rd Stop - 7:10 to 7:45 - 200th St. NE (23rd to 5th Ave NE). 4th Stop - 7:45 to 8:00 - 23rd Ave NE (200th to 188th St). 5th Stop - 8:00 to 8:30 - 188th St NE (23rd Ave NE & 11th Ave NE). DECEMBER 15 - Santa House: Station 95 - (Island Crossing & 27th Ave NE). Wagon rides with Santa, sit around the camp fire, cookies, cider and candy canes.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15
MARY, MOTHER OF JESUS
4pm at Freeborn Lutheran Church, 2304 300th St NW, Stanwood. An exciting, FREE, live-action drama for both young & old to enjoy! Come experience the story of Mary, the mother of Jesus, as told by Reverend Gwen Ehrenborg. The drama will take place upstairs, with a hearty meal & fellowship to follow. We invite all to come and share in the wonder of the story of Jesus Christ as never heard before!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15
PUB 282 PRESENTS: THE FABULOUS ROOF SHAKERS
7-9pm at 370 NE Camano Drive, Camano Island. The Fabulous Roof Shakers (FRS) are composed of veteran musicians from Seattle, Queens, Detroit, and San Francisco. FRS has been performing Vintage East Coast Rhythm and Blues to enthusiastic crowds in and around the Puget Sound area and beyond since 2006.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15
MOVIE: “THE MAN WHO INVENTED CHRISTMAS”
2-5:30pm at the Stanwood Library. Join us for this delightful fictionalized take on how Charles Dickens came to write “A Christmas Carol.” After the movie, make simple Victorian toys to take home. Rated PG.
SATURDAY DECEMBER 15

HIGHWAY 9 BAND!
Loco Billy’s Wild Moon Saloon presents Highway 9 performing current & original danceable country/rock music. $8 Music Charge includes the Line Dance Lessons! Band starts 9pm. Loco Billy’s is located at 27021 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood. (425) 737-5144.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

SPAGHETTI LUNCH
11am-3pm at Camano Island Fire & Rescue, 273 NW Camano Dr. North Snohomish County Union Firefighters present an all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Lunch. $10 suggested donation. There will be a meat and vegetarian option, Caesar salad and garlic bread; as well as cookies, cocoa and coffee. Feel free to bring the entire family and show up in your favorite holiday attire, Santa will be stopping by to take pictures. Proceeds go to the North Snohomish County Union Firefighters Charity Fund. We look forward to seeing you there! North Snohomish County Union Firefighters consists of Camano Island and North County (City of Stanwood) Firefighters.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

SANTA BREAKFAST
9-11am at the Stanwood Community and Senior Center, 7430 276th Street NW, Stanwood. Hosted by the Stanwood Lions. Pancakes, sausage, juice, kids crafts and of course Santa. Don’t forget your camera! Cost is $5 pp. Other activities include holiday shopping in the Center Court Thrift Store.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

LOCAL AUTHOR PRESENTATION & BOOK SIGNING
4-6pm at the Camano Island Library. In case you missed last month’s event at the Floyd, Tracey Meck will provide an overview of her new book See You Along The Way, Reflections of a Veteran Hiking The Camino de Santiago. A veteran of Afghanistan, Iraq & humanitarian deployments embarks on a journey of spiritual & self-rediscovery along the ancient pilgrimage.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

CABIN FEVER NW
7:30 pm in the Parlor at the Conway Muse. Playing original Folk music and Alt Country. $10 cover charge. 18444 Spruce St., Conway, 360-445-3000.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

“12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS”

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

WINTERFEST AT CAMA BEACH
Crafts on the beach: T-shirt & Tote painting at Historic House, Candle making at the Historic Store, 11-4 pm. Hunt for a handblown glass ball! Music at Cama Center with “South End String Band” 6-8pm with appetizer plates and adult beverages by Cama Café. Hunt for a handblown glass ball! Due to popular demand – there is one more Gingerbread workshop added! 1-4pm. Cost is $15 per house, payable on site (cash or check only please). Reservations required. Contact Cama Beach at 360 387-1550 to reserve your house today!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

HAZEL BLUE ACRES HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
9 am to 2 pm at Hazel Blue Acres near Silvana, 430 Hevly Rd. Our Open House will include refreshments made with blueberries & hazelnuts, recipes & hot cider & coffee & items for holiday shopping. Items for holiday shopping. More info: (360) 770-7261.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

“A CHILD IS BORN”
The Stanwood-Camano Chorale, with small ensemble Trouvere, will present “A Child Is Born”, singing the songs of an Emerald Isle Christmas. 4 p.m. at the Stanwood United Methodist Church, 27128 102nd Dr. NW, Stanwood. The director is Steve Jensen. A free-will offering will be gratefully received.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

FAMILY BINGO
at the American Legion Hall, 609 W. Camano Drive. Doors open at 4:30 P.M. and Bingo starts at 6pm. Snacks and beverages available. More info: 360-387-5420.

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CHRISTMAS SERVE

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COMMUNITY SWIM
All Ages. 2-4:45 pm at the Stanwood YMCA. Recreational swim time. Community swim is available for free to all in the community.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15
STILLY VALLEY YOUTH DYNAMICS ACTIVITIES
Drop In, food, video Games, Pool. 7:30am-10am at The Spot, 9831 271st St. NW, Stanwood. More info: 425-879-7633.
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WINTER RECITAL 2018
by Mary Munson Piano Studio. 2-4pm at Camano Lutheran Church, 850 Heichel Rd, Camano Island.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16
STILLE NACHT (SILENT NIGHT)
Christmas Concert at 5pm at St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church on Camano Island. An evening of European & Celtic infused Christmas music featuring the international ensemble of Irish flutist, BRAIN DUNNING, German & American vocalists MARC GREMM & JANET MARIE CHVATAL with American keyboardist and vocalist JEFF JOHNSON. Admission is free. An offering will be taken to benefit the work of Safe Harbor Free Clinic.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16
CHRISTMAS CONCERT
by Straighter Road. A worshipful a cappella group comprised of family and friends with jazz and gospel roots sharing the love and hope of Jesus through their unique sound. 11am at Camano Chapel. (360) 387-7202. 867 S West Camano Dr, Camano Island.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16
FREE MOVIE NIGHT - THE STAR
3:30 pm at Cedarhome Baptist Church, 29000 68th Ave NW, Stanwood. Free Popcorn. Free Candy. A small but brave donkey and his animal friends become the unsung heroes of the first Christmas.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17
WINTER CONCERT
at Twin City Elementary School. Kindergarten to 1st Grade: 6pm. Grades 2-3: 7pm.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17
SHS WINTER BAND CONCERT
Join us at 7pm at the SHS Performing Arts Center for an evening of free holiday music. While you are there, be sure to check out our bake sale and our Holiday House gift table where you can pick up a treat and a present or two. You will also want to capture the moment with our photographer and a fun holiday-themed photo booth. Proceeds from the sales of baked goods, gifts, and photos go to support the SHS band program. You don’t want to miss this event!

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17
GAME NIGHT @ ELGER BAY
4:30pm-9:00pm at Elger Bay Grocery / Kara’s Kitchen. No cost to play. New & experienced players welcome. Bring your board games to share or just play ours! More info: 425-508-3484.

