

# STANWOOD CAMANO NEWS

## STANWOOD CAMANO COMMUNITY FAIR



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The roller coaster elicits a variety of reactions Saturday at the Stanwood Camano Community Fair.

# A fair amount of fun

*Thousands enjoy parade, fair and entertainment*

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Eating a hunk of watermelon is no problem for Marie Nemnich. "It's pretty easy," said the 14-year-old after winning the watermelon-eating contest Saturday afternoon. Marie and her sister, Sarah, 13, were two of the dozens of children showing sheep at the annual Stanwood Camano Community Fair last weekend.

"I like this fair," said Marie, who lives near Darrington. "There's less stress. You can let loose and have fun. Everyone here is great."

Sarah agreed. "You get to talk to people and show how much fun it can be to work with your farm animal," Sarah said.

The event attracted thousands of fairgoers from throughout the Northwest with a variety of exhibits and entertainment — from horses, cows, llamas, goats and pigs to carnival rides, bingo, musicians, demonstrations and food.

Friendly children offered willing onlookers the opportunity to pet or hold their animals, all the while gleefully educating spectators about the livestock.

The grange building hosted a 70-foot long model 1930s replica train display jam-packed with realistic details in nearly every nook and cranny — a sawmill, lumberyard, trestle crossings, towns and a log pond.

Across the fairgrounds, the Stilly Valley Still slowly and steadily dripped out crystal clear alcohol to fill Mason jars and educate passersby on the science behind the distillation process. The 150-proof concoction is then used as fuel to run nearby antique motors at the fair.

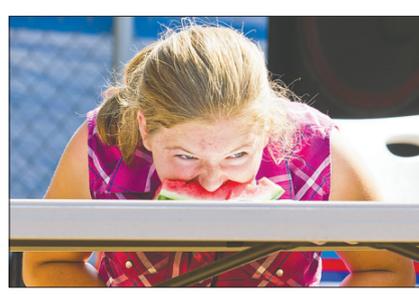
In between it all, entertainment options were abound for people of all ages — all under sunny summer skies.

On Saturday, thousands of spectators lined downtown Stanwood streets for the 26th annual Stanwood Camano Fair Parade sponsored by the Stanwood Camano Rotary Club.

Dignitaries, politicians, commercial entries, non-profit organizations, churches, school groups, music groups, animals and other floats followed this year's grand marshal, Gordon Riggs — a longtime community volunteer. Trophies for entrants will be awarded in nine categories: Floats, Auto, Youth, Band/Musical, Drill/Marching, Equestrian, Animals, Service Clubs, and Best of Show.



Above: Chris Beamish calls the Lions Club bingo on Saturday. Right: Kids help toss candy during the Stanwood Camano Parade.



Top: Marie Nemnich wins the watermelon-eating contest. Above: A family races down the giant slide ride.



# Stanwood eyes increasing fees to help pay for improving 6 parks

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The city of Stanwood is evaluating how to calculate developer park impact fees so that new park costs are fairly distributed.

Park Impact Fees, PIF, should follow a formula, "not just pull a number out of a hat," said Community Development Director Patricia Love.

She walked Stanwood planning commissioners, a few residents and a Master Builders Association representative through the details during the Monday, July 22, meeting.

"You might be surprised that we're looking at the fee again since the rate was only updated a year and a half ago, after being the same for 25 years," she said, poking fun at how long it's been.

She is working to get the fee on a regular review schedule now that



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An artist rendering of what Heritage Park could look like.

council has asked city staff to review the costs associated with park projects and evaluate a path for the fairest cost distribution.

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