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“Welcome to our 10th annual infamous April Fool’s Edition! Some of the content within these pages is fictional, and some is not. Some photos you see inside are real...and some are not. Some of the facts inside this book are not actually facts and the real facts are hidden among the fake. Don’t always believe what you see or read, especially in THIS edition. If what you read seems too absurd, then it probably is. If something offends you, please don’t call us...it’s just some April Foolery...we do not intend to harm anyone.” – Jim Shipley, The Crab Cracker.
**FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

**FORD GIESBRECHT PERFORMS AT DOS REALES**
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, MARCH 29**

**WAYNE HAYTON**
7:30 PM at the Conway Muse at 18444 Spruce St., Conway. (360) 445-3000. Northwest singer/songwriter who began his career on stages in Europe—playing for the US armed services. His show features a mix of familiar acoustic classics and his original material.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

**READY READERS: BABY & ME STORYTIME**
11am at the Stanwood Library. Wiggle & giggle with your baby through silly stories, happy songs, rhymes & activities. Playtime follows. For Newborns through 18 months. Caregiver required.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

**THE SKY COLONY & WAIT A MINUTE CHESTER**
(Celebrating 10 years of playing at the Muse!). 8PM at the Conway Muse at 18444 Spruce St., Conway. (360) 445-3000. All the way from the wonderful town of Conway! While dancing around traditional folk & classic sounding song structure, they often blend many sounds from each member's varied influences to make something that is unique & almost stands alone. Folk music, bluegrass, roots country, and even a far off scream of a metal guitar.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29**

**STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS**
Varsity Baseball vs Everett. 4pm.
Softball vs Mountlake terrace. 4pm.

**SATURDAY MARCH 30**

**MEGS MCLEAN!**
This gal & her band will knock your socks off with her stellar vocals & guitar driven country music with a rock edge & new country roots. Band starts 9pm, line dance lessons @8pm. $8 Music Charge includes the line dance lessons. Loco Billy’s is located at 27021 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood. www.locobillys.com or 425-737-514.
FRIDAY, MARCH 29

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE
Suzanne Sloan Thees, Camano Island, WA. Sue was born in Seattle on October 2, 1956 & passed away peacefully at home February 25, 2019. She is survived by her best friend & husband Bruce, daughters Kelly & Monique. “A life well lived.” A familiar quote that barely begins to describe our beloved Sue. She didn’t just live it well; she embraced life with passion & enthusiasm. Her positive attitude, radiant smile & incredible sense of humor are just a few of her endless attributes. A loving wife, mother & sister, devoted to family near & far, adored by her wide group of friends & respected by coworkers & colleagues. Sue’s passion for her beloved Camano Island/Stanwood community is evident through her commitment of countless hours, days, weeks, months & years of work & volunteerism. She gave with her heart to so many. If it needed to be done, Sue was the one to call. Now consider this - over the course of Sue’s remarkable life this strong, brave, charismatic woman battled cancer 6 times. From 1976 until her untimely passing, she fought Hodgkin’s lymphoma twice, cancer of the thyroid, breast cancer, kidney cancer & a sarcoma of the chest wall. She described her body as a “road map” but refused to let this wicked disease quell her spirit or commitment to embracing the best life had to offer. She became a warrior against cancer both personally & in her altruism. Sue may have been taken from our sight but never from our hearts. We can honor her memory by embracing her example of a well-lived life. A Celebration of Life will be held at 3 pm at the Camano Chapel. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Cancer Society in honor of Sue Thees. Thank you.

FRIDAY MARCH 29

DANCING WITH KIM!
Loco Billy’s Wild Moon Saloon presents Country Dance Fridays Line & Partners Dance Lessons @8pm taught this week 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. 425-737-514.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

STANWOOD SPARTANS LACROSSE GAME
at Stanwood Middle School. Girls 5/6 vs Auburn 11:30am. Girls 5/6 vs Anacortes 1pm.
FRIDAY, MARCH 29
ZUMBA/MIXXED FIT DANCE PARTY
6-8pm at the Stanwood-Camano YMCA. Join a team of Zumba & Mixxed Fit instructors for a special dance fundraiser to benefit programs & scholarships happening around your Y! Purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win an assortment of exciting prizes! Tickets will be sold at the door the night of the event, $15 suggested donation. VIP Ticket; $25 minimum donation, made in advanced. Child Watch & Adventure Zone is OPEN!

SATURDAY, MARCH 30
HOT PLUG DERBY
32nd annual Blackmouth Derby. One day only! Fishing has been on & off in 8-1 8-2. Seems like the south end has been good & the north end has been a ghost town. But, you fishermen & fisherwomen are no rookies to the blackmouth fishing game, you never know where to find them or do you?! Prizes awarded. $100 cash prize will be drawn for 2 ticket holders, fish or no fish. Weigh in 3pm-4:30pm at the Stanwood Eagles, 6419 Pioneer Hwy. Entry fee: $50 per person. Can be paid at Stanwood Eagles, Elger Bay Grocery, Camano Marine, Holiday Sports, Johns Sporting Goods, or Huntington Corner Grocery. More info: 425-308-9437.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30
15TH ANNUAL STANWOOD ELEMENTARY AUCTION
Pacific Northwest Dinner & Auction. 5-9pm at the school. Tickets are $20 & dinner is included. Stanwood Elementary PTO invites you to an adults only evening! Enjoy a delicious catered dinner, silent/live & dessert items to bid on all while supporting our fantastic school. You do not want to miss this amazing night!

THIS DAY IN HISTORY:
March 30, 1743
The “XRT Freedom”, an African naval exploratory submarine was found on an island in the Atlantic Ocean after being lost at sea since 1733. The original crew were 15 people. Inside the rescued submarine were the remains of 18 people.
SATURDAY, MARCH 30

SPRING FAIR & PLANT SALE!
2nd annual Spring Fair & plant sale 9am-4pm at the Stillaguamish Grange in the Stanwood Fairgrounds. Enjoy art & homemade items from local vendors. There will be a firetruck for kids to tour, so there really is fun to be had for any age! Try out some yummy food & drinks & have a blast kicking off the spring season!

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

2019 SOAP BOX DERBY OPEN HOUSE
12-5pm. Interested in learning more about the Soap Box Derby? Visit Arrowhead Ranch for more info on how to register drivers, sign up to volunteer or sponsor the event & get involved in the best community event of the summer! 615 ARROWHEAD ROAD, CAMANO ISLAND.

TRUE OR FAKE?
Camano Island was called MacDonough Island in honor of Thomas MacDonough for his victory of a battle in the War of 1812.
True.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 30
**NORTH BY NORTHWEST BAND**
7-9pm at PUB 282 - Camano Island. Classic Rock hits by Tom Petty, CCR, Lynyrd Skynrd, The Eagles, Beatles, Foreigner, Elvis & more! No cover. Children welcome until 9pm.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 30
**NOT YOUR ORDINARY BINGO**
at the Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Rd. Doors open at 6pm, games begin at 7pm. $16 gets you 10 games of bingo. Theme is Mardi Gras. Food & no host bar. Tickets are available on eventbrite.com & by contacting the Camano Center. Deadline for seating requests is March 25. 360-387-0222.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT THE GRANGE**
8-11am at the South Camano Grange. Come & enjoy all the pancakes you can eat plus french toast, biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs & ham & sausage, orange juice & fruit… all with a pleasant enthusiastic smile!! Come by, have breakfast and say hi! 2227 S. Camano Dr. Camano Island. More info: Pat at 629-3276.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30
**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.

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**TRUE OR FAKE?**
In England, in the 1880’s, “Pants” were considered a dirty word.

True.
SATURDAY, MARCH 30
MICHELE D’AMOUR AND THE LOVE DEALERS
7:30 PM at the Conway Muse at 18444 Spruce St., Conway. (360) 445-3000. Fun, danceable, sassy blues. The band draws its repertoire from a mix of well-written originals that sound classic, and carefully chosen covers on which the band puts its own spin.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30
STARDRUMS
(a Living Blues Legend) & Lady Keys with Lonnie Williams. 8pm at the Conway Muse at 18444 Spruce St. (360) 445-3000. Duo combining the New Orleans drumming of Leslie “Star Drums” Milton with the Chicago piano of Gael “Lady Keys” Kurath. Their music centers on blues and ranges to R&B, soul, and New Orleans party music.

SATURDAY, MARCH 30
STILLY VALLEY YOUTH DYNAMICS ACTIVITIES
Drop In, food, video games, pool. 7:30pm-10pm at The Spot, 9831 271st St. NW, Stanwood. More info: 425-879-7633

SATURDAY-SUNDAY, MARCH 30-31
“POP UP” SHOW
Artist Jill Whitmore, Whitmore Gallery, visual joy! will offer the first of a series of monthly “pop up” shows at the Camano City Schoolhouse. The first show is this weekend from 10:30am-5pm at 993 Orchid Road. Come see my new work & enjoy celebration of Spring’s Blessings!
SPRING BRUNCH
Seafood & egg casseroles, country potatoes, biscuits & gravy, fruit, sweet breads & much more will be served at the Utsalady Ladies Aid Spring Brunch at the historic Ladies Aid building, 78 Utsalady Road, Camano Island. Brunch will be served from 10am-2pm. $12 for adults, $6 for children ages 3-8, free for children under age of 3. 360-387-5181.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31
STANWOOD SPARTANS LACROSSE
at Stanwood Middle School. Girls 7/8 vs Snohomish. 10am. girls 7/8 vs Seattle Wolfpack. 11:30am.