DECEMBER 17
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DAVIS PLACE TEEN CENTER DROP-IN
2-5pm at 9612 271st St NW, Stanwood (across from Library). Free art activities, foosball, Ping-Pong, board games & community service opportunities. Today's project: “Pizza & Milkshake Day”

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18
ASVAB TEST
Stanwood High School will offer the ASVAB test on Tuesday, December 18th, in the library. For more information, please see Renee in the main office.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18
PRIMARY CONCERT & CHOIR
(Kindergarten-2nd Grade). 2pm at Stanwood Elementary School.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18
WILDLIFE HABIT GARDENING
Four main elements for creating diverse habitat within your own yard: Native plants, types of wildlife you can attract, how to assess what you already have in your yard, and what you can do to create more shelter and nesting areas for wildlife. Sara Rocero will speak, 8:40 - 9:30 AM (FREE, open to all), preceded by a men’s breakfast ($5) at 8 AM. Call 360 652-7585 to RSVP breakfast, or for directions to the Beachwood Lounge at the Warm Beach Senior Community.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18
STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

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EVENING CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS
6-7:30pm at Camano Chapel. Kaboom (Kindergarten – 2nd Grade) is an evening full of music, games, stories, snacks & crafts. Centershot (3rd -5th grade) is an archery based program with a bible study & lots of fun. Pre-register your child by visiting www.camanochapel.org/kaboom or www.camanochapel.org/centershot.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE BUILD**
4-5:30pm at the Camano Island Library. Drop by and build a tasty house with graham crackers, frosting and milk cartons. We provide all the supplies--you bring your imagination!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

**FREE RESEARCH WEDNESDAY**
1-4pm at the Stanwood Area Historical Society Eldridge Center, 27108 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood (behind the Museum on 2nd floor). Genealogists & historians will be there to help you research your family or your house. More info: 360-629-6110

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

**YOUTH & FAMILY NIGHT**
6pm at Peace Lutheran Church, 1717 Larson Road, Silvana. The evening begins with a shared meal & includes a variety of games, crafts & activities, along with a short spiritual message for the children. Open for all ages! More info: (360) 652-8739.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

**SHS CHOIR CONCERT**
Free concert. 7pm in the Performing Arts Center.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

**STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS**
Girls Varsity Wrestling “Scramble @ Stanwood” 6pm.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

**ADVENT COMMUNITY NIGHT**
6:00- 7:45 pm at Peace Lutheran Church, Silvana. A gathering for all ages, including a shared potluck meal (today’s theme: Family Favorite Christmas Dish”), Advent reflections and Holden Evening Prayer (starting at 7:15). A craft or other activity will also occur.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19

**DAVIS PLACE TEEN CENTER DROP-IN**
2-5pm at 9612 271st St NW, Stanwood (across from Stanwood Library). Free art activities, foosball, Ping-Pong, board games & community service opportunities. Today’s activity: “Cooking Day”.

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**LOOK FOR AN EVERGREEN DAY**
To many people, only a fresh cut real tree will do for Christmas. The scent of fresh pine helps to capture the feel of the holidays. Nothing looks more real than a real tree, each one with its own character and appearance.

If you haven’t selected a tree yet, it is certainly getting late.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19
JAZZ DINNER CONCERT
Jazz at the Center presents a holiday dinner concert with the Greta Matassa Quartet. 5:30-9:15 at the Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Rd. Tickets are $40 and include a festive holiday baked ham dinner. Students $20. General tickets are available on eventbrite.com or paper tickets and student tickets are available by contacting the Camano Center directly. 360.387.0222.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19-23
LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS
More than one million lights will be displayed, a spectacle spread over 15 acres at Warm Beach Camp in Stanwood. Live entertainment, children’s activities, food, holiday shopping & more. Reservations can be made for Overnight accommodations in holiday-themed lodges & for Dinner Theatre (A Christmas Carol…More or Less – This humorous twist on a Christmas favorite, written by Stefano LoVerso and Mary Irey) & Sunday Dessert Matinee. Gates open at 5pm. Event closes at 10pm.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20
STILLY VALLEY YOUTH DYNAMICS ACTIVITIES
Drop In, food, video Games, Pool. 2:30-5pm at The Spot, 9831 271st St. NW, Stanwood. More info: 425-879-7633

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20
INTERMEDIATE CONCERT & CHOIR
(3rd-5th Grades). 2pm at Stanwood Elementary School.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20
KIDS EXPLORE: SPINNERS GALORE!
3-5pm at the Stanwood Library. Explore the head-spinning variety of spinning toys you can make with simple recycled materials! For school-age children. Supported by Stanwood Friends of the Library.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20
GATHERING PLACE
Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church is the location for the Gathering Place free dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Several local churches take turns preparing and providing a free dinner each week. Come and enjoy food and friendship every Thursday. Church location is at 27201 99th Ave NW. Stanwood

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20
PAUL KLEIN
7:30 pm in the Parlor at the Conway Muse. Playing “Great American Music” on the Piano. $7 cover charge. 18444 Spruce St., Conway, 360-445-3000.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20
STEVE RAIBLE HOSTS JAM/OPEN MIC!
Loco Billy’s Wild Moon Saloon presents our weekly jam at 8pm. Steve Raible & Friends are the host jam band. This fun all genre jam is sponsored by Northwest Music Foundation and Sahara Pizza. Bring your instrument or voice or just come to dance & enjoy all the great music. No Cover. Doors open 6:30pm. 27021 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood.
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VACANT LAND
Gorgeous views from this wonderful lot in Saratoga Terrace on Camano. Bring your builder and capture all that island life has to offer. Stunning sunsets with SW views of Whidbey, Saratoga Passage and the Olympics. Community beach, picnic area and boat launch. #1387383

NEW HOME
Spacious new Craftsman being built on Camano Island. Top quality with current finishes and designed for simplicity and ease. Nearby beaches and parks will have you enjoying the outdoors. Located on a great corner lot and scheduled for completion in early 2019. #1386618

VACANT LAND
Beautiful views from this great north Camano location with a boat launch and beach access nearby. Plenty of sun and big views—and the sunsets are unprecedented. Great place to build your new home—water share is included as is hookup to the community drain field. #1352600

NEW HOME
Top-of-the-world views from this new Camano home—the Cascades, Port Susan and Mt Baker from the huge deck or large windows. Fully finished daylight rambler with 2 master suites, large rooms and a great kitchen that opens out to the dining and rec rooms. Beach access close. #1338889

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3D CHRISTMAS TREE CRAFT
WHAT YOU NEED: 12” x 12” green cardstock, brown and yellow cardstock, Christmas scrapbook paper, foil cardstock, 2-inch circle punch, scissors, glue
DIRECTIONS: 1. Begin by cutting out a triangle from your 12” x 12” green cardstock. I found it easiest to draw a line from the center of the top of the paper down to each bottom corner of the paper to make a triangle shape. Then cut out the triangle. 2. Cut out several 2-inch paper circles from your Christmas scrapbook paper and foil cardstock. To make a Christmas bauble we used 5 circles from the foil cardstock or 6 circles from the Christmas scrapbook paper. We used six baubles in all for our paper Christmas tree craft. 3. Fold your paper circles in half with the bottom of the circle facing out. Add glue to one side of the folded circle and glue each of the sections on top of the other to create the 3D bauble. Leave the first and last section of the bauble unattached from each other so you can glue the bauble onto your Christmas tree. Continue folding and gluing the paper circles together until you have six baubles.

