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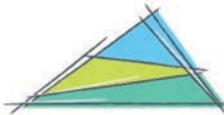
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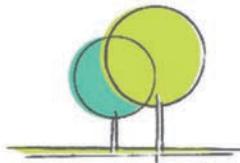
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Making Memories

Beyond "Old MacDonald Had a Farm," everyone can make a memory at the Stanwood-Camano Community Fair on Aug. 2-4.

Many of our favorite memories of the fair growing up are because of the animal entries that could be found on Old MacDonald's Farm. With a moo moo here and a quack quack there, add in a couple oinks and that's the highlight of summer.

But not everyone is able to live in a place where it is possible to raise livestock. What is there for you to do? E-I-E-I-O.

Take a spin through the premium book at stanwoodcamanofair.org and look at all the options.

Art and photography, crafts, domestic arts — such as sewing, needlework, crochet and knitting — eggs, flowers, food preservation, foods, baking and cake decorating (YUM!), produce and veggies are just a few of the categories — so many options you may not have considered entering before.

Every year fair organizers look forward to seeing the creativity of the youth and adults in our community.

For youth, enter some artwork you made or crafts you made during the school year that you are especially proud of. Bring it to share with us and the community. How about an educational display you made? The fair has a department for that.

If you learned a skill that you want to teach others, we can arrange that. We set up working demonstrations in the Bonnie Susan Cole Youth Building throughout the fair.

If you're more hands on, we have a leadership role as an ambassador in the youth building to help fairgoers and keep the entries in tip-top shape.

Contests in the youth building offer "sweet" prizes this year.

The monster veggie contest is just the place for a big or ugly veggie in your garden. If you have a big AND ugly veggie, that's even better! We have a youth baking contest for yeast breads and rolls. "Sweet" gift cards go to the winners of these competitions.

Unable to enter this year? Come anyway to see what other people have entered and plan for next year.

And while you think about it, the Snohomish County Textile Advisors will be with us

again at the "Make It and Take It," table where kids can build their own stuffed critter. Little sisters and brothers, who might not be able to enjoy the crafting, can hang out in the corn boat (and give adults a rest, too).

Once everyone has recharged, head back out singing "E-I-E-I-O" on your way to visit our incredible animal entries, carnival, food and other vendors.

Ever wonder about how, as a primarily volunteer organization, we do all of this?

If you want to participate and volunteer, we LOVE our volunteers and have many ways for you to help!

Please reach out to the fair office and let us know. We need volunteers for accepting entries in advance, in our information booth and for all the things that make us the "Best Little Fair in the West!"

— **Crystal Masters**

*Stanwood Camano Community Fair
secretary and Youth Building superintendent*

LAUNCH INTO 3 DAYS OF FUN

Thrill seekers wanted! See Page 17 for info on what rides are coming to town



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Here are some highlights of contests, performances, and shows at the fair. See more events on Page 30.

DAILY

- ▶ Opening ceremonies, 9 a.m.
- ▶ Dog show, 10 a.m.

AUG. 2

- ▶ Lego building contest, 11 a.m.
- ▶ Wild mustang and horse drill team, noon and 4 p.m.
- ▶ Make It and Take It demonstration, noon and 6 p.m.
- ▶ Grandparents Cookie Contest, 2 p.m.
- ▶ Hog calling contest, 6 p.m.

AUG. 3

- ▶ Stanwood Camano Fair Parade, 11 a.m. (downtown city)
- ▶ Wild Mustang Performance, noon and 4 p.m.
- ▶ Make It and Take It demonstration, noon and 6 p.m.
- ▶ Threshing demonstration, 2 p.m.
- ▶ Hog calling contest, 6 p.m.

AUG. 4

- ▶ Demonstration Superbowl, 10 a.m.
- ▶ All Barn Bowl, 11 a.m.
- ▶ Large Animal Round Robin, noon
- ▶ Make It and Take It demonstration, noon and 6 p.m.
- ▶ Animal Dress Up Contest, 1 p.m.
- ▶ Small Animal Round Robin, 2 p.m.
- ▶ Threshing demonstration, 2 p.m.
- ▶ Style Show, 4 p.m.