Presentation: “Eating and Sleeping Your Way to Mental Health”
with Dr. Alethea Fleming. Event is free of charge and open to the public.

Topic: Discover what you can do to feel better, get healthier, and strengthen recovery in order to fully enjoy your life. Learn how to regain control over things you may have let go, in order to manage your life by managing your health.

When: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 6:30-8 PM
Where: First United Methodist Church, 1607 E. Division St., Mount Vernon, WA. Contact phone 360-313-7080

Alethea Crippen Fleming, ND is a passionate advocate for naturopathic geriatric medicine. She is a 2007 Bastyr University graduate and earned a certificate in Gerontology from the University of Washington. Dr. Fleming is the owner and lead physician of the Vital Aging Clinic in Anacortes.
MONDAY, APRIL 1

APRIL FOOL’S DAY!

April Fools’ Day or All Fools’ Day is a celebration commemorated on April 1 by playing practical jokes & spreading hoaxes. The jokes & their victims are called April fools. People playing April Fool jokes often expose their prank by shouting “April fool(s)” at the unfortunate victim(s). If you are reading this magazine, some of you will certainly be our victims.

MONDAY, APRIL 1

DAVIS PLACE TEEN CENTER DROP-IN

An after-school destination for youth in grades 6-12. Enjoy board games, ping pong & community service projects in our safe, supervised facility. 2-5pm. Snacks provided 2-3pm. Community Resource Center, 9612-271st NW, Stanwood. 360-629-5257.

MONDAY, APRIL 1

CAM-STAN NETTLE WEAVERS

You’ve likely heard about using young nettles as a spinach-like green in cooking, and using the leaves to make a nutritional tea. But did you know that several cultures around the world have used woven nettles to make ropes and fabrics? Learn how you can utilize nettles by coming to the next meeting of the Cam-Stan Nettle Weavers. Bring your own nettle stems, or we can provide you with a list of folks on the south end of Camano who will be happy to have you come and harvest as much as you’d like from their properties. Join us on April 1st at 9 am, at the Freud Nogood Center in Stanwood. Be sure to bring gloves and a bottle of calamine lotion.

TRUE OR FAKE?

Blood oranges contain 10% hemoglobin.

Fake.
MONDAY, APRIL 1

ALLEN THE SINGING ALPACA
performing live at Twin-Towns Ranch in Conway, WA. One day only before his nationwide tour. Allen, a Hucaya breed alpaca was trained classically by world-renowned linguist coach, Yuve Beenbluffed, since he was only 1 week old. Yule discovered Allen's unusual ability to enunciate words from repetition and mimicry (much like parrots and myna birds). Yule honed those abilities and trained Allen to perform and sing at a level equal to a professional human singer. Allen learned a total of 15 songs ranging from “Laurie’s Song” from Aaron Copland’s “The Tender Land” to Elvis’ “Blue Suede Shoes” to Electro House and Trap Music. See him perform live today before he goes on tour. 5pm at 1 Aprilfool Blvd., Conway.

MONDAY, APRIL 1

STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS
Softball vs Cedarcrest. 4pm.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

CAMANO ISLAND QUILTERS OPEN SEW & MINI-CLASS
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. 5pm-8pm at the Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Rd. Free to Camano Center Members, $5 for guests. Need help, bring a project or just want to sew with others? Bring your sewing machine, project & basic tools for an evening of fun & quilting. Bring a sack dinner (no microwave).

TRUE OR FAKE?
Napoleon constructed his battle plans in a sandbox.

True.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 2

**STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS**
Varsity Baseball vs Marysville Getchell. 4pm.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 2

**ORIGAMI COOL ZONE: POPCORN & POPPING POLYHEDRA**
3-5pm at the Stanwood Library. Fold a pop-up polyhedron and popcorn that pops itself into a bowl! Materials provided. All ages.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 2

**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

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TUESDAY, APRIL 2

**“FLOWER POWER”**
Stanwood-Camano Girl Scouts are hosting a Flower Power Discovery Night, 6:30-7:30pm at the Stanwood YMCA. Discover what your girl can accomplish through Girls Scouts. Flower crafts & fun activities & info - and Girl Scout cookies of course. Open to girls in Pre-K to 3rd grade. Free event. More info: 206-852-4521.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 2

**AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH CELEBRATION!**
Join us for an Autism Acceptance Month Event & “Parallel Playdate” as we celebrate autistic culture & autistic pride! 6:30pm-7:30pm. We will watch short films from autistic people that talk about what it really means to be autistic. This is an autistic friendly event & space for kids & adults! We’ll provide snacks & craft materials. Hosted by Ed Wiley Autism Acceptance Lending Library & Community Resource Center. Questions EMAIL: lei@awnnetwork.org or TEXT 425-791-0869. 9612-271st NW, Stanwood.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

**LENTEN WEDNESDAY NIGHT SOUP SUPPER**
at Peace Lutheran Church in Silvana. Come join us for a soup supper at 6pm, followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7pm. Community Nights are open to all! More info: 360-652-8739.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
**DAVIS PLACE TEEN CENTER DROP-IN**
An after-school destination for youth in grades 6-12. Enjoy board games, ping pong & community service projects in our safe, supervised facility. 2-5pm. Snacks provided 2-3pm. Community Resource Center, 9612-271st NW, Stanwood. 360-629-5257.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
**COMMUNITY RESOURCE NIGHT AT SHS**
Dear Families: Please join us for Community Resource Night. Information includes: Key Note Speaker on Vaping and Substance Abuse in Teens; Agencies with resources on Mental health, Suicidal ideation, At Risk Youth, Substance abuse, Food bank, Free Medical clinic, WorkSource, Resource Center, Tutoring, McKinney Vento, Housing, Cocoon House, Service Alternatives, and many more. The Stanwood HS & Booster Club will provide meals for attendees and childcare on site. 5-7:30pm at SHS Performing Arts Center.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
**COMMUNITY NIGHT**
6pm at Peace Lutheran Church in Silvana. Starts with a family style meal. Then there is a short lesson with a fun activity to round out the evening. Community Nights are open to all! This is the perfect time to invite a friend or get to know others in the community.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
**STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS**
JV Baseball vs Marysville Getchell. 4pm/

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
**COMMUNITY-WIDE PRAYER RALLY**
Everyone is invited to join in prayer for our community, nation, and world. 6:30pm in the Beachwood Lounge at Warm Beach Senior Community.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
**L.I.F.E. - LITURGY IS FOR EVERYONE**
(instructed, guided & explained service of ancient/historic prayers) 10 a.m. at St Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 1318 SR 532 Camano Island. 360-629-3969.

TRUE OR FAKE?
Seattle, Washington- It is illegal to sell lollipops. Suckers are fine.

True.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
READY READERS PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
11am at the Stanwood Library. Let imaginations run wild with fun books sing-alongs & creative activities. Playtime or craft may follow. For ages 3 to 5. Caregiver required.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
DISCOVER SNO-ISLE LIBRARIES’ RESOURCES
3pm at the Camano Island Library. Join us to learn about Consumer Reports Online, Legal Forms, the National Newspapers Core & so much more! Free information at your fingertips - all you need is a Sno-Isle library card.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
ROBOT GARAGE WITH THE MUSEUM OF FLIGHT
3-5pm at the Stanwood Camano Resource Center (across street from Stanwood Library). Use robotics kits to explore the basic engineering skills required to build a successful extraterrestrial rover & learn the latest achievements of robots in space, on Earth & at home.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
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.
THURSDAY, APRIL 4
COWBOY LINE & SWING DANCE
6:30-9:30pm at the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center. Ticket sales start @ 6:15pm ($5/single, $20/family). Includes: Country Swing & Line Dance instructions. Refreshments $1 each. Students, grades 8-12, have worked hard all year to get themselves ready for the 72nd Youth Legislature event in Olympia & are raising funds to do so. Please come out & show your support!

THURSDAY, APRIL 4
BACK ROOM LIT LAB
Conway Muse, April 4, 2019 at 06:30 PM at the Conway Muse at 18444 Spruce St., Conway. (360) 445-3000. Local published authors read & discuss. This event is designed to connect with & stimulate our ever expanding community of multi-genre Writers and Readers. Join in!

THURSDAY, APRIL 4
READY READERS: FAMILY STEAM STORYTIME
11am at the Stanwood Library. Learn through exploring science, technology, engineering, art, and math at our family storytimes! All ages are welcome. Caregiver required.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4
OPEN MIC
7:30 PM at the Conway Muse at 18444 Spruce St., Conway. (360) 445-3000. A great opportunity for those that want to try out their new stuff on a professional stage where the best local, national & international performers love to play. Sign up at 6:30pm – Perform for 10 minutes or three songs.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4
PET FIRST AID PROGRAM SPONSORED BY CASA
April is National Pet First Aid Awareness Month. Our furry friends rely on us to help them back to health when their wellness is compromised. Are you prepared to help? CASA is offering a free program presented by Doctors Steve Boskovich, Alyssa Rasweiler & Andrea Brayko from the Northwest Veterinary Clinic. They will share important pet first aid information that can make a difference for your cat or dog. 7-9 pm at 141 East Camano Dr.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4
LITTLE SCIENCE CLUB

THURSDAY, APRIL 4
PRESCHOOL YOGA!
Join us for YOGA! Engage in uninterrupted play with family & certified YOGA Instructor. 10:30-11:00am. There is no charge for the class & snack is provided. Available to all ages & abilities. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Community Resource Center, 9612-271st NW, Stanwood. 360-629-5257.