4. Cut out a tree star from your yellow cardstock and a tree trunk from your brown cardstock. Glue them onto your triangle paper Christmas tree. Then add glue to the bottom of your paper baubles and glue them onto your tree. 5. Cut out 1/2-inch paper strips from your Christmas scrapbook paper. Add glue to the back and glue them onto your paper Christmas tree craft to look like garland. Your Paper Christmas Tree Craft is complete! Source: iheartcraftythings.com
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FA LA LA LA, FOLDEROL

Well, Christmas on the overcast South End is gonna be a little less jolly this year. Naw, not because most of us can’t afford presents for our loved ones, what with this half decade recession keeping us in the ranks of the chronically unemployed, but because of the news that Santa was being investigated by a grand jury on insider trading charges with MasterCard, Visa, Capitol One and American Express. Turns out old St. Nick was nicking all of us all along.

Tis the season, I guess. The media blitz for total consumer obedience is cranking up earlier than Thanksgiving now, urging us to buy buy buy whether we can afford it or not. Personally I like the car company ad that has the kids on Santa’s lap explaining to the bewildered old poop in his droopy cap and fat guy velvet suit how they want a full size pick-up truck or a fully equipped sedan. Captures perfectly the true spirit of the holiday, you ask me. Cash or credit on that? Hmm, Santa probably figured out which side his toast was buttered either right then and there or else it was the umpteenth millionth kid with the minimum wage parents wanting an X-box and a few thousand dollars of video games.

Even worse news for the soon-to-be indicted Mr. Claus and his sweatshop up in the Arctic Circle is the rumor of a class action lawsuit by his undocumented elves for withholding overtime pay and denying them sick leave. He may ultimately avoid legal sanctions and some frigid prison time if he’s got a good attorney, and you can bet he does, but the brutal publicity may take some of the shine off his squeaky clean grandfatherly image. The wolves are circling up there at the Circle and there’s little doubt the Justice Dep’t. will soon start investigating that offshore account of his, North Pole Equities, to see where the money leads. Even if it’s all perfectly legal, the spokesman for Christmas Past and Christmas Present may not get the nod come Christmas Future. The Powers That Be don’t need a cloud of guilt hanging over their pitchman and potential sales threatened by scandal.

After all, Christmas is as American as an ATM machine and the Lotto. For all the bogus controversy about the government clamping down on what might once have been a religious holiday of some sort, let’s be honest with ourselves, it IS about religion. Capitalism. Whatever else it WAS has been swept asunder under a consumer juggernaut that feeds the economy. Keep playing Bing Crosby songs at the mall and haul out the cute reindeer for a few months, most of us are so anesthetized we’d gladly go deeper into debt to shut off the saccharine insanity. This year, put an automobile under the tree. Santa’s getting 1% kickback on every credit card purchase. This year, let’s help the old guy out…. and the economy too. Fa la la la laaaaawyer, as we say down here.
THE PALE BLUE DOT

Most of us humans have a notion of the immense universe around, the Voyager spacecraft on its one way trip away from home pointed its camera backward for one last image of Earth. From 3.7 billion miles, past the orbit of Neptune, a tiny little hop on the cosmological scale, it captured the now famous “Pale Blue Dot”.

To quote Carl Sagan:

“We succeeded in taking that picture, and, if you look at it, you see a dot. That’s here. That’s home. That’s us. On it, everyone you ever heard of, every human being who ever lived, lived out their lives.”

The aggregate of all our joys and sufferings, thousands of confident religions, ideologies and economic doctrines, every hunter and forager, every hero and coward, every creator and destroyer of civilizations, every king and peasant, every young couple in love, every hopeful child, every mother and father, every inventor and explorer, every teacher of morals, every corrupt politician, every superstar, every supreme leader, every saint and sinner in the history of our species, lived there—on a mote of dust, suspended in sunbeam.

The Earth is a very small stage in a vast cosmic arena. Think of the rivers of blood spilled by all those generals and emperors so that in glory and in triumph they could become the momentary masters of a fraction of a dot. Think of the endless cruelties visited by the inhabitants of one corner of the dot on scarcely distinguishable inhabitants of some other corner of the dot. How frequent their misunderstandings, how eager they are to kill one another, how fervent their hatreds. Our posturings, our imagined self-importance, the delusion that we have some privileged position in the universe, are challenged by this point of pale light.

To my mind, there is perhaps no better demonstration of the folly of human conceits than this distant image of our tiny world. To me, it underscores our responsibility to deal more kindly and compassionately with one another and to preserve and cherish that pale blue dot, the only home we’ve ever known.”
CASA’S PET OF THE WEEK:
Meet RYLAN! Rylan is a complete love bug, he was brought to CASA as a stray. A kind gentleman had been feeding him for quite some time and brought him to CASA hoping he would find his family. He is now off stray hold and is looking for a new home. This guy can be a bit shy at first but is sure to melt your heart.

Camano Animal Shelter Association (CASA):
198 Can Ku Road, Camano Island.
360-387-1902. camanoanimalshelter.org

NOAH’S PET OF THE WEEK:
RAMONA is an active and intelligent young dog who needs some work on manners. She has learned ‘sit’ and is very food motivated which will be helpful for learning new skills. Ramona would do best in a home with an adult dog who will show her the ropes. She has done well with confident kids and will need a home with NO CATS! I weigh 38 lbs.

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

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For further information, please contact: 360-348-6561
HOLIDAY LIGHTING NORTHWEST

To create a Christmas dreamscape, you no longer need to take unnecessary risks hanging off an icy ladder or in the shadow of unproven contractors. Let your imagination run wild and create the home of your dreams this holiday season. Holiday Lighting northwest has all the resources you need to make it happen for you and your family. Since 1998, we’ve made our business to eliminate the stress and risk of decorating your home for the holidays. From our headquarters on Camano Island, we serve the entire Puget Sound region. We’re fully licensed, bonded & insured.

“Holiday Lighting Northwest at Terry’s Corner does a very professional job of hanging lights. They have put lights on the Camano City Schoolhouse for the past two years and they look great.” – Chuck Durland.

Another example of their work can be seen at the Camano Commons Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 8.

Feel free to give us a call and explain your project. 425-659-3117. 848 N. Sunrise blvd #A201, Camano Island, WA 98282. Email: hello@holidaylightingnorthwest.com. Website: holidaylightingnw.com.

Photo of the Camano City Schoolhouse (decorated by Holiday Lighting NW) by Ian Gleadle.

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Welcome to Our Neighborhood

WARM BEACH

Quaint, Small, Charming. An enchanting neighborhood of sandy beachfront, beautiful gardens and generational homes. Warm beach is truly a local treasure: one worth visiting, or settling in.

Western Washington is known for many things: beautiful mountain ranges, long rainy seasons, and coffee. What many people forget, are the beautiful beaches which line its coast. The creatively named “Warm Beach” features a long, sandy shoreline adjacent to towering bluffs covered in an array of colorful homes. If you enjoy long walks on the beach (colored by spectacular sunsets) then consider finding a home here.

The water here is heated by the sun-baked sand below its shallow surface. At high tide, the heat stored in the sand is drawn out by the Puget Sound water, and creates a small temperate zone, perfect for swimming or wading! Many of the homes here are right on the beach, so the residents who live on Warm Beach have direct access. Other homes can be found on the bluff, overlooking the bay, and can go down to the beach on a system of walkways and stairs.

Near the bay is the Warm Beach Community Center, a place for families and friends to gather for community-building, or special events. The Center features a covered picnic area, and is available to rent. The neighborhood hosts many get-togethers, including an Easter celebration, and a Fourth of July barbecue.