See StanwoodCamanoFair.org for full schedule of horse, swine, alpaca/llama, dairy and beef cattle, sheep, goat, rabbit, cavy, chicken and other small animal exhibitions and awards.

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Fun at the Fair

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GET TO THE FUN

PARKING

For \$5 for a day, park across the road from the fairgrounds at 64th Avenue NW.

SHUTTLE SERVICE

For free parking, try the parking lots at Stanwood High School, 7400 272nd St. NW. From there, ride the free shuttle bus directly to the fairgrounds gate — every 15 minutes starting at 8:30 a.m. Friday through Sunday.

3 DAYS OF FUN

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AUG. 2-3

- Fair ticket office, vendors & exhibits: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Carnival: noon to 11 p.m.
- Entertainment: 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Shuttle bus to/from the high school: 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday; 8:30 a.m. to midnight on Saturday

SUNDAY, AUG. 4

- Fair: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Carnival and entertainment: noon to 6 p.m.
- Shuttle bus: 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.



HOW TO HAVE FUN

Tickets for the fair and the carnival are for sale at a discount through Aug. 1. Fair admission for children to age 5 is free.

PAY AT THE GATE

- Fair admission: \$10 adults; \$7 ages 6-17 and seniors; \$20 for a 3-day pass.
- Carnival tickets: \$30, 1-day unlimited ride wristband.

PAY IN ADVANCE*

- Family pack: \$75 (admission for 2 adults and 2 youth, 2 carnival bracelets and one-day parking pass).
- Carnival tickets: \$25, 1-day unlimited ride wristband
- Gate admission: \$2 off until Aug. 1

* Buy advance tickets by Aug. 1: stop by the Stanwood-Camano Community Fair office, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays, July 20 and 27, or call 360-629-4121; or buy them at Stanwood Country Store, 8815 272nd St. NW; or shop online at StanwoodCamanoFair.org.

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Perfect Parade

“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, the last two as chairman of the parade committee. Stanwood Camano Rotary has sponsored the parade for over

two decades, but no one seems to know when that started, he said.

“I love working on the parade because it brings so many people together for a day of celebration and fun,” Sailer said. “Each year I see families and folks lining the streets early in the mornings to get their favorite spots; I see the smiles on faces, hear the cheering for the parade entries and dignitaries, and know that

GET IN THE PARADE!

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Find Home Page Downloads, click on 2019 Parade Application, or call 360-722-7811 for application materials

nothing quite brings the community together like the Stanwood Camano Fair Parade."

Trophies for entrants will be awarded in nine categories: Floats, Auto, Youth, Band/Musical, Drill/Marching, Equestrian, Animals, Service Clubs, and Best of Show. The animals and service clubs were new categories in 2018.

"Each year our great task in putting the parade together is recruiting business sponsors," Sailer said. "We always have plenty of entrants to make the parade fun, but the backbone of a successful parade is the businesses that step forward and become sponsors."

Businesses and groups sign up as financial donors and sponsors for the parade with the proceeds benefiting the community through such local Rotary service projects as: Operation Warm Coats, Stanwood Camano Food Bank, Imagination Library (supplying books to children), education scholarships and Rotary Adventure Playground at Freedom Park.

The parade offers sponsorships of all sizes — from supporting sponsorship (\$500) to major sponsors (\$1,000).

"This year I'd really like to raise \$20,000 to help fund our (Rotary's) local service projects," Sailer said. "This is an ambitious goal, but we have come close to it some years."

The parade is about more than entries, sponsors and organization. Members of the community can help, too. Volunteers can help with registering parade entries and sponsors or help with monitor the parade to provide a safe event.

"Each year, I cringe when I see children running out into the streets after candy that was thrown, sometimes in front of a moving float," Sailer said. "We ask parade entries to take the candy out to the curb and hand it out to the children, not throw it from their float or vehicle. It's much safer for all."