TRUE OR FAKE?

There is a fiberglass and poly-resin underground pipeline manufactured by Kool-aid Industries that pumps and transports prepared Kool-aid from Alaska to eastern Canada. It travels in half the time of cargo planes. All varieties of the beverage are manufactured in Alaska and is bottled in a Canada bottlery for the freshest flavor.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 4

**JIMMY WRIGHT BAND HOSTS JAM/OPEN MIC!**
Loco Billy’s Wild Moon Saloon presents our weekly jam at 8pm. This week’s host band is the Jimmy Wright Band featuring great classic rock, country & rockabilly. No Cover. 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. 27021 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood. 425) 737-5144.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

**DANCING WITH KIM!**
Loco Billy’s Wild Moon Saloon presents Country Dance Fridays with Line Dancing & Partners Dance Lessons @8pm. No Cover & $5 per person for the Lessons. 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. 27021 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood. 425-737-514.

**LIVE MUSIC - JULIE CAMPBELL**
7pm-9pm at Camano Commons Marketplace. Join us for a family friendly live concert featuring Julie Campbell. We will also have Tiny Epic Games available for those families who would like to play a game while listening! Each $5 ticket will get you a Sundae with a cookie! 848 North Sunrise Boulevard Building C.

**PROZAC MOUNTAIN BOYS**
7:30 PM at the Conway Muse at 18444 Spruce St., Conway. (360) 445-3000. Uplifting, therapeutic mixture of traditional, bluegrass & modern music. Bluegrass instrumentation with rich vocal harmonies to create a surprisingly familiar, intimate blend of yesterday & today.

**TINGSTAD & RUMBEL**
the Grammy Award-winning artists will be at the Camano Center at 7:30pm. Tickets are $22 & available on evenbrite.com or by contacting the Camano Center. 606 Arrowhead Road. 360.387.0222. Their perfect blending of Americana fingerstyle guitar, double reeds & the ocarina lends magic to any season & fills the world with hope & beauty through the redeeming power of music.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

**READY READERS: BABY & ME STORYTIME**
11am at the Stanwood Library. Wiggle & giggle with your baby through silly stories, happy songs, rhymes & activities. Playtime follows. For Newborns through 18 months. Caregiver required.

**MOON DADDY BAND AND THE NAUGHTY BLOKES**
8:00 PM at the Conway Muse at 18444 Spruce St. (360) 445-3000. Moon Daddy Band does a superb Tribute to Santana & they also lay down some great Blues & Classic Rock, all with a latin flare. The Naughty Blokes won KISM Radio’s Road to Rockstar competition.

TRUE OR FAKE?
If show creator and producer Sherwood Schwartz had gotten his way, Gene Hackman would have portrayed the role of father Mike Brady on The Brady Bunch. True.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 5

**STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS**
Varsity Baseball vs Marysville Getchell. 4pm.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

**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, APRIL 5

**FRIDAY NIGHTS @ THE LIBRARY: OPEN MIC**
7-8:30pm at the Stanwood Library. Join our open mic coffeehouse for music, storytelling, poetry, creative writing & more (with family friendly offerings in the first half). Sign-up starts at 6:45pm. This is an after-hours event, so please enter the meeting room through the parking lot entrance.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

**COMMUNITY DANCE WITH CAMANO JUNCTION**
7-10pm at the Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Rd. $10 Adults/$8 Students. Tickets sold at the door. 360-387-0222.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

**LIVE MUSIC: JEREMY STEEL BEANS**
9pm at the Paddle Pub, 4915 Lakewood Rd, Lake Goodwin. Exhibiting their variegated tonal opulence since 2007.

SATURDAY APRIL 6

**HIGHWAY 9 BAND**
You will love this very popular country rock band featuring male & female vocals with great musicianship & perfect country dance grooves. Band starts 9pm. $8 includes the Line Dance Lessons at 7:30pm! Loco Billy’s is located at 27021 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

**GULLIVER’S TRAVELS THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE**
Missoula Children's Theatre and Elger Bay Elementary students present Gulliver’s Travels. 1-2:30pm and 3:30pm-5pm at Elger Bay Elementary School.

**TRUE OR FAKE?**
In 2001, Yuri Usachev, cosmonaut and commander of the International Space Station, received a talking picture frame from his 12-year-old daughter while in orbit. The gift was made possible by RadioShack, which filmed the presentation of the gift for a TV commercial.

**True.**
SATURDAY, APRIL 6
FOCIP-HOSTED WINTER-SPRING WALK
Join Friends of Camano Island Parks (FOCIP) on today’s walk in Four Springs Lake Preserve: Meet at 9:50 in the parking area on Lewis Lane, which is just west of Camano Ridge Rd. See this beautiful preserve with a walk on the perimeter trail including the wetland trail. A tour of the day-rental Four Springs House, Meadow room & Barn will be available if there is not a rental taking place that day. No dogs please.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
STANWOOD SPARTANS LACROSSE

SATURDAY, APRIL 6
ANNIE OAKLEY AND CALAMITY JANE
The Camano Schoolhouse Foundation is hosting storyteller & actress Debbie Dimitre's performance as Annie Oakley & Calamity Jane. 1pm at the Camano City Schoolhouse, 993 Orchid Road. Previously, she has wowed audiences as Eleanor Roosevelt & Grandma Moses. A suggested donation of $10 is requested. All proceeds fund the repair & preservation of the historic 1905 Camano City Schoolhouse & the Camano City Firehouse. More info: 360-387-4598.

TRUE OR FAKE?
Homes manufactured in flood plains or along river banks must purchase a permit before July 1, 2019 to get government financial assistance to raise their foundations 5 feet due to global warming and future water levels. Homeowners must complete the upgrades before 2020 or their homes can be legally possessed by the state.

Fake.
SATURDAY, APRIL 6

**AKTION CLUB E-CYCLE**
Local Kiwanis Aktion Club will recycle your old computers, TVs, Kindles & monitors. 10am-2pm at 27001 94th Drive NW, Stanwood. Need help with a larger item? Contact Brian at 360-722-1907. All proceeds are used to help local non-profits in Stanwood & Camano.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

**THE LAY AWAKES**
7:30 PM at the Conway Muse at 18444 Spruce St., Conway. (360) 445-3000. A singer-songwriter duo based in Brooklyn, NY, with roots in the Canadian prairies & small town Ontario.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

**DRUMMERBOY FEATURING SPENCER JARRETT**
8:00 PM at the Conway Muse at 18444 Spruce St., Conway. (360) 445-3000. Specializing in all types of blues to honky tonk & alt country. DRUMMERBOY is a revolution in roots music like no other.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

**JEREMY DANLEY - “THE MIGHTY JER-DOG”**
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SATURDAY, APRIL 6

**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.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

**CAR WASH TO SUPPORT YOUTH & GOVERNMENT**
9am-4pm at Stanwood Les Schwab. Students, grades 8-12, have worked hard all year to get themselves ready for the 72nd Youth Legislature event in Olympia & are raising funds to do so. Please come out & show your support!

**TRUE OR FAKE?**
The light emitted by 200,000 galaxies makes our universe a shade of beige. Scientists call the color “cosmic latte.”

True.
SATURDAY, APRIL 6
SPRING BAZAAR
Boy Scout Troop 46 is hosting their 2nd Annual Spring Bazaar 10am to 4pm at Camano Lutheran Church. Come out & support scouting in our community! Over 30 vendors, espresso, kettle corn, lunch served by the Boy Scouts. FLEMISH GIANT EASTER BUNNY PICTURES!!

SUNDAY, APRIL 7
MEDITATION GATHERING & TEA TIME
6:30-7:30pm in Stanwood. Call (360) 991-6339 for address & to confirm. Join us for meditation... Stay for tea. We come together to experience relaxation, clarity & deeper group practice. Those interested in harmony are welcome. No Charge.

MONDAY, APRIL 8
STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS
Varsity Softball vs Edmonds Woodway. 4pm.

MONDAY, APRIL 8
DAVIS PLACE TEEN CENTER DROP-IN

TRUE OR FAKE?
If your dog’s feet smell like corn chips, you’re not alone. The term “Frito Feet” was coined to describe the scent.

True.
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TUESDAY, APRIL 9
CELEBRATE MEMBERS! CELEBRATE SPRING!
Sno-Isle Libraries has officially declared the week of April 7-13 as Volunteer/Library Week. To highlight this declaration, the Stanwood Friends of the Library, a volunteer community group, will be hosting a Springtime Dessert. The dessert will be held in the Community Room of the Stanwood Library. We will open our doors to all our current, past & interested future members of this dedicated group at 6 p.m. Come enjoy a sweet dessert & good conversations with fellow book & library enthusiasts. This Springtime Dessert is a way to say Thank You for our Friends of the Library over the years.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9
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, APRIL 9
STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS
JV Baseball vs Arlington. 4pm.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS
Varsity Baseball vs Arlington. 4pm.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
COMMUNITY NIGHT
6pm at Peace Lutheran Church in Silvana. Starts with a family style meal. Then there is a short lesson with a fun activity to round out the evening. Community Nights are open to all! This is the perfect time to invite a friend or get to know others in the community.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
READY READERS PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
11am at the Stanwood Library. Let imaginations run wild with fun books sing-alongs & creative activities that prepare young minds for the adventures of reading. Playtime or craft may follow. For ages 3 to 5. Caregiver required.