The neighborhood boasts a number of large family-ready homes, alongside a good selection of beach cottages, and everything in-between. Regardless of where they live, the people of the Warm Beach community relish walking by the bay. Visitors can often find beautiful seashells (by the seashore) and memorable water views.

While the community of Warm Beach itself is tight-knit, it has also proven to be quite welcoming to those seeking a peaceful afternoon retreat. With a shoreline that runs as far as the eye can see, sunny days often bring the sounds of children playing on the sandy beach and families building memories. There's something to be said about waterfront living that affords such a fulfilling lifestyle for not only you, but an entire community of neighbors.

Source: Stanwood Camano Windermere (windermerestanwoodcamano.com/warm-beach)
PUD OFFERS TIPS ON HOLIDAY LIGHTING, HEATING, AND MORE

LED (light-emitting diodes) holiday lights use a fraction of the energy used by a standard C7 holiday light or mini-light. And the life expectancy of LED lights is 100,000 to 200,000 hours! Other benefits of LED holiday lights include: If one bulb burns out, the rest of the string stays lit; LED lights are cool to the touch; You can use up to 20 strings together on one circuit. The retail cost for LED holiday lights is about $10 to $20 per string of 100 lights. They’re available at numerous local hardware and drug stores throughout the area. Look and ask for ENERGY STAR LEDs to make sure you are purchasing energy-efficient holiday lights. Other Seasonal Cold Weather Tips: To cut home heat loss, close your drapes at night, and open them during the day to let the sun in and warm your home. When preparing holiday treats – appetizers, side dishes and desserts – whenever possible use smaller appliances such as toaster ovens and microwaves. Check your heating ducts to ensure they’re properly sealed and insulated. This can cut up to 25 percent off your heating bill. Put furnace air filters on your holiday shopping list. Replace these every two months during the heating season to lower heating costs and improve air quality. Close off rooms you’re not using and lower the heat in these areas. Dress that favorite holiday sweater. Dressing warmer during colder months improves comfort and is less expensive than cranking up the heat. For every three degrees you lower your thermostat from your normal setting, you save 10 percent on heating.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS HERE

and that usually means family vacations. Remember, boarding facilities for your pets require up to date vaccinations and many are requiring a negative fecal exam. Take advantage of our Bordetella (kennel cough) and fecal exam promotion - call the clinic for details and to schedule an appointment for your furry family members! Northwest Veterinary Clinic: (360) 629-4571.

EVENING DINNERS

Join us at the Stanwood Senior Center for dinner Monday-Wednesday at 5pm in the center dining room. Meals are $6.00 for non-members or center members are $3.00. Menu available on our website.

INTERESTED IN COSTCO MEMBERSHIP?

Stop by the Stanwood Community and Senior Center, Tuesday, December 11th from 11am-1pm.

NO MESSIAH SING THIS YEAR

After 10 years St Aidan’s Episcopal Church will not be hosting their Annual Community MessiahSing this year, but interested folks can zip up to Anacortes to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 9th Street, on December 22 at 7pm for a similar festive event with orchestra and soloists. And a dessert reception following. Please look for our hometown MessiahSing to be back on Camano next year!

THE CARING PLACE / CHRISTMAS HOUSE

closes for the season and re-opens February 2019. Christmas House operates December 13-22, and is now accepting donations for the Christmas House. For information call 360-913-1551.

HANUKKAH

The festival is observed by lighting the candles of a candelabrum with nine branches. One branch is typically placed above or below the others and its candle is used to light the other eight candles. This unique candle is called the shamash. Each night, one additional candle is lit by the shamash until all eight candles are lit together on the final night of the holiday.
TAX PREP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
United Way of Snohomish County Seeks Volunteers for Free Tax Preparation in Everett, Lynnwood, Arlington, Stanwood, and Monroe
(Everett, WA) – Over 100 volunteers are needed to provide customer care and free tax preparation for families who make $55,000 or less. United Way of Snohomish County trains and supervises tax volunteers at seven locations across Snohomish County—no experience necessary. For families struggling to get by, a few hundred, or even thousands of dollars from a tax refund can pay for basic needs like food, clothing, and rent. Financial stability reduces stress and increases options for the whole family. Volunteering takes a few hours a week during tax season, January – April in addition to nine hours of training in December and January. Shifts are available on evenings, weekends, and some weekday mornings. Whether you're a numbers person, a people person, or someone who's looking for a new experience, all volunteers are welcome. For more information and volunteer registration, please visit http://www.uwsc.org/vitavols or contact Brooke Bloomquist at brooke.bloomquist@uwsc.org 425-374-5553.

STANWOOD/CAMANO FOOD BANK
CHRISTMAS HOUSE
December 13 - December 22. Now accepting donations and appointments. For appointments call 360-629-2789. For additional information call 360-913-1551. All donations are tax deductible. The Christmas House provides the opportunity for Parents to come “Shop” (free of charge) for their children ages NB-18 years of age.

DID YOU KNOW?
Sap of the maple tree, the same sap used to make maple syrup, makes a refreshing drink. Just put it in the refrigerator and pour a drink whenever you want. Or, have a drink as you harvest the sap from the tree!

2018 SANTA RUN
By North County Fire/EMS. The firetruck and Santa will stay on main streets throughout neighborhoods; which means we may not come directly in front of your house. We will have our sirens on periodically, as well as our lights, so keep your eyes and ears open! Crews will leave Station 99 around 6:00pm each night. So they will be in neighborhoods shortly thereafter. December 7: Station 97 / Kayak Estates. Dec. 8: Station 99 / Kylie Park / Copper Station / Cedarhome. Dec. 11: Station 90 / Kackman / Meadow Ridge. Dec. 16: Station 97 / Warm Beach Park / Soundview. Dec. 18: Station 99 / Fox Hill / Church Creek / West Stanwood. Dec. 21: Meet & Greet with Santa at Station 99. The purpose of our Santa Run is to collect donations for our local food bank. We hope to see you out in your neighborhood!!! If you miss Santa, come by Station 99 (8117 267th St NW, Stanwood) on December 21st from 6:00-8:00pm. More info: 360-629-2184.
RECYCLING TIP:
Holiday lights/computer cord, extension cord recycling is happening again on Camano Island. Bring your recycled item to the County Annex starting November 26th till mid January 2019.
Waste Wise Island County

STANWOOD LIONS SMOKESTACK CALENDAR 2019
The Lions have made a 2019 calendar of pictures of the smokestack in Stanwood. They are available at Hamilton Lumber and the newspaper office. Cost $10.00 with a free pen. All the money will go back into repairs on to the smokestack lights.

“THEIR LIGHT STILL SHINES”
In Conjunction with The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting®. Join parents, grandparents & siblings who have experienced the death of a child from whatever cause on Sunday, Dec 9. Place a candle in your window & light it at 7pm to honor our children.

SHARE THE WARMTH
Winter Coat Drive through December 31. Drop off locations at One-A-Chord Academy (26930 94th Dr NW, Stanwood, 360-572-3146) and the Stanwood YMCA (7213 267th St NW, Stanwood, 360-629-9622). Coats will benefit families in need in Stanwood & Camano Island.