With musicians, dancers, horses, dogs, trucks and cars, the Stanwood Camano Fair is a huge event. Sailer said the Fair Parade provides a fun way to celebrate the fair and the community.

"Come out to watch the parade and then venture out to the Stanwood Camano Community Fair for a full weekend of community fun," he said. ■

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For the first time, Pacific Science Center is bringing a mobile fun lab

Want to build a bridge or try talking to someone using a tube “phone”? Kids and adults can enjoy an interactive exhibit experience when the Science on Wheels van from the Pacific Science Center in Seattle comes to the the Kids Zone Area at the Stanwood Camano Community Fair.

Danielle Cobb, a PacSci communications specialist, said activities in the science van are based on ideas or lessons kids would learn at Pacific Science Center.

They might try building a tall arch using foam blocks in varied shapes, or learn about telephones using the Whisper-ma-phone – a tube-style device much like the soup can and string “phones” kids used to play with, or try their hand at construction during a physics lesson using K’nex, a flexible, creative toy with pieces much like TinkerToys.

Cobb said educators, including some who have worked in a classroom, will explain exhibits and assist with construction projects.



SCIENCE ON WHEELS

Use the Whisper-ma-phone: A tube-style device much like the soup can-and-string “phones” kids used to play with.

Get connected: Use K’nex, a flexible, creative toy with pieces similar to TinkerToys.

Be a builder: Former educators will help visitors build a tall arch using foam blocks in varied shapes.

HOURS: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday & Saturday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday



Participants will be challenged to act like engineers as they plan, build, test and refine with the Center's portable engineering exhibit set. They can program robots, build and test the strength of bridges and investigate new materials during their visit to PacSci's Science on Wheels program, Cobb said.

Activities in the science van are free with fair admission, "and kids can stay as long as they want," Cobb said.

PacSci at Seattle Center offers programs ranging from 40-minute science shows to a multi-day, whole school experience and invites everyone to "delve into the world of invention and problem-solving while exploring the knowledge, skills and tools used to change our lives."

PacSci started the Science on Wheels program over 40 years ago as a way to bring STEM education to communities. The mission-based program aims to "Enable Access for All." Visit pacsci.org for more information. ■

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SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL

Get ready for 3 days of live music and fun on the Viking Main Stage, including headliner Whiskey River, a Lynyrd Skynyrd tribute band



THE LINEUP

Stanwood Camano Community Fair presents a varied line-up of entertainment Friday-Sunday, Aug. 2-4, on the Viking Main Stage at the fairgrounds, 6431 Pioneer Highway, Stanwood. Rock n' Roll hypnotist Ron Stubbs is featured each afternoon, along with the popular Lip Sync contests tucked in between such well-known local musicians as Aaron Crawford, the Hometowners, Whiskey River and The Coats.

FRIDAY

- 2 p.m. — Ded Serious
- 3 p.m. — Ron Stubbs-Rock 'n' Roll Hypnotist
- 4 p.m. — Lip Sync

6 p.m. — Low Down Drifters

8 p.m. — Aaron Crawford

SATURDAY

- 12:30 p.m. — The Fentons
- 2 p.m. — Hometowners
- 3 p.m. — Ron Stubbs Rock 'n' Roll Hypnotist
- 4 p.m. — Lip Sync

6 p.m. — Storm Rider

8 p.m. — Whiskey River

SUNDAY

- 1 p.m. — Voices of the Village
- 2 p.m. — Ron Stubbs Rock 'n' Roll Hypnotist
- 3 p.m. — The Coats**
- 4 p.m. — Style Show
- 4:30 p.m. — Lip Sync



EVEN MORE FUN!



Pacific Science Center's Science on Wheels Engineering Exhibit runs 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday & Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.



Merry Makers face painting 2-6 p.m. daily, free for kids to age 12.



Dustin Skye — Giant Bubbles artist roams the fairgrounds daily.



Find the Rowdy Refs in the Kids Zone area where two comics bring on the magic tricks, goofy jokes, crazy stunts and contests as kids and adults join the fun on stage.