TRUE OR FAKE?
The game “Ring around the Rosie” started as a haz ing to a poor girl named Rosalind Grewer who was surrounded by a ring of bullies who threw liquid paint at her.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
DIGITAL DOWNLOADS - OVERDRIVE LIBRARY
3pm at the Camano Island Library. Learn how to access Sno-Isle's growing collection of digital books & audiobooks. Please bring your library card for hands-on practice!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
TWEEN STEAM CLUB
Static Electricity with the Pacific Science Center. Zap, crackle, pop! Uncover the world of electricity. Learn what electrons are & then experiment with different ways of moving them to make static electricity.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
L.I.F.E. - LITURGY IS FOR EVERYONE
(instructed, guided & explained service of ancient/historic prayers)
10 a.m. at St Aidan's Episcopal Church, 1318 SR 532 Camano Island. 360-629-3969.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
NIGHT OF PRAYER
Come join us at 6:30pm at the Camano Chapel in the Chapel Cafe. Come prepared to worship, give thanks & pray together. For more information, email josiecolby@camanochapel.org.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
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, APRIL 10
DAVIS PLACE TEEN CENTER DROP-IN

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
LENTEN WEDNESDAY NIGHT SOUP SUPPER
at Peace Lutheran Church in Silvana. Come join us for a soup supper at 6pm, followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7pm. Community Nights are open to all! This is the perfect time to invite a friend or get to know others in the community. More info: 360-652-8739.

THURSDAY APRIL 11
COZMIC SAUCE HOSTS JAM/OPEN MIC!
Loco Billy's Wild Moon Saloon presents our weekly jam at 8pm. No Cover. This week's host band features Cozmic Sauce a fantastic 9 piece horn band that will get you out on the dance floor & keep you there! 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. 7021 102nd Ave NW, Stanwood. www.locobillys.com or call (425) 737-5144.
THURSDAY, APRIL 11
LITTLE SCIENCE CLUB

THURSDAY, APRIL 11
PRESCHOOL YOGA!
Join us for YOGA! Engage in uninterrupted play with family & certified YOGA Instructor. 10:30-11:00am. There is no charge for the class & snack is provided. Available to all ages & abilities. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Community Resource Center, 9612-271st NW, Stanwood. 360-629-5257.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11
CAR “SHOP TALK”
AAUW Stanwood-Camano Program. Shop Talk, Cruising with Confidence. Presented by Dawn Mettler. Join us for this engaging “must know” Car Care seminar. Learn valuable knowledge when facing anything from a flat tire to dashboard warning signs. This program is open to the public. Camano Island Library. 30 minute social half hour begins at 5:00. Program begins at 5:30.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11
READY READERS: FAMILY STEAM STORYTIME
11am at the Stanwood Library. Learn through exploring science, technology, engineering, art, and math at our family storytimes! All ages are welcome. Caregiver required. Supported by Stanwood Library Friends of the Library.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11
SPRING BREAK SCIENCE SAMPLER!
2pm at the Stanwood Library. Mix together some Krazy Kitchen Science, Wacky Water Science and Bubble-ology for a brainy brew of hands-on fun led by Christine Longdon of Grinnin’ Fish! Pre-registration required.

UPCOMING...
APRIL 12-13
QUILT SHOW
at Stanwood Middle School

APRIL 13
WELLNESS EXPO
at Stanwood Senior Center

APRIL 13
PORT SUSAN HOME & GARDEN SHOW
at Camano Center

APRIL 13-14
PLANT SALE
at South Camano Grange
I and my foody partner in crime will discover local eateries. We will eat and then critique. Nobody will know who we are and nobody can try to influence our ratings. I am looking for the positive!! It will be 0 to 5 crabs. 5-It can't get any better than this!

It was time to try a restaurant we had never eaten at, Dos Reales Taqueria, Restaurant and Cantina. 9730 HWY 532 Stanwood WA.

I don't know if you are like us but we have driven by it many times and never stopped. I am intrigued that prime rib is offered Friday and Saturday night. The parking lot is full of cars.

Greeted with friendliness and told “sit anywhere you want”. They were very attentive and chips arrived warm with a tasty salsa having just the right spicy kick. More chips and salsa offered when our basket was empty. We each ordered a dinner entree and pleasantly surprised with the large size of each meal. We could have ordered one and split it. Everything popping hot. My dinner accomplice ordered beef fajitas. Don’t you just love the sound of the sizzle as it makes its way to your table. It was full of veggies. He has ordered fajitas at other Mexican restaurants so I asked if these were good, same or better than others eaten. The answer, “up there with the best”. I ordered a yummy shrimp chimichanga. It arrived popping hot and huge. I do love left overs!

During dinner we heard entertaining music. I asked if it was a juke box and told yes. I imagined an old fashioned juke box like found in a 50’s diner. Later we discovered a modern something on the wall. We liked the music no matter how it came.

The biggest surprise and thrill was the guacamole. It was a large, tasty serving. There was no skimping. The price was right with the serving size. My left overs are calling.

Checking on line found mixed reviews but mostly very happy people. One comment, “A truly Mexican restaurant. You feel like you are on a vacation in Mexico”, I made that exact comment. We plan to go back and try their prime rib. Steaks also offered throughout the week.

Open MondayThursday, 11am-9pm; Friday and Saturday 11am-10pm; Sunday 9am-9pm. Wonderful pictures of menu items available on-line. 4 and a half crabs!!!!!
What’s in the water this week? The diatom Thalassiosira still rules the phytoplankton world! The large brown clumps you see in the water are chains of Thalassiosira cells. Diatom cell walls are silica shells that will eventually sink to the bottom. Diatomaceous earth used by gardeners is the siliceous shells of diatoms.

Spring is a time when many marine animals spawn directly into the water. Their eggs develop into free swimming larvae in the plankton. Eventually they settle out of the plankton and become part of the intertidal life on our seashores. You can see a developing egg in the middle of the Thalassiosira.

Camano Island Sound Water Stewards take a plankton net tow at the Camano Island State Park boat launch every week. We are looking for phytoplankton that can cause harmful algal blooms or HABs. HABs can be harmful in different ways. Phytoplankton can produce toxins that accumulate in the shellfish that feed on them or the abundance of cells in a bloom may clog shellfish gills, preventing them from getting enough oxygen. HABs used to be called red tides but phytoplankton that turns the water red may not be toxic and toxin producing phytoplankton often doesn’t turn the water red. The term used today is harmful algal blooms or HABs. Sound Water Stewards are participating in the SoundToxins (www.soundtoxins.org) program, which was established in 2006 to monitor local beaches for HABs and is now administered by NOAA’s Northwest Fisheries Science Center and Washington Sea Grant at the UW. Over 30 beaches in the Salish Sea are monitored by environmental educators, tribes, government agencies, shellfish farmers and citizen scientists like us. We upload information to a database monitored by SoundToxins, NOAA’s Northwest Fisheries Science Center and the Dept. of Health. With over 4600 miles of coastline in the Salish Sea, the Department of Health can’t monitor every beach regularly. We are providing an early warning for the presence of potentially harmful algae.

But phytoplankton are generally good for our planet. Phytoplankton are the base of the food chain, being eaten by zooplankton and in turn by larval fish, larger fish and on to whales, humans, and other top predators. Without phytoplankton, most life in the ocean would not exist. Phytoplankton also provides 50% of the oxygen we breathe. That’s as much as all the land plants!

We are learning more about our environment through this participation in SoundToxins. For more information contact camano-coord@soundwaterstewards.org
Students working on projects in the wood shop (photo by Jake Grant) and metal shop (photo by Chelsea Minnick) at Stanwood High School.

This page is dedicated to the photojournalism students at Stanwood High School. The class is taught by Jeri Jo Brokaw.

Because a “picture is worth a thousand words,” these are their words.

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Adorable waterfront cabin with sweeping views of Saratoga Passage, the Olympics and a peek-a-boo view of Mt Rainier! Two-bedrooms, vaulted ceilings, 1.08 acres and beach access close. Large wrap deck and built-in bench seating is perfect for relaxing and enjoying friends. #1421438

One-of-a-kind beauty at this 72-acre parcel in Arlington just off SR9. Currently 4 parcels of mostly level farmland with expansive territorial and mountain views. Lots of possibilities for this acreage in a growing community with easy access for commuting. #1215077

Super cute and charming Camano cabin has been totally remodeled and is just a short distance to the beach. Includes two decks with endless sunset views over the Olympics and Whidbey Island. Great beach community perfect for boating, fishing and crabbing. #1354815

Awesome riverfront cabin with a private, sandy beach! River and mountain views from nearly every room and lots of quiet and serenity. Some of the best kayaking here, swimming spot just yards away or enjoy a hike from your backyard. Just minutes from town. #1421230

One of two lots for sale along a private road on the north end of Camano Island. Three party well located on this 2.48-acre parcel. Close to the beaches, golf and boat launches. Great location and price with lots of possibilities. #1368866
CAMANO CITY  $675,000
West facing daylight rambler with breathtaking views of Saratoga Passage, the Olympics, boat traffic and colorful sunsets. Main floor living with extra living space on lower level including bedrooms, second laundry and rec room. Public beach access is nearby. Great location! #1420348

VICTORIA HEIGHTS  $939,999
Stunning architecturally designed home on acreage with guesthouse in Stanwood. Outdoor covered area with kitchen is great for entertaining. Landscaping provides color all year, greenhouse, fire pit, expansive lawn and pasture. Beautiful and well planned home interior. #1423220

NEW CONSTRUCTION  $429,000
Top quality materials used in this new Camano home constructed by Titan Homes. Single level living, open floor plan, vaulted ceilings and covered decks in front and back. Beaches and parks are nearby. Home is nearing completion. #1386627

CONDO  $435,000
Original owners have relocated making this opportunity for you to own the biggest floor plan in the Village Commons in Stanwood! Open concept with a huge kitchen, Granite counters, hardwood floors, separate laundry and two private balconies. Two parking stalls in garage and more. #1420042

CAMANO ISLAND  $325,000
Nicely updated, single level home in the heart of Camano on a large, terraced lot that backs to the greenbelt for privacy. Two-bedroom, two-bath home with current colors and materials from counters, fixtures, appliances and more! #1426292

VACANT LAND  $129,000
Expansive lot is ready: seller has preliminary site plan for large home with attached garage, community well and electricity at the street. Views of Utsalady Bay and boat traffic. Lovely beach rights to enjoy crabbing, fishing and combing. #1208024

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TRUE OR FAKE?
The Giganticalius Bulbous Spider, found only in Island County and parts of SW Canada, squirts a venomous web into the eyes and mouth of a predator.