SKI BUS TO STEVENS PASS ON TUESDAYS!
Are you interested in joining a great group of people to ski at Stevens Pass every Tuesday for 6 weeks beginning 1/15/2019. Can't commit to all 6 trips? No worries – you are welcome to sell your seat to another rider. If so, let your interest and commitment be known by contacting Patrick at 425-745-1203 by TEXT (preferred) or voicemail no later than 12/20/2018. The bus will make stops in Bellingham, Burlington, March's Point, Stanwood, Monroe and then on to Stevens Pass. Exact times for pick-up will be determined later. The cost will be approximately $240 for the 6 weeks if we have 40 people sign up and pay in advance. The bus will be provided by Bellair Charters including a restroom and weather equipped (chains if necessary).

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GIVE BACK THIS SEASON?
Good Cheer Bags ($9.99) will be available to purchase for the month of December at the Camano Plaza IGA. They are filled with all kinds of necessities that easily get overlooked when donations are made to the food bank. Thank you to our wonderful little community for your help with the project!
LOCAL BROADWAY STAR MAKES HISTORY

Broadway’s new musical, “The Prom” made history on Thanksgiving this year, being the first ever televised Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade same-sex kiss. The Prom explores the precariousness of LGBTQ rights and features lead actress Caitlin Kinnunen, who was raised here on Camano Island, where her family still resides. We at the Crab Cracker contacted Caitlin’s mom, Betsy, to get more information about Camano’s local star.

“Caitlin started in theatre when she was about 3, very much on my hip at the start of things,” says Betsy. We’d put her older sister, Julia, into local youth theatre classes in Stanwood (SKY Theatre at the time), and Caitlin just grew up in it – it was what she knew from the very beginning. She and her older sister, Julia, were snowflakes and kings and one-of-too-many matching sisters in Rapunzel. Bigger roles like Michael in Peter Pan, stand-out solos in Seussical and even Dorothy in Wizard of Oz. As family, you value every single time you get to see your child up there shining. That can start at any time, but as soon as you see them up there doing their best, you’re really hooked, even if they aren’t yet. And when they are? Oh my.”

We asked Betsy why she started them in theatre. “I’d grown up horribly afraid of public speaking; we wanted to do whatever we could so our girls would have more confidence than I did. Julia’s first show was Don Coyote; she was an aardvark. The first memorable show was an in-school performance they did of William’s Window, an introduction to Shakespeare. When someone called out sick, third-grader Julia stepped up and did the role of Puck in front of a 500-seat full house. And liked it. Then on, we were fully into the vortex of kids and theatre. Some folks get sports, we got theatre. Caitlin’s first show was at the Stanwood Grange as a snowflake – a lofty beginning. (Costumes made out of sheets and black paint and lots of glitter come to mind. Story line, music, or acting, not so much so.).”

Who encouraged you along the way and why did your family stuck with it? “It’s as much about the holistic experience in some ways as the people. SKY Theatre experiences branched out to include Meta Performing Arts and then evolved into Village Theatre’s KIDSTAGE. The support one could expect in a youth theatre program was the support we got – nurturing of the child as a whole with development of talent as a bonus, opportunity for expression and experience. As they say, skills for theatre, skills for life. And fun. And friends. And arts.

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And connections. KIDSTAGE opened the door to Village Theatre and connections at The 5th Avenue. The 5th was down the street, literally and conceptually, from Seattle Children’s Theatre. At the age of 16, when she was doing a show at SCT, Caitlin went to an open call for the upcoming Broadway show, Spring Awakening, and that was when things changed to the real big time for us. But looking back at it, what she had gotten from the local world were the skills that we see today.

“She’s not “just” the lead in a new Broadway musical, but she’s also taking steps to impact how she can fit into that role in the show as a person. Yes, we’re proud of her for taking the final bow, but we are more proud to hear that at half hour to places, she goes around and checks in with every other cast member. How are they? Caitlin’s making sure they’re with her through inclusion with intent. As her family, THAT’S what we’re proud of.”

“As far as people who encouraged us, there are so many. Owning these relationships when we found them was truly crucial in getting Caitlin from here (home-schooled, small-town kid with a big voice) to there with all those same descriptions but living in Manhattan plus three Broadway shows, now including the lead in The Prom. Starting to name them risks leaving people out, worrying that I will. At SKY Theatre and KIDSTAGE, Kati Knickerson was a substantial voice of encouragement all along the way. With Meta Performing Arts, Kate Kypuros and Maura Marlin are still active supporters. Caitlin’s first vocal coach – Ann Evans Watson – helped shape who she is today. Kat Ramsburg was a magical mentor and coach, helping Caitlin make her way to The 5th Avenue and then get ready for Spring Awakening. Once we got to New York, Melissa Rain Anderson was her acting coach and roots of what we came to call the Caitlin Conservatory. (She wasn’t in school, wasn’t at home, and was in New York doing what you need to do but often by herself not being at school or home. Caitlin had voice lessons, acting ones, dialect coaching, dance (begrudgingly – she is not a “triple threat!”), seems like you name it, she’d study it. We had the good fortune of finding an agent who was a good fit; Penny Luedtke is to this day one who encourages, supports, and figures out the way.”

“Caitlin was 11 when Julia got a post card from Village Theatre inviting her to audition to be one of the orphans in their production of Annie. To our surprise, Caitlin ended up one of the Annie’s,

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and that started our Camano-to-Issaquah commute (Issaquah is the location of Kidstage, though there is an additional one in Everett). What seemed like a ridiculous amount of time in the car turned into one of those rare opportunities that shaped our relationships forever. Both Caitlin and Julia worked at Village; Caitlin acting and Julia doing stage management. The time in the car was time to talk, to just be in the room with each other without distractions or reasons to drift away and not back. We could chat, or not, talk or not, but always circled back to this was our time together. We talk so much better now as adults because of it."

“After Annie, Caitlin was in The Secret Garden. She was Mary, the featured girl, but rather than sharing the role this time, she was cast as the alternate. (Traditionally this is the one who does the Saturday matinee and Sunday night shows so the “lead” can rest). She had to learn the show by observing rather than doing, how to put the good of the show before herself and her personal needs. She learned how to work, how to learn, and how to contribute. Yes, we got to hear her sing (and such beautiful music it was), but the harder learned things are the ones that have helped shape who she is today on stage. That’s the real reward."

“When Caitlin was cast in Spring Awakening, we had some long family conversations. What would the impact be at home? I had to keep working; could I bring my job with me? Randy had to stay home and keep working, my mom and my stepfather lived with us. What would the impact all around be? So many what ifs. We, as family together, did not want to risk looking back and seeing we’d had this opportunity and had not taken advantage of it. We knew for a number of months that Caitlin was next in line when the then-current cast member chose to leave. This meant realistically not working in Seattle because no one wanted to cast someone who might be gone. When we did get the call, it was with two weeks’ notice. When she and I packed up and went east, sitting on that plane having left everyone behind was SO hard. But it was also the start, and we knew that then.”

“The time and commitment we’ve made often seems to me to be equivalent to that which families make when they support children in any kind of advanced or elite athletics. Yes, we drove to Issaquah every day weeks on end, but is that really different from the total miles driven for kids on select soccer teams? I think the parallels between professional level theatre and athletics are probably sim-

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ilar in many, many ways. There’s time to rehearse/practice/hone skills. There’s time to perform/play/compete. There are personal investments beyond time – both are so multifaceted. There’s the local, regional, and national component. And end of the day, both as parents and participants, so many ups and downs and sacrifices and rewards in ways we might expect but quite often don’t.”

“With two girls who both started in theatre, it’s interesting to look at where they ended up. At the time, Julia would have loved to have made it professionally in theatre, but instead, now is very content as a professional photographer. I like to think her early exposure to theatre arts has helped shape who she is now today at work and as an artist. Caitlin’s stayed committed to her personal calling of performing from beginning to end. Having started at the age of 3, just think – she’s been doing this for 24 years. This sense of focus is part of what makes her succeed, just as it would so many others in other fields.”

“How as parents do we best support our children pursuing the things that help them grow into the fullest version of themselves? When I led volunteer groups building sets and sewing costumes (so many of both), I would take note of this precious thing – we were working together to support not just our individual child but rather the community of children. And in doing this together, we came out ahead in so many ways, not the least of which was that our children benefited directly. Culturally I think it’s often easy to support the “usual” things including all the sports. The value in the arts is exponential, and while we may not always see the full potential merit at the beginning, at our house, there is not a second any of us would have done any of this differently.”

Among Caitlin’s other projects, she has appeared on Broadway in The Bridges of Madison County and on tour with Next to Normal, and also in film & television including; The Intern, It’s Kind of a Funny Story, Sweet Little Lies, Younger, American Vandal, The Knick, and Law & Order: SVU. She currently lives in New York City.
WHITE STUFF NAN

He worked the mines until something inside scared him. Repeating a bizarre disturbing mantra daily from the attic, he hasn’t been the same since. A puny recluse encased in shroud he rings a bell only once a month. Jesse Garnett White

Raging wildfire burning spindly black spruce crossed the pipeline and Dalton near Coldfoot. Dirk’s de Havilland Beaver engine sat on used tractor tires. Three hunters from NYC wearing fashionable outfits and attempting to reach ANWR were irate. It’s not like hailing a cab. My buddy and I helped with repairs lifting the engine onto the plane. Deciding to let the NYC jerks sweat, Dirk flew us into the Brooks Range first. Following a rainbow, the plane was struck by lightning as we rose from the strip. The Nanushuk River valley enshrouded by dense fog returned us to Coldfoot.

The following afternoon, circling the Nanushuk, Dirk located dry tundra on an alluvial fan beneath thrust wedges of the Kaktakturuk. On ground, my buddy kissed yellow-tan tundra grass, changed his underwear, and proclaimed Dirk best pilot alive.

Setting base camp near waterfalls cascading from the Kaktakturk we hiked miles to the Kayak-Lisburne contact and set up camp bacon named after precooked bacon barfed up after breakfast. Hiking to the Cockedhat summit rock falls were commonplace sending regular jagged bombs past our heads. Scaling near vertical walls of limestone and shale we reached a linear snow patch that had to be crossed to reach the summit. I threw my backpack, jumped to a rock, and then to the other side. My bro tossed his backpack to me but wouldn’t jump because he feared for his life. I couldn’t blame him. A slip could have taken him thousands of feet to death. I took position 20ft below his jumping point promising I would stop his glacade should he miss and he did. He jumped, lost his footing on the rock, and slid down the ice like a cheetah on steroids. I caught him by his boot but slipped off my footing sending us both tumbling. His boot in hand, I grabbed my rock hammer and thrust it into the ice under my chest and arm.

Dirk picked us up, we loaded the plane with our stuff, and flew to Coldfoot in fierce winds of blinding dirty brown smoke. Approaching the runway sideways he said, “The last time I did this the plane cartwheeled.”
WHY WE NEED OUR FRIENDS

Why do we need to talk things out, get different opinions, just have someone listen? Why do we feel so much better when we go for a walk with a friend? Just a few minutes seems to make a world of difference. This data will help explain why. It is now believed that being with friends can counteract that intense ache in the stomach many people deal with on a daily basis. I have seen this stress response often over the 30 years of coaching and listening to people in my business, as well as experiencing it myself. A 2002 article by Gail Berkowitz stated that a UCLA study suggested that women actually respond to stress differently than men, and that women’s brain chemicals cause us to maintain friendships with other women. Before these findings, all the research pointed to the “fight or flee” stress response, because men only were used as their test subjects. After testing hundreds of female subjects, the study suggests that women have a larger range than just fight or flee and that they exhibit behaviors that “tend and befriend”. When the hormone oxytocin (it’s a feel good chemical in the blood stream, made by the pituitary gland) is released as part of the stress responses in a woman, it buffers the fight or flight response and encourages a woman to tend children and gather with other women instead. “When she actually engages in this tending or befriending, studies suggest that more oxytocin is released, which further counters stress and produces a calming effect. This calming response does not occur in men” says Dr. Klein, “because testosterone—which men produce in high levels when they’re under stress—seems to reduce the effects of oxytocin. Estrogen, she adds, seems to enhance it.” You can see why it is important for all of us to develop strong friendships. Many studies verify over and over that our human connection; our ties with others help lower blood pressure, heart rates and even cholesterol. – SuZanna Mantis, Gentle Yoga Teacher, coach & owner of Z’s www.zsremedies.com. References: “The Tending Instinct” by Shelley Taylor.

FUN FACT:
Cats can produce over one hundred vocal sounds, while dogs can only produce about ten.

“Let me show you the amazing opportunities this community has to offer. I love helping people find the right fit, perfect for them and their family. I look forward to showing you the Stanwood and Camano area that I have had the opportunity to be a part of my whole life.”

Malynda Shipley
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The jubilance that was evident when new payrolls came to Stanwood in 1916 was dampened in early 1917, when the first contingent of local boys went marching off to World War 1.

Fred Ketchum and Earl Libbey chose the navy and were the first to enlist. They were soon joined by Walter Carlson, Ross Dimick and George Keenan, While Burt Dearinger and Nils Anderson joined the coast artillery. Among the next recruits were Roy Olsen, Frank Durgan, John Wagness, Albert Simonson, Walter Winters, George Reid, Oscar Bergland Harold Ketchum, Arnold Ulvestad, Chester Miller and James Caldon.

A farewell party at the Odd Fellows Hall was given by women of the Red Cross. On the day of their departure, the band played and some forty carloads of relatives, friends and townspeople turned out en masse at the train to wave them good-bye, recorded the Tidings of April 20, 1917.

Many of this first contingent were in their junior and senior years at high school and classes suddenly dwindled to a handful of boys and a preponderance of girls. Letters and packages of candy and cookies soon went flying to various training stations and battle fronts while farms, mills and business houses felt the inevitable labor shortage of war years.

A service flag hung above the auditorium stage in the high school and new stars were added as time went on. The first Gold Star, however, didn’t appear until November 1918, when news came of Stanwood’s first war casualty ... Frank Hancock, eldest son of the pioneer John Hancock’s north of town.

The official communique was without details and simply stated that Frank Hancock was killed in action in France. This message followed a letter written by him only three days before his death in which he said he had been transferred to Company “K”, 110th Infantry. It was written on Red Cross stationery and stamped “In Action”.

Gloom at once fell over the community, said the Tidings in its front-page story of November 15. After leaving here in June 1918, young Hancock had made expert rifleman at Camp Kearney, Calif., and had been sent to France with a picked squadron, attached to Company “C”, 158th Infantry. Born and raised here, the 26-year-old soldier was held in high esteem and his death deepened the war clouds over the Stillaguamish.

World War 1 demanded sacrifices of four other local families. Ray Bunton, son of Mrs. Nettie Bunton of Warm Beach, was one of the casualties; names of the other three are not in the record. Mrs. Bunton was the only known local mother to make a double sacrifice. She gave her oldest son to World War 1 and her youngest to World War 11.

A brighter note pervaded with the Formation of Stanwood’s Post No. 92 of the American Legion, named in memory of Frank Hancock. Its charter, not officially countersigned until August 1920, bears the signature of 22 original members, namely:

Steve Floe, James Celdon, George Hancock, Erik Eide, Fran Howard, W. Lane McBrady, Chris Simonson, Leon L. Tupper, Frank Obenhoffer, Roy M. Olsen, D.C. Tolin, Arthur Knudson, A.C. Willard, Charles Simonson, George Myron, Ben Willard, Albert D. Hall, Robert Hill, Harold H. Howard, Clifford B. Myron, Harold Knutsen and Fred E. Ketchum. There were other charter members who neglected to sign the official document; among those were Clyde Brokaw and the late Dr. Julian Howard, first commander of the new post….to be continued
VOYAGE TO THE VALLEY ISLE – by Steve Newell

cold and rainy closes in
time to seek the sun
A whispered voice speak within
Time to have some fun

Looking west and to the south
Beyond the ragged ice
Sailing o’er the ocean’s mouth
Yonder beckons paradise

Molokini snorkel swim
Surfboards on the wave
Tradewind breezes through the palms
Memories here to save

Winding drive to Hana
North Shore crashing surf
From jungle back to desert
Where Kihei is our turf

Climbing Haleakal
Ten thousand feet above
Puts us on a moonscape
Views are long to love

Time has come to sail home
Across the azure sky
Moments found in paradise
To this isle we bid goodbye.

DID YOU KNOW?

It’s against the law to burp, or sneeze in a certain church in Omaha, Nebraska.
MY NOBEL PRIZE ACCEPTANCE SPEECH

I hope you all are sitting down, because I have some unbelievable news. According to a poker buddy of mine, who heard it from his bowling teammate, who read it on a fortune cookie, I am on the short list for the Nobel Prize for Literature! It is all thanks to my prestigious literary achievement thanks to this column I write for the Crab Cracker.

While my endowment is not yet official, I figured I should work on my acceptance speech, so I’m fully prepared when I do get the call. To be honest, I did not see this coming. Oh, sure, I figured I’d eventually win a Pulitzer for my award-deserving humor writing. Heck, my piece called Don’t Let Your Dishwasher Destroy Your Marriage alone should have garnered me that trophy. But a Nobel? Now you’re making me blush.

I’ve long envisioned receiving that life-changing call from the Nobel Committee. I’ll admit, in my mind I was being honored for my accomplishments in a more popular category, such as physics or chemistry. If only I’d stayed awake during chemistry class or even audited a physics course. I blame my high school guidance counselor for leading me astray toward majoring in the Humanities.

What I really had my heart set on was the Peace Prize – the big enchilada. Talk about impressing my racquetball buddies! But the committee probably gained access to my pre-school transcript (I thought it was sealed) and learned of my recess scuffle with Cindy O’Connor. That undoubtedly took me out of contention. I maintain I was within my rights to pull her hair and put a frog in her lunchbox after she gave me a card with hearts drawn all over it. Yuck! But I digress.

Back to my acceptance speech. It’s merely a first draft, so I’m open to any suggestions to punch it up a bit.

“Dear Nobel Committee, friends, esteemed guests, View from the Bleachers readers, United Nations General Assembly, the original cast of Glee, and Cindy O’Connor, whom I hereby formally forgive for giving me a mushy card.

It is with great humility that I accept the 2018 Nobel Prize in Literature as the greatest writer of all time. Deal with it, Mark Twain. I am indeed honored to receive this award and grateful you chose not to hold against me my column Fashion Advice for Men Who Wear Shorts, which in hindsight was not some of my better efforts. Hey, they can’t all be home runs.

It is indeed a tremendous tribute to be among the 115 conferees of this coveted 18 carat gold coin since the inception of this distinction in 1901. There are so many people I wish to thank, starting with Erma Bombeck and Art Buchwald, two enormously talented, deeply deserving and witty writers, neither of whom was eligible this year on account of them both being dead. Poor planning on their part.

I could never have achieved my literary goals were it not for my two daughters, who over the course of two decades continually reminded me that as a parent I was in way over my head, which spurred me on to write my acclaimed parenting book YOU’RE GROUNDED FOR LIFE – Misguided Parenting Strategies that Sounded Good at the Time, which, by the way, makes a great Secret Santa gift (you might not want to reveal that the book was from you).

In conclusion, I want to thank the committee for recognizing the importance of humor writing in this divided world. I believe it can bring people together in a bond of mutual understanding and comradery. I know this to be true because week after week, I discover people coming together, united in their fierce outrage over my latest column.”
Stanwood Camano Food Bank Thanksgiving Meal Distribution. Photo by Ian Gleadle.

Camano Island State Parks Ranger, Jeff Wheeler, assists a woman with her gingerbread house construction at Cama Beach’s Winterfest. Holiday events occur every weekend in December during Cama Beach’s Winterfest event.

FUN FACT:
In Tokyo, they sell toupees for dogs.

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RED VELVET THUMBPRINT COOKIES

Our delicious red velvet thumbprints cookies are filled with sweetened cream cheese then drizzled with white or dark chocolate, Enjoy!

COOKIES: 2 c. all-purpose flour; 2 tsp. cocoa powder; 1 c. butter, softened; 1/2 c. brown sugar; 1 lg. egg yolk; 1 tsp. vanilla extract; 4 tsp. red food coloring; 1/2 c. granulated sugar or sanding sugar
CREAM CHEESE FILLING: 4 oz. cream cheese, softened; 1 lg. egg yolk; 1/4 c. granulated sugar; 1/8 tsp. salt; 1/4 tsp. vanilla extract
CHOCOLATE DRIZZLE: 4 oz. white or semi-sweet chocolate chips; 1 tsp. shortening

DIRECTIONS: 1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Line two baking with parchment paper. 2. COOKIES: In a medium bowl, whisk together flour and cocoa powder; set aside. 3. In a large bowl, using an electric hand mixer, beat together the butter, brown sugar, egg yolk, vanilla and food coloring until light and fluffy. Add the flour mixture, beat until a soft dough forms. 4. Scoop out dough by heaping tablespoons and roll them in the sugar. Place on prepared baking sheets (about 2 inches apart). Use the back of a round teaspoon to make a small indentation in the cookie dough. 5. Bake for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, make the cream cheese filling. 6. CREAM CHEESE FILLING: Using an electric hand mixer, beat together the cream cheese, egg yolk, sugar, salt, and vanilla until smooth and creamy. 7. After the first 10 minutes of baking, use the back of a round teaspoon to deepen the indentation in the cookies. Spoon a teaspoon of the filling into each indentation. Bake for an additional 10-12 minutes, until filling is set. Allow cookies to cool completely. 8. CHOCOLATE DRIZZLE: In a microwave-safe bowl, melt chocolate and shortening on high for 1 minute, stir to combine. Microwave in 20 second increments until chocolate is completely melted. Drizzle cookies with melted chocolate. Allow chocolate to set. Store cookies in an airtight container and chilled. Yields 2 dozen cookies
GINGERBREAD COOKIE BARS

Craving gingerbread but don’t have time to make those cute little gingerbread men? Try our quick and easy bars topped with cream cheese frosting, you’ll be glad you did!