Singin' to the music

Nearly anyone can perform on stage to win cash and small town fame in the annual Spane Buildings Inc. & Cascade Lumber Lip Sync contest at the Stanwood Camano Community Fair. Lip sync is the art of silently singing in synchronization with a recording.

PRIZES

Solo performers — adults 18 and older and youth to age 17 — \$100 first place, \$75 second place and \$50 third place.

Groups of adults and/or youth performers can win \$200 first place, \$100 second place and \$50 third place.

Spane Buildings Inc. and Cascade Lumber are the contest sponsors.



WHAT TO PERFORM?

- ▶ Catchy tunes are best, preferably something well-known.
- ▶ Songs must be less than 4 minutes (longer will be disqualified).
- ▶ Only one song, suitable for all ages, is allowed per contestant.
- ▶ Contestants are judged on ability to follow the song, appropriateness of costumes, choreography and audience participation.
- ▶ No professionals are allowed.

HOW IT WORKS

To enter, start by recording your performance. Music must be submitted on a CD by mail and postmarked by July 25, to SCCF Lip Sync, PO Box 901, Stanwood, 98292.

All Lip Sync performers must present their entries during dress rehearsal on Thursday, Aug. 1, or be disqualified. They can pick up discount fair admission passes before leaving.

All performances are held on the Viking Main Stage on the fairgrounds.

Semi-finals begin at 4 p.m. Friday for individual youth and group adults, at 4 p.m. Saturday for group youth and individual adults.

Finals begin at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, with winners announced after the last performance.

To inquire, call contest organizers, 360-629-4121, or visit stanwoodcamanofair.org



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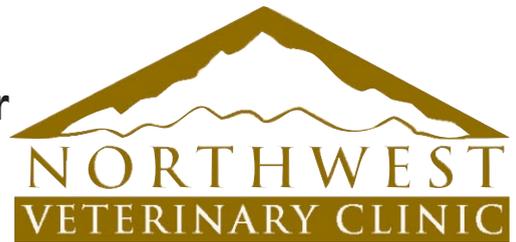
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Cotton candy, elephant ears, corn dogs and a variety of other fair foods will be ready to try at the Stanwood Camano Community Fair. Bring an appetite to sample the classics or be adventurous in trying the only-at-the-fair delicacies. Here are a few of the offerings:

SWEET

Strawberry shortcake: Sweet cake covered with sweetened strawberries and topped off with sweetened whipped cream — energy to burn.

Crepes: Very thin sweet or savory pancake, served with a variety of fruit or hearty fillings.

Funnel cakes: Cake batter is poured through a funnel, deep fried and sprinkled with powdered sugar.

Elephant ears: Flattened dough that is deep fried and sprinkled with powdered sugar and cinnamon.

Kettle corn: Popcorn sweetened with sugar.

Cotton candy: Fluffy, colored, spun sugar served either on a stick, in a cone, or by the bag. Certain to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Deep fried candies: Small candy bars, dipped in batter and deep-fried. Why not try one?

Shave ice: Shaved ice covered in sweet, colorful syrup. This dessert looks almost as good as it tastes.

Ice cream: I scream, you scream, we all know the rest.

Smoothies: Enjoy a smoothie from Camano Island's Frozen X-plosion.



SAVORY

Corn dogs: A hot dog on a stick dipped in batter, which is then fried. The stick makes it easy to eat while exploring the fair.

Gyros: Chopped lamb, beef or pork combined with tomato, onion and yogurt sauce on pita bread.

Tacos: Hard or soft tortilla filled with meat, cheese and veggies. Spicy sauce adds a burst of flavor.

Burgers: Hamburger in a bun, personalized with cheese, grilled onions, fresh veggies or just ketchup, mayonnaise or mustard.

Philly cheesesteaks: Mixture of thinly sliced steak, cheese and veggies (mushrooms, bell pepper, onion) tucked into a long bun.

Aussie onion bursts: A large onion cut to resemble a flower, then battered and deep-fried.