Fake.

APRIL FOOL’S DAY CRAFT - SCARE YOUR PARENTS!
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**City Mayor position opening April 1.** The current mayor of Camano Island, Jo Ker, is accepting a sudden Senate position in Washington DC and is vacating the mayoral seat of Camano Island effective April 1. For those wishing to serve the citizens of Camano Island and Island County, please submit a resume on the city website at www.camanodoesnthaveamayor.org.

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**Wanted horse to ride.** Gentle for beginner. Share cost or lease road safe. 360-279-1565.
THE STANWOOD TUNNEL

Now in case you’ve taken up residence under a rock, you’ve probably heard the news. The State is in the preliminary planning stages to build a one mile tunnel under the present Hwy 532 to bypass Stanwoodopolis. Sure, the city is upset, all those potential shoppers who for years were bottlenecked up at the gauntlet of stoplights and figured they might as well turn in to the grocery stores or the Rite Aid while traffic is backed up, they’ll zip right past on the four underground lanes, no exits.

Can’t say I blame them, but hey, they had a century to make their profits with a captive audience and the slogan ‘Shop Local.’ A tunnel, ladies and gentlemen, 4 lanes UNDER not only the Stillaguamish, but under all of Stanwoodopolis. Out of sight, out of mind. A win-win for the Camano commuter sick of big box grocery chains, dying strip malls, bad signage and the Twin City Foods Concrete Curtain. Sure it’s an engineering challenge. Sure it costs more than an above ground freeway. But in 2050 dollars, probably what a unit costs in Camano Condos.

Us South Enders want to applaud the State for finally solving the ‘Stanwood Bottleneck.’ It’s a good start. But while we’re planning for the future’s highway solutions, why don’t we think a bit more Long Term. The South End, as always, is way out front on the region’s transportation issues. Take the Elger Bay Canal, the Big Dig. Eighty years ago we were advocating a series of locks and dams to connect Port Susan with Saratoga Passage, open up shipping through the South End – South End ISLAND, I might add — to the Mainland from Langley, Greenbank and Coupeville. Lock fees would offset the costs, something the Stanwood Tunnel won’t have. Yet, anyway. No doubt the Legislature will eventually consider tolling the tunnel once commuters are hooked on its advantages.

So call your commissioner, call your state representative, call the lady with the alligator purse, this is our best opportunity to solve more than the Stanwood Sewer Lagoon Seawall Bottleneck. It’s our chance to create shipping lanes, possibly a port for a ferry terminal and definitely a new island for the county and the state. South End Island, a stone’s throw from Camano, a world apart for future tourists. The possibilities are beyond imagination. Don’t let this opportunity slip by. The Tunnel budget can easily be amended to include another transportation fix.
WHITE SANDS

To see the world in a grain of sand, and to see heaven in a wild flower, hold infinity in the palm of your hands, and eternity in an hour.
-William Blake

White Sands National Monument is an active gypsum dune field in New Mexico west of Alamogordo. Composed of gypsum precipitated from the once expansive pluvial Pleistocene Lake Otero in the Tularosa Basin it is different than other large dune fields in North America. East of the Rio Grande, the Tularosa Basin is a north-south trending basin bordered by mountains on three sides, the Oscura, San Andres, and Sacramento’s. A disjointed divide to the south is underlain by ancestral Rio Grande eolian and faulted fluvial deposits. During Pleistocene time the basin was wetter and contained numerous perennial lakes.

Hiking into the dunes I set up camp in an interdune at sunset. Behind the San Andres the red sun set as the full moon crept up behind the Sacramento’s. The sky was glowing orange, yellow, and white pastel as thunderstorms exploded to the south.

Dotted with desert scrub and grassland plant communities of the northern Chihuahuan Desert biome, yucca and dune grass rooted into paleo-dune cross beds and crypto-biotic crusts. The dunes changed colors in slow motion from white, pink, pale blue, and finally to light gray as rays of the sun streamed across the sky coloring the moon a dusky orange. Beams casting shadows across the dunes the storm clouds raged in fantastic colors as lightning flashed white to grey-blue.

Intangible quiet slowed down everything as bats streamed overhead. Meteorites gleamed in short bursts as increasing stars and darkness filled the sky.

Folsom and Plano dreams…

Pink-white, the full moon fell behind tilted glowing peaks at dawn. The crisp, cool, predawn air lathered my taste buds as I yawned. Crossed by sidewinder and rodent tracks, concentric rings formed by tortured wind-blown dune grasses manifested in cycles of the universe.

Blues, pinks, and purples of dawn against the stark white gypsum were not subtle. Ripples in the sand seemed to have no time or space floating above a dark void of nothing. Shadows caught in the ripple troughs and light across the crests created an optical illusion of arcing white lines bending the visual spectrum. A scene I will hold with me until the day I die.
“The Majestic Lighthouse At Camano. Overlooking the Port of Mabana, it faithfully guides the huge trading ships to their destinations in beautiful Africa, the mysterious Orient, or Langley.” You can do whatever you want with the text. The only true part of this is; I did take the photo at the Port.
- Barbara Libby

President of the newly formed Stanwood High School Rodeo Team.
Photo by Dakota Kent.
Elementary Student Defies Gravity with Her “Artistic” Ability

“Port Susan Middle School student, Ima Jester, is magical,” says Josh Auntsally, vice-vice principal to the vice principle of PSMS. Ima accidentally learned the art of levitation at a yoga class at the Senior Center last May. While doing a difficult Eka Hasta Vrksasana yoga pose, the person next to her arose over 6 inches from the ground. That day she went to her computer, downloaded some manuals and how-to books on levitation and honed her skills. After just 4 months of practice, two broken femurs, three bloody noses, and a missing cat, today, she is known in the magic community as “Ima the Best” and is heralded as the top 5 levitating artists in the world. Contact her to arrange for public or private demonstrations and performances. Her live performance shows are a combination of theatrical artistry and audience participation. She can be reached by email at ImElphabaToo@intour.net.
ADULT-ONLY SCULPTURE PARK

The Free From Clothes Organization (FFCO) has created a new 6-acre park in Snohomish County, which will open to the public next month. The park, called “Nudes of Stanwood”, was created by FFCO and local artists from Snohomish and Island County. The park contains over 30 lifelike sculptures. The sculptures are created in wax and sealed with a durable and weatherproof coating. Pran K., the assistant to the curator at Monsier Tussaux Wax Museum in Geneva, is originally from Camano Island. Inspired by Matzke Art Gallery & Sculpture Park, Pran invested money and collaborated with professional artists to create her own sculpture park in Stanwood. The male and female figures throughout the park are all nude and in natural poses. The park is gated with personal security to prohibit juveniles from entering the grounds. You must be over the age of 18 to gain access. Pran stated that the park was designed to give adults a way to enjoy the beauty of the human form in a natural, earthly setting. All adults are welcome to this clothing-optional park gallery, the first of its kind anywhere in the United States. The entrance fee is $5 per person to cover costs of upkeep of the gardens and the artwork and for the staffed security. For the park’s physical location and open hours, visit their website at www.nudesofstanwood.com.
ISLAND COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
As a response to the overwhelming fundraising and donations from the recent Island County ballot measure, Proposition 368-A, a new high school is planned to open for the 2023-2024 school year on Camano Island. Based upon the large population of Camano Island, and the difficulty of coordinating zones with zonal schools in the area, a junior-high school will house all students on the Island for grades 4-12. The new school will alleviate the overcrowding of the local middle schools, Elger Bay and Utsalady. The new high school will also provide an alternate county-based school that correlate with the county policies of Stanwood High School, but governed by Island County. Plans for the school have already been designed by Norwegian architect, Hesa Boffola and his artistic rendering is shown in the picture above. The location of the school is undisclosed at the moment but more info will be provided next year as soon as plans and protocols have been finalized.

ART AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE SHOW
March 29-April 28 at Christianson’s Nursery, 15806 Best Rd., Mt Vernon. This Stanwood Camano Arts Guild annual show is held inside the 1888 one-room schoolhouse at the nursery during the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival.
EARTHWORMS ON THE BLACK MARKET
Since a study in 2018 by Arcadia Medical at the University of Sausalito, CA (USCA), harvesting North American earthworms is now prohibited in the United States and Canada. Arcadia Medical discovered a chemical compound on the interior skin of the earthworm that has shown remarkable results to those suffering from low libido. The chemicals CHi02 and Nu2a, when combined with water and ground red pepper flakes, blended into a paste, and applied to the gums within a person’s mouth create a tingling sensation that sends the same tingling sensations to the brain, causing levels of excitement, vitality, and energy, according to USCA doctors April Fewle and Hugh Gotabekidine. The National Drug Center made a conclusion to the effects of the drug and marked the compound as an illegal drug shortly after the medical study. When news about the effects, earthworms have been over harvested, resulting in poor soil for agriculture and gardening, and a severe reduction in the wild animal food source. As of April 1, 2018, all earthworms are banned from use in fishing and other worm-related occurrences. This of course created a huge boom in the black market, and a person can purchase a pint of earthworms online anywhere from $60 to $100.

“CAMO-GUNS”
The National Gun & Bullets Association (NGBA) has released the first “openly concealed” weapons on the market to gun buyers. “Openly concealed” is a new term in firearms that means that a weapon can be seen openly, but not be recognized as a weapon. This allows gun owners to carry their weapons in plain sight without anyone noticing. The NGBA has produced a banana gun (pictured above), a pickle gun, a donut gun, and a hammer gun. The NGBA, however, did not follow proper legal procedures and violated numerous safety codes, yet mass-produced the guns already to the public. The main concern being, of course, that local law enforcement agencies will be unaware of a dangerous threat since what could be an innocent item in the hands of a dangerous person, could in fact be a dangerous and lethal weapon. The donut guns, specifically, were a huge concern for police. Also, schools across the nation would have to ban all bananas, pickles, and donuts. The guns manufactured by the NGBA have been since recalled, and all guns have been repossessed and accounted for by the US Dept. of Safekeeping.

ACTUAL LABEL INSTRUCTIONS
On packaging for a Rowenta iron:
“Do not iron clothes on body.”

On Nytol Sleep Aid:
“Warning: May cause drowsiness.”

On most brands of Christmas lights:
“For indoor or outdoor use only.”
(As opposed to what?)
HELLO CAMANO ISLANDERS -
So far the biggest fir tree on Camano - found on the Al Emerson trail within the Camano State Park. It’s 16’ 7” in circumference at chest high. Have a bigger one on your property? Call Mike Nestor, 425-754-7421, or mikenestor@windermere.com.

AARP TAX AIDES
will be at the Camano Center Tuesdays and Thursdays now through April 11. They offer free tax preparation help to anyone of any age especially if you are over 60 and cannot afford paid tax preparation. Call or stop by the Camano Center for a list of the type of tax assistance that is available and to schedule an appointment. 360.387.0222.

CAMALOCHNESS MONSTER
“Cammie” as she has been called by Camano Island locals, has been sighted recently in the water ponds of Camaloch Golf Course. This photo was taken last month by Camaloch resident Daniela Shelton. Science teachers from Stanwood High School and Dr. Mora Jokes from NOLI have deduced from the photo that it is a Japeprankasaurus from the Prescepine era, a period only 1,000 years ago. Local scientists agree that the resurgence of this rare creature is a result from the recent onslaught of winter storms that are uncommon to this area. The normal warm weather for the past thousand or so years kept it dormant for so long, that the sudden cold and snow and wet weather startled it awake. It is a harmless animal, that only eats plants, so it is safe for people and their pets to still walk around the golf course. Officials warn, however, that hitting golf balls at it agitates it and it will charge at moving golf carts.

LOCAL RIDDLE:
Q: Where in our local library system does one find books about skiing?
A: The Snow-Aisle.
– Scott Chase
FREE TAX PREP ASSISTANCE
Wednesdays and Saturdays, 5p-8p, January 23-April 15. Childcare provided. For more info contact Community Resource Center of Stanwood Camano 360-629-5257.

2020 CENSUS JOB HIRING INFO
(now through June 2020). United States Census 2020. Apply Now! Call 1-855-job-2020 or visit 2020census.gov/jobs. 2020 census jobs provide: Great pay; Weekly pay; Flexible hours; Paid training. Thousands of jobs are available nationwide, and many are near you. Help support your community by being a Census Taker. The U.S. census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employee.

BIKES FOR BOOKS
On March 18th, the Masons from the Camanio Masonic Lodge was present for the Bikes for Books program drawing at Twin City Elementary & presented 2 bicycles to 2 students who have have excelled in reading books during the year. This is a yearly event at all Stanwood/Camano elementary schools. Other drawings will take place in April. This is the Reading Across America program sponsored by Masons of Washington state. Every student who reads a book, can place place a ticket in a drawing box. The more they read, the more chances to win a bicycle. The following are the drawing locations & dates: Cedarhome - Molly Crimin 360-629-1280. 4/1/19. 2:30pm at 28011 68th Ave NW, Stanwood; Twin City - Laura Lowres 360-629-1270. 3/18/19. 9:15am at 26211 72nd Ave NW, Stanwood; Stanwood - Deavin Larson 360-629-1250. 4/2/19. 2:30pm at 10227 273rd PL NW, Stanwood; Utsalady - Colleen Keller 360-629-1260. 4/5/19. Unknown at 608 Arrowhead Rd., Camano Island; Elger Bay - Dana Anderson 360-629-1290. 4/3/19. 10:30am at 18100 Elger Bay Road, Camano Island; David E Augustson - of Camanio Lodge 425-263-6808.

BLOOM’N PLANT SALE
Stanwood Greenhouse Production & Horticultural Science classes have been working hard this year to produce a great opportunity for the Stanwood community by producing a fantastic plant sale for this year. Our annual Bloom’n Plant Sale will be held Wednesday-Saturday April 24th-27th; May 1st-4th & May 8th-11th. Hours will be Wednesday-Friday 1pm-5pm & Saturdays 10am-3pm. We are growing annuals, perennials, vegetable starts, herbs & baskets. Our address is 27120 72nd Ave. N.W. in Stanwood. Like us on Facebook: Stanwood High School Greenhouse – for updates on products & work being completed for our sales.
DAVIS PLACE HOMEWORK HELP/TUTORING
Tuesdays and Thursdays. 2p-5p. For more info contact Community Resource Center of Stanwood Camano 360-629-5257.

SCAG ADULT ART SCHOLARSHIP
The Stanwood-Camano Arts Guild is offering an Adult Scholarship for the Spring Art Classes at the Guilded Gallery in Stanwood. A variety of art classes including painting & drawing are offered. Supplies for the classes are included in the Scholarship. Apply today... Classes start in April. Mail your submission letter to: A Guilded Gallery, Attn: Adult Scholarship, 8700 - 271st St NW, Stanwood, WA 98292.

LEQUE ISLAND UNDERGROUND
For many years, an underground facility has operated beneath Leque Island (the small island between Camano Island and Stanwood where the public hunting area is). Originally, it was created during Prohibition to smuggle liquor from Island County to Snohomish County. But for the past 10 years, and especially in the past year, it has been used as a holding area and transfer station for Stanwood immigrants coming into Camano Island. The two-story underground building, complete with barracks, dining facilities, and a medical center was discovered in October, 2018 and has just been released to be on sale to the public. Realtor Laura Randall has the new listing and it will be sold “as-is” and there will be an open house in the near future. All prospective buyers must have proof of tetanus and other vaccines and must not suffer from respiratory conditions. Waivers can be found on www.unsaferealestate.org.

SPRING TOURS & ARTISTS@WORK
MAY 22 - 26, 2019. Pilchuck Glass School opens its private campus to the public! Enjoy this rare opportunity to tour the scenic grounds while watching renowned artists at work. Located on 54 acres amidst a sprawling Stanwood tree farm, take in the inspiring campus setting. Enjoy a docent-led tour of the campus while talking with working artists, visiting the studios & gallery & learning about the history & future of the school. Each tour is 60-90 minutes in length. Tea, brunch & lunch options available! Learn more online at pilchuck.com/springtours. Reservations required in advance. Reserve your spot today!

TRUE OR FAKE?
There are two cities and towns on Camano Island that have their own zip codes. Camano City, WA has a zip code of 98283 and Utsalady, WA has a zip code of 98284. Residents of those areas will receive their mail up to a week faster by eliminating the rerouting of it from Stanwood and Camano zip code routes.

Fake.
COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION NOW OPEN
The Stanwood-Camano Area Foundation is pleased to announce the opening of the RE/MAX Community Chest Grant Cycle for 2019. The application deadline is April 12. Grants will be awarded in May 2019. Any active 501(c)(3), 501(c)(8), or 501(c)(19) organization with a project in need of funding is eligible to apply. Public agencies with an unfunded project that directly benefits the Stanwood-Camano community may also apply. Applications can be downloaded from the SCAF website at https://s-caf.org/grants.

HOST FAMILY NEEDED
We need a family at Stanwood High School to host a girl from Kenya for the 2019-2020 school year. She is 16 and likes volunteering as her number one interest. She also likes riding, embroidery, handicrafts, debate, drama, and others. She has a high English score and has earned a scholarship in a highly rigorous competition to study here next year. She has medical insurance and her own spending money. Please call 360-6549-3603 if you can host her or know of someone who can. We only have short time to find the family. She will be very happy.

WE ARE ACCEPTING VENDOR APPLICATIONS
for the 11th Annual Women’s Expo at the Camano Center, April 27, 10-4. This popular annual event is an excellent opportunity for women to learn about products, programs, and services especially for them! There are demonstrations to empower, educate and motivate women to reach their personal best. Beauty, food, and fitness demos, lunch, prizes, and more all come together to make this the ultimate day out for women! Free to attend. Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Road, Camano Island 360.387.0222.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT HOSTING A FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT?
Here is your chance to get a small taste of what it is like. You can host a Japanese student for three weeks this summer, July 16th - August 5th. They come with their own spending money and they are in classes and activities Monday through Friday 9 to 5. If you want your heart to be touched by one of these amazing kids this is your opportunity. If you are just curious or you want to host give me a call. Traci Hering 360-913-8877.

TRUE OR FAKE?
Cleo and Caesar were the early stage names of Cher and Sonny Bono.
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NEW! U-BOAT RIDESHARE TO WHIDBEY!
Starting this Memorial Day, you can enjoy all that Whidbey has to offer through the new ride-share app, U-Boat! Simply download the app, and when you find a fun Whidbey event you want to attend, or a restaurant you'd like to try, a boat will be sent to pick you up and take you over. This works the same as car ride-share services, but on the water. Boats stop at Oak Harbor, Coupeville, or Langley. Once you land, you can get almost anywhere on the island for free on Island Transit buses. Shoreline property owners can be picked up on their beach, depending on tides. Otherwise, you can catch your ride at the boat ramp at Camano Island State Park. Discovery Pass required for parking. For an extra fee, you can drop your crab traps in season as you leave, and pick them up on the way back. No more looking over to an island that's only a few miles away, but takes an hour or two to drive to! Service runs through Labor Day weekend. Return the same day, or stay overnight at any of our convenient partner Bed and Breakfast locations. For those who have a reliable boat, eighteen foot or longer, contact us about making some extra money on your days off! Good money can be made boating folks over to Whidbey and back. Make even more taking folks to the dockside restaurants in La Conner, or offering a special evening ride on the 4th of July. Look for us on Facebook.

WELLNESS VENDORS
Wellness Expo is accepting applications for the April 13 event at Stanwood Community and Senior Center, 7430 276th St. NW, Stanwood. This event focuses on nutrition, fitness and helpful health/wellness resources for Stanwood/Camano community and surrounding area and is from 10-2pm. To inquire call Ilene at 360-629-7403 ext. 123

CELEBRATION OF LIFE
for Emerson Lee Connour, co-owner of the Crow’s Nest Restaurant. Sunday, April 14 at 4pm at the Crow’s Nest Restaurant. Come to share your stories about this fine man who will be greatly missed! Potluck and full bar available.

TRUE OR FAKE?
the movie, “Wayne’s World” was filmed in two weeks.

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TEA LUNCHEON
Saturday, May 18, Stanwood Community and Senior Center 15th annual tea luncheon begins at 11:30am. Tickets are $25; prepaid reservations are required by April 1st. Tea luncheon includes choice of egg salad or chicken salad on croissant, fruit, fresh baked scone with cream, and variety of sweets. Venue will also feature 1940’s Musical Review performed by the Monroe “In the Mood USO Players” Contact Terri at 360-629-7403 ext. 114.

WANTED: COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS!
Please Come join our Team & support our Stanwood Camano Island Community! Teamwork makes the dream work! We are currently needing Landscapers, Lawn Mowers, Dentists & Laundry Assistance Volunteers for a new community outreach program. Contact our Volunteer Coordinator: Michelle Ballard. Community Resource Center, 9612-271st NW, Stanwood. Resources@crc-sc.org. 360-629-5257.

LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER CAPTURES SECRET IMAGE
Local photographer Ian Gleadle was out photographing a home for a realtor last month and captured an object far in the distance in his camera. He wasn’t certain what it was and submitted the photo to Homeland Unidentified Headquarters (HUH). Two days later, agents arrived at his house and seized every camera, digital memory stick, computer, and more with no explanation. The house he was photographing was also “sold” a day later.

BENEFIT AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED
The Stanwood-Camano American Association University Women (AAUW), will sponsor a Purses with Purpose Benefit Auction on October 5. With education & philanthropy as its foundation, Stanwood-Camano Branch of AAUW encourages personal growth & friendship while providing members opportunities to affect their community & demonstrate that, together, women empower each other to realize equity for women & girls. Purses with Purpose proceeds from this fundraising event will support the branch’s Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarships to 2 or more university students each school year & supports 8 or more middle-school girls’ attendance at a one-week summer Tech Trek camp. We Need: All kinds of purses/items for the live and silent auction at the Purses with Purpose event. See www.aauwsc.org for this event and future events; 206 550-4409 for information.

LIFEline SCREENING
a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Stanwood Senior Center on 5/30/2019. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries; abdominal aortic aneurysms; hardening of the arteries in the legs; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat; and a bone density screening, for men and women. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from $149 ($139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a $10 discount off any package priced above $129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.
COYOTE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
A coyote was spotted recently at Stanwood High School. It has been reported numerous times on the grounds. Some of the students have said the coyote is very aggressive and the only safe way to get to classes is to climb and shimmy across the fences. If you see the animal, do not approach it or make wolf howling noises, all of which will agitate and annoy the animal. If you see it, post a comment on the animal tracking website: www.imnotawolf.com. Photo by Ella McCullough.

CASA PLANT AND BAKE SALE ITEMS NEEDED
The Camano Animal Shelter Association (CASA), will sponsor a Plant Sale & Bake Sale on May 11 from 10 am-3 pm. Along with a wide selection of indoor & outdoor plants, there will be a bake sale. There will also be hotdogs, beverages, water & free coffee. Call 360-387-1902 for information.

RIDDLE:
Q: A man was driving his truck. His lights were not on. The moon was not out. Up ahead, a woman was crossing the street. How did he see her?
A: It was a bright and sunny day!
IN MY GARDEN

Sitting, reading in my patio.
A motion catches my eye.
Finger on page, I look up to see
A faun, stepping out of the bush,
Walking past me to drink from the bird bath.
Another motion, the doe coming from the bush.
She stops as she walks past me, turns her head and looks at me.
I smile back.
After a moment more, she goes to drink with her faun.
Then, the pair walks down toward the front yard hedge,
Filled with ripe blackberries.
I sit, idly reading, watching the birds and squirrels
Foraging for sunflower and other seed goodies.
I gave quiet thanks, that such things still exist in these perilous times.

– Steve Osborn
30 August 2018

Presentation: “Eating and Sleeping Your Way to Mental Health”
with Dr. Alethea Fleming. Event is free of charge and open to the public.

Topic: Discover what you can do to feel better, get healthier, and strengthen recovery in order to fully enjoy your life. Learn how to regain control over things you may have let go, in order to manage your life by managing your health.

When: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 6:30-8 PM
Where: First United Methodist Church, 1607 E. Division St., Mount Vernon, WA. Contact phone 360-313-7080

Alethea Crippen Fleming, ND is a passionate advocate for naturopathic geriatric medicine. She is a 2007 Bastyr University graduate and earned a certificate in Gerontology from the University of Washington. Dr. Fleming is the owner and lead physician of the Vital Aging Clinic in Anacortes.
3 Day Stone Carving Workshop at Matzke Gallery and Sculpture Park, Camano Island (May 24-26th) $395. includes: catered lunches, instruction with Kentaro Kojima. We will provide stones for sale and loaner tools. Call or Email for information 360-387-2759 or matzke@camano.net.) sign up before April 15th.

Ceramics Saturday, open to all, come to the shop and paint your favorite ceramic. Will be able to take home same day. $10 per painter. Call for more info 425.829.5565 or find us at facebook.com/islandgirlcreative.

A Guilded Gallery in downtown Stanwood offers exciting new classes in Mixed Media, Mosaics, Watercolor & Drawing. 360-629-2787.

Coffee & Canvas. March 23. 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 & Classes: I would like to invite you to join us at my new location. Contact Mark at (425) 530-7214. Voice-mail only.

Yoga & Pilates classes, over 25 each week, Yoga for Beginners, Yoga Basics, Flow, Yin & more. Certified Teachers, lovely, clean & tranquil space. Upcoming workshops include Sound Bath & Kundalini Yoga. Introductory rates & schedules at movementarts.com or email kara@movementarts.com Camano Commons on the Island. 360-629-9100.

Have fun while achieving your art goals. Painting lessons with a national award winning artist. 425-681-5104 or Michele@MicheleRushworth.com to save your spot.

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.

Spring Break Fiber Arts Kids Camp April 4, 9:30-4:30 at Tri-Dee Arts (Mt Vernon). $75 per child includes materials. Please bring bagged lunch. Register at Tri-Dee (360) 336-6131

Visible Mending with Tenun Workshop April 17 at 6-8pm at Tri-Dee Arts (Mt Vernon). Learn to beautifully mend & embellish your clothing with hand stitching techniques! $50 per person, includes materials. Adult workshop, kids 14+ welcome with guardian. Register at Tri-Dee (360) 336-6131. More info at amandamclaurin.com/workshops

Modern Macrame: Air Plant Holder Workshop April 24, 6-8pm at Tri-Dee Arts (Mt Vernon). Macrame is back! Give your air plants a chic home with this macrame plant holder. $50 per person, macrame includes materials, plant cost extra. Adult workshop, kids 14+ welcome with guardian. Register at Tri-Dee (360) 336-6131. More info at amandamclaurin.com/workshops
CASA’S PET OF THE WEEK:

**LEVI** is a ball of sunshine and energy. I love playing keep away and I get super excited when you say “get your ball” and “get your rope” I recognize basic commands and I LOVE being the center of attention. I am vocal when I’m nervous but would thrive in a home environment where I feel safe and have people to call my own. I love all kinds of people and cuddling is my main game so be ready for all the loves you could want.

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

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NOAH’S PET OF THE WEEK:

**MEATBALL** deserves a wonderful furr-ever home. This outgoing, 9 year old kitty has a great personality and can be described as a loving boy. He likes to be on a warm lap...could that be yours? Meatball has a history of Urinary Tract Infections, so he will need to remain on a special prescription diet. Meet this gentle fella!

**The N.O.A.H. Animal Adoption Center:**
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Free Family Ride
1 p.m. Saturday, April 27
Centennial Trail at Haller Park - 1100 West Avenue, Arlington, WA

A free bicycle ride for people of all ages and abilities. Enjoy the paved, traffic-free Centennial Trail. Snacks for all. Special giveaways for the kids.

Sponsored by Sharing Wheels Community Bike Shop and B.I.K.E.S. Club of Snohomish County, Bikesclub.org/Free-Family-Ride

McClinchy Mile: Camano Climb Edition
Sunday, April 28
Arlington or Stanwood start

33 to 100 miles. Food stops and post-ride burger included. Signup by April 15 to save $10. Visit Bikesclub.org/McClinchy

Benefits Stanwood-Camano Kiwanis and .B.I.K.E.S. Club of Snohomish County. Thanks to Heritage Bank, Camano Island Chamber of Commerce, and local businesses.

Made possible in part by assistance from the City of Arlington Hotel-Motel Tax Fund
BRUSSELS SPROUTS CAKE POPS
Fool your family and friends with our “fake pops!”

INGREDIENTS: 12 Brussels sprouts; 12 Lollipop sticks; 1 c. semi-sweet chocolate or candy melts; 1 tsp. coconut oil; sprinkles; Colander
DIRECTIONS: 1. Clean and trim Brussels sprouts. Insert a lollipop stick into each sprout. 2. In a small microwave-safe cup or bowl, melt chocolate or candy melts and coconut oil in the microwave according to package instructions. 3. Dip and gently swirl sprouts in melted chocolate, shake off excess chocolate, decorate with sprinkles, and place in an upside-down colander to allow chocolate to harden. Cook’s Note: You can place in the refrigerator for 5-10 minutes to speed up the process.) Yields 12 cake pops.
SELAH

Good Friday

A contemplative worship service featuring scripture, silent prayer and music by Janet Marie Chyatal, Marc Gremm and Jeff Johnson.

Friday, April 19, 2019 at 7pm
St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church
1318 WA-532
Camano Island, WA 98282
CANADA PLANS TO BUILD BORDER WALL

Ottawa – Today, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau delivered a landmark speech announcing his plans to erect a 50-foot-tall wall along the entire length of the USA-Canadian border to keep them safe from the hordes of Americans fleeing the USA. Countless numbers are seeking asylum in Canada, widely considered the last remaining enclave of sanity north of Mexico.

In his remarks, he was resolute. “In recent months, with all the erratic behavior coming out of the Washington, D.C., it has caused tremors throughout our great nation. Our fine people are increasingly fearful that Donald Trump may destroy the world economy, start a nuclear war, or worse yet, attempt to visit Canada.

Canada’s charismatic leader pointed to indisputable evidence of massive caravans trying to breach their currently defenseless southern border. He pointed to the latest news stories reporting thousands of Americans in Honda SUVs and Subaru Cross-overs closing in on the Great White North, with several invaders known to be aggressive hand-shakers.

The USA-Canadian border is the longest unprotected international boundary in the world, stretching over 8,891 kilometers (5,225 miles). Skeptics point out that this wall will likely cost over $50 billion to build – although financial analysts calculate that after the exchange rate, this works out to roughly the cost of building a Dairy Queen store.

Trudeau unveiled architectural renderings of what the wall may look like. A popular proposal calls for building it with hockey pucks – one of the most impenetrable substances known to man. An earlier plan conceived of a towering wall of snow and ice. But then July arrived, and that plan was scrapped.

There are some minor logistical issues to be worked out, such as how to ensure the barrier will span Niagara Falls. But the Prime Minister assured Canadians that these concerns were being studied by a diverse, representative committee of veterans, hockey moms, drunken curling fans, and Canadian Tire store clerks.

Trudeau pointed out a possible glitch with Nova Scotia, whose residents are demanding that the province instead put up a charming white picket fence with lots of bird feeders because, they said, “well, that’s just what polite neighbors do, don’t ya’ know?”

A question some members of Parliament have raised is who will build the wall. Trudeau explained, “I will draw on all possible resources to complete this critical venture. That’s why I’m ordering the entire Canadian Armed Forces – all 752 men and women – to report for duty at their local Tim Horton’s donuts shop starting next week. For their troubles, we will give them each a week’s rations of donuts.”

Perhaps the most contentious question raised by cost-conscious Canadians is who will pay for this endeavor. “I’ve given this serious deliberation,” Trudeau reassured the nation. “It seems to me, if America is going to build a southern border wall and make Mexico pay for it, then we should adopt a similar approach. That’s why I will insist that Donald Trump pay for this entire project! I will apologize for the inconvenience, of course. But Donald made it clear at our first meeting that he’s an extremely wealthy, successful businessman, so I’m sure he can afford it.”

When asked for comment about Canada’s proposed border wall, President Trump responded, “Who’s this Justin fellow? Isn’t he a singer?” When it was explained that he is the Canadian Prime Minister – and shown a map pointing out the location of his country’s northern neighbor – Trump added, “Are you sure? I’m pretty sure that’s part of the USA. Isn’t that Montana?” he asked, pointing on the map to Saskatchewan.

The Prime Minister concluded his press conference with words of encouragement. “Join me, my fellow Canadians. Let’s build that wall, and together we will Make Canada Safe Again!”

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

**The Camaloch Lassie’s 9-Hole Golf Club** is kicking off the 2019 season on April 2. We welcome women golfers of all ages and skill levels. We play mid-mornings on Tuesdays, allowing for 9-holes of golf, followed by lunch together. Contact Debbie Pladsen 425-422-2391

**Camano Island Democrat’s** April meeting is on Thursday the 18th, 7PM at the Camano Library. Guest speaker to be announced. All interested persons are welcome. Coffee and cookies provided! See camanoislanddemocrats.com for more information.

**March Keto meetings at Camano Library:** March 29, 6-8 p.m. March 31, 2-4 p.m. Open to the public, discussion anything Keto. Group discussion, question and answer time, wins/losses, connect with friends on the island and surrounding area doing keto. Come join in on a healthy eating lifestyle. More info: KetoOnCamano@gmail.com.

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“Vehicles must have brakes that will stop cars within 50 feet at a speed of 20 miles per hour; 12 miles per hour at intersections. Vehicles must have mufflers, horns or warning devises and a red tail light at night. Bikes and animals must not be ridden over six miles per hour in the business section or around the schoolhouse on school days.”

Stanwood Mayor Charles Dockendorf issued an official warning that he would jail drunks, rioters or persons disturbing the peace, regardless of who they were. His edict followed a drunken disturbance at the corner of Market and Main Streets early one morning. The mayor commented that these young men were not as guilty as the men who sold them bootleg whiskey, but he emphasized that, nevertheless, anyone caught drunk or disturbing the peace would go to jail.

Recreation-wise, three events were memorable...the summer series of concerts by the Stillaguamish Band at the newly-constructed band stand next to the Stanwood City Hall...the Old Settlers’ Picnic at Utsalady, which was attended by 400 pioneers, and the meeting of the Pacific Coast organization of the Norwegian Male Chorus.

The band concerts attracted large crowds. The picnic brought Indians and old-timers from hither and yon to recall early days and renew acquaintances. Many remembered Utsalady when it was a thriving mill town, instead of deserted ghost town in 1922. The Norwegian Male Chorus sang at the picnic. County Treasurer N.J. Craig and Commissioner John Boyle spoke and Rev. George Lane likened the pioneer migration West to the passage of the children of Israel into the Promised Land. His advice to them was, “Keep their faith.”

The Chorus celebration, also to have been at Utsalady, made a swift shift to the East Stanwood Commercial Club Building because of rain. However, the spirit of the occasion was not dampened and over 300 singers were guests of the town. The Stillaguamish Band welcomed them, the food was reported excellent and crowds filled the building and lined the street. Erik Eide was chairman of the affair and president of the local singers; C.J. Gunderson was elected president of the Pacific Coast group at a previous meeting and concert in Everett.

The new First National Bank of Stanwood became part of the business community that year with A.D. Hall as cashier, S.A. Thompson, W.B. Davis and A.L. Leknes were the directors. As of January 1, the local newspaper also began a new era with Loren Angevine as owner-editor. The name was changed rom “The Stanwood Tidings” to “The Stanwood News’ and presently a new linotype was added to step up production.

Two headlines that made the front page were indicative of the mood of the town. The first read---“This Rowdyism must be put down.” The affair referred to was a free-for-all brawl on the waterfront, which resulted in one man being heavily fined and run out of town. Two others were fined in like manner and Mayor-elect Charles Dockendorf issued a warning that fighting, brawling and such disorderliness would not be tolerated. “Anyone who tries it,” said Dockendorf, “will be booted out town.”

“Outlaw Booze Car chased through town” headed the next story that reflected the law enforcement attitude of the 1920’s, said the NEWS; “A car with 20 cases of high-grade liquor whizzed through town during a mad 55-mile drive from north of Mount Vernon to Everett.” The sheriff in Milltown caught the license number and phoned it to the Snohomish County Sheriff who fired into the car this side of Everett. The drive was promptly charged and jailed.
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