BARS: 2 c. all-purpose flour; 2 tsp. baking soda; 1/2 tsp. salt; 1 T. ground cinnamon; 1/2 tsp. ground ginger; 1/4 tsp. ground cloves; 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg; 1/2 c. butter, melted; 3/4 c. granulated sugar; 1/4 c. brown sugar; 1/3 c. molasses; 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract; 1 lg. egg
CREAM CHEESE FROSTING: 1/2 c. butter, softened; 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened; 1 lb. confectioners’ sugar; 1 tsp. vanilla

DIRECTIONS: 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray a 9x13-inch baking pan with nonstick cooking spray; set aside. 2. BARS: In a large bowl, whisk together flour, soda, salt, cinnamon, ginger, cloves and nutmeg; set aside. 3. In a large bowl, using an electric hand mixer beat butter, sugar, brown sugar, molasses, and vanilla on medium speed until smooth and creamy. Add the egg beat until completely incorporated. 4. Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients, beat until combined. Spread the dough into prepared pan, using clean hands or a rubber spatula to press the dough to the edges of the pan. 5. Bake for 15-20 minutes; do not over bake! Cool in a pan on a wire rack. Meanwhile prepare frosting. 6. CREAM CHEESE FROSTING: In a large bowl, beat the butter and cream cheese together until well combined. Add the remaining half confectioners’ sugar, beat until well combined. Add the egg beat until well combined. Beat on high until light and fluffy. 7. Once the bars have cooled, frost with cream cheese frosting. Cut into squares and serve. Yields 24 bars
Tristan Hanson’s Engineering II students use a laser cutter to create detailed maps of Camano Island. The maps are for sale for $45 as a fundraiser for students to attend Technology Student Association competitions. For more information, contact Mr. Hanson at thanson2@stanwood.wednet.edu or call Renee’ Herigstad at 360-629-1300, Ext 5054.

Chelsea Minnick’s photo from left, AJ Larson & Luke Griffin

Matlyn Miller’s photo, AJ Larson
One Day VoiceOver Workshop

Jan. 19, 10am-5pm at Cama Center, Cama Beach State Park, Camano Island
Jan. 26, 10am-5pm at Champion St Sound Studios, 1429 N Forest St., Bellingham

Have you ever been told you have a great voice? Have you ever thought of exploring the opportunity of working from home as a VoiceOver Artist?

This hands-on workshop gives you the information and tools you need to launch a new career as a VoiceOver artist. You will get actual time behind the mic and learn how to make money in this exciting and rapidly growing industry.

Your instructor, Ed Bednarczyk, is one of the most versatile VoiceOver artists in the business. Ed has voiced commercials for Nike, Microsoft, Levi’s, Arby’s, Kitchen Aid, The Everett Clinic, Coastal Community Bank, and hundreds more. He’s also the voice on several video games for Nintendo and Aion Ascension.

Class size is limited so make your reservation ASAP!

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Cost for this full one-day interactive workshop is $150.

To reserve your spot call 206-280-8642 or email ed@voiceover.studio
Coffee & Canvas. Dec. 7, 8, Jan. 4, 5. Let’s paint! Spend the morning painting & sipping coffee. We provide all the instruction & supplies to paint something to take home. Coffee & treats included. All levels of artists are welcome. 9:30-12:00 at Dorsey Fine Art Studio at Camano Commons. To register go to www.jeddorseyart.com.

Camano Island Bonsai Gardens: I would like to invite you to join us at my new location. Free Classes in December on Saturdays. 10am ‘til 3pm. Contact : Mark for more Info (425) 530-7214. Voice Mail only

Have you ever wondered what the clouds are telling us? The Camano Preparedness Group is sponsoring a SKYWARN Weather Spotting class on December 21 at the Vista Madrona Fire Station, 273 N. West Camano Dr., from 6-8pm. This course will teach weather spotting, measuring barometric pressure, wind speed/direction, humidity & temperature. Learn how to measure rain, hail & snowfall & how to report your measurements to the National Weather Service. Course is FREE & a lot of fun. Dessert & coffee will be served. For more info contact Rhonda at 360-387-9923 or Sue at 760-390-2436.

A New Year is coming! Get Healthy with Yoga & Pilates classes for all levels. Over 25 classes each week, many for beginners. Come to class when its convenient for you. Open 7 days, morning & evening classes. Special Yoga for Beginners 6 week session starts in January. Weekend workshops on a variety of subjects, yoga retreats, yoga teacher certification training & more for the community. www.movementarts.com. 360-629-9100, or email kara@movementarts.com. Located at Camano Commons, upstairs, building G.

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Want To Find Out More About Your Ancestors? Come to the FREE Camano Island-Stanwood Family History Center at 795 Ell Rd., Camano Island. Tues 10am-noon & Wed 6:30-8pm. Check Facebook page!

Karate & Taekwondo at Northwest School of Martial Arts! Open enrollment, fun for all ages! Our programs emphasize respect, self-defense, confidence, self-discipline, exercise, leadership & focus. Call 629-4341 or visit nwschoolofmartialarts.com for schedule & prices.
Camano Fire is proud to announce the official promotion of FF/EMT Kevin Moberg from Part Time to a Full Time Career position with the District! There will be a badge pinning ceremony for Kevin on Monday, Dec. 10th, at 4:30 p.m. at the Fire Commissioner's regular meeting at the Administration Office, 811 N. Sunrise Blvd. Public is invited.


Camano Island Democrats meet 7pm on Dec 11, at the Camano Library. All interested persons are welcomed. Meet friends & neighbors for coffee, dessert & discussion of local & national events.

Word Warriors - Teen Book Group: Thursdays at the Stanwood Library. 2:30pm - 6pm. Discuss young adult literature with other tweens and teens! Snacks provided.

Self Expression Group Dec. 18th. 2:30pm-3:30pm at Davis Place Teen Center, 9612 271st NW, Stanwood. For teens who like to act, do improv, read poetry, tell jokes, dance, rap or sing. No sign up needed just show up and have fun.

Camano Island TOPS Club at Camano Lutheran Church. Free. The TOPS Club weight loss group emphasizes support & accountability & meetings start at 9:15 a.m. every Thursday at Camano Lutheran Church, 850 N. Heichel Road, Camano Island. Come join us for inspiration & fellowship. Weigh in begins at 8:15 AM; first meeting is free. For more information contact Janet Vasen, 425/260-0487.

Stanwood Book Group 6-7pm at Brookdale. Join us in a discussion of “The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry” by Rachel Joyce.

Keto on Camano meeting January 24, 2019. Held at Camano Island Library. Open to the public, discussion anything Keto. Group discussion, question & answer time, wins/losses, connect with friends on the island & surrounding area doing keto. Come join in on a healthy eating lifestyle. For questions or more information email: KetoOn-Camano@gmail.com

CASA Annual Membership Meeting Thank you for your continued support of CASA, the Camano Animal Shelter Association. Without your generous contributions of funds, food, supplies and time we would not be able to provide care and shelter for the cats and dogs at CASA while they wait for Forever Homes. To learn more, attend our meeting on December 10 from 7pm-8:30 pm at the Island County Multi-Purpose Center. Your presence and input is critical to our continued success. Public invited. www.camanoanimalsshelter.org.

HANUKKAH

It is customary to play (or spin) the dreidel. The dreidel, or sevivon in Hebrew, is a four-sided spinning top that children play with during Hanukkah. Each side is imprinted with a Hebrew letter which is an abbreviation for the Hebrew words Nes Gadol Haya Sham, “A great miracle happened there”), referring to the miracle of the oil that took place in the Beit Hamikdash.
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