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A FAIRLY BIG DEAL

Cattle barn gets dressed up thanks to federal grant

By JEREMIAH O'HAGAN
For SC News

"It would be super awesome," said Belinda Royal, Stanwood Camano Community Fair manager, "if we could find out the year (the fairgrounds' cattle barn) was born."

She's narrowed it down to somewhere between 1958 and

1964 — it wasn't there in '58, and there's a newspaper photo of it dated '64.

Regardless, it hasn't been renovated at all since it was constructed, except for a poured concrete floor, Royal said.

She didn't use the word "ugly," but she did note

that the barn didn't match the other new and updated buildings on the fairgrounds. It had bare, weathered sheet-metal siding, for example, while the other buildings are red.

But that changed over the past months.

A year and a half ago, the fair board applied for a Washington State Department of Agriculture health and safety grant to update the barn and was awarded funds to pay for half the renovations, including ADA accessibility.

The other half came from donations, mostly in-kind donations from various board members' businesses. Mike Cairus, of Cairus Construction, spearheaded the labor, with help from Austin's Lend-a-Hand and Holtum Landscape. Stanwood Redi-Mix donated all the concrete for the job.

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PHOTO COURTESY BELINDA ROYAL

Mike Cairus works on renovating the Stanwood Camano Fairgrounds cattle barn, which was built between 1958 and 1964.



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The roofline extension on the cattle barn created a covered area for the goats.



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The Stanwood Camano Fair Parade starts 11 a.m. Saturday in downtown Stanwood.

Annual parade through Stanwood a must-see affair

By KATHY BOYD
Editor

"Blue Jeans & Country Dreams" await spectators of the 2019 Stanwood Camano Fair Parade sponsored by the Stanwood Camano Rotary Club on Aug. 3 through downtown Stanwood.

The parade will feature Don Riggs as the grand marshal, along with numerous parade entrants — dignitaries, politicians, commercial entries, nonprofit organizations, churches, school groups and clubs, music groups, animals and floats.

Riggs, who lives in Warm Beach, was honored in February for his volunteer work with the Stanwood Camano Food Bank, where he contributes countless hours to maintenance, scheduling and collecting food donations.

As he did last year for the first time, Terrance Bedford with Thomas and Associates in Stanwood will sing "The Star Spangled Banner" to start the parade at 11 a.m. Saturday near the Country Store. While he's not a professional singer, Bedford said he began singing in high school and has continued ever since because he enjoys it.

"I offered (to sing in the parade)

as I thought the national anthem

would be a nice gesture and a way

for me to serve," he said. "I really appreciate the Stanwood/Camano community."

The parade travels west down 271st Street NW to Josephine Caring Community on 272nd Place NW.

Some parade entries loop around via Lovers Lane to return to the Country Store.

The fair parade is Rotarian Dan Sailer's "baby," capturing his attention and energy for months in advance for the past five years.

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Parade route

Start: 11 a.m. Aug. 3
Where: Downtown Stanwood, from near the Country Store on 271st Street NW to Josephine Caring Community on 272nd Place NW.

More information: StanwoodRotary.org or stanwoodcamanoparade@gmail.com

Camano to break ground on new county admin building

Construction should be complete within a year

By PEGGY WENDEL
Staff Reporter

"Building for the Future" is the theme of the ground-breaking celebration for the Island County Administration Building, and youngsters will help with the shovel ceremony, 2-3:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2, at 121 N. East Camano Drive, Camano Island.

Island County commissioners, county officials, past and present, plus representatives from SHKS Architects and Faber Construction Corp. will help celebrate the momentous occasion.

Faber has begun setting up to build Camano Island's new \$5 million complex that will replace the cobbled together, aging Camano Annex that has served the local community for nearly 40 years.

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ARTIST RENDERING COURTESY OF ISLAND COUNTY

An artist rendering of what the new Island County Administrative Building on Camano Island will look like in this inside view. See more renderings with this story at SCnews.com.

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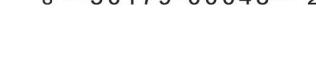
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