Ride on

Paradise Amusements, the new carnival operator in 2018, offered these rides last year:

CAROUSEL: Hop on a horse and go for a relaxing ride.

FERRIS WHEEL: Get a great view of the fair from the top of the Ferris Wheel. Hope you're not afraid of heights.

GIANT SLIDE: It's like a slide at a playground, but a lot bigger.

ROLLERCOASTER: Get strapped in, put your hands up and close your eyes.

TILT-A-WHIRL: Go up and down and spin side to side.

ZIPPER: It's like a Ferris Wheel except scarier.

OCTOPUS: This ride, which resembles an octopus, allows the rider to spin around in a car that is held together by a large arm.

YO-YO (SWINGS): If you combined a carousel and a swingset, you would get the yo-yo.

GRAVITRON: The gravitron spins around so fast you will be stuck to the walls.

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Best in Show!

As one of the largest community fairs in the state, yet smaller than a county or state fair, the Stanwood Camano Community Fair offers plenty of action for exhibitors of all ages. Kids don't have to be in 4-H, FFA or a special group to show animals or projects at this community fair. Adults can exhibit in any indoor categories and in equestrian showing and gaming. Because of space, however, the fair limits the other animal departments to youth exhibitors.

ENTRY CHECK IN

Entries for all indoor exhibits are accepted 2-6 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 31. Fleece and handspinning may only be entered on July 31. Animal exhibits are accepted from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1, or 7-9 a.m. each morning, depending on department.

WINNING EXHIBITS

Premium money is claimed at the pay-out booth (located at the Bonnie Susan Cole Youth Exhibit Hall) from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 4. Cash must be picked up on Saturday or Sunday during the fair hours listed. Premium money will not be mailed.



For a schedule of events, guidelines and downloadable forms, visit www.stanwoodcamanofair.org/exhibitor-information. To inquire, call 360-629-4121.



SOME SPECIAL TIPS FOR FIRST-TIME EXHIBITORS

1 Bring your exhibit during the slower daytime hours, if possible.

2 Bring produce, flowers and baked goods Wednesday night so they will be fresh for judging. Produce and flowers can be refreshed as needed.

3 Children are limited to seven different craft exhibits.

4 Entries must have been completed since the last fair.

5 Read the premium list carefully, especially as it relates to the number of fruits, vegetable or cookies.

6 Be sure all pictures are ready to hang. Test them at home before you bring them to the fair.

7 If a youth is entering livestock, he or she must have completed and mailed the livestock entry form before Wednesday, July 20 (for sheep, alpaca/llama, swine, fiber goats, dairy goats, pygmy goats, dairy and beef) and before Monday, July 25 (for small animals, dogs and horses).

8 Ask questions of the hosts, exhibitors and superintendents. You may become a grand champion.




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Working on the Railroad

A 70-foot long, scale model railroad and working train will be on display Aug. 2-4 in the Stillaguamish Grange Hall on the fairgrounds during the Stanwood Camano Community Fair. Members of the Moose Creek Logging Co. Club built the model train diorama and will demonstrate how it operates on Friday and Saturday.

The 1930s replica train runs logs from the "logging camp" to the miniature sawmill and lumberyard through a tableau of mountain wilderness, trestle crossings, and past sidings, towns and a log pond.

Train construction began in 2011 with 14 modules each 5-feet long, according to Ron Nelson, a former Bellevue-area physicist now living on Camano. He said the club's 12 members, from British Columbia to Marysville, each built a module of the working 0 gauge model train.

"All engines are steam-driven, digital

command controlled and sound just like the real engines," he said. "(The train's) multiple engines run on a single track, much like a large operating logging company." The logging company layout is normally stored in a 20-foot trailer and can only be seen in entirety at large shows, such as at the fair.

The group meets infrequently, so "sometimes we take a module home to work on," said Nelson, who takes pride in the working pulleys and other parts on his section. His eye for precision comes from years of working in the laser

research field, including on the "Star Wars" missile defense project in the 1980s.

Over time, Nelson said the railroad layout has become larger and with more detail built into it. The larger it gets, the more interest it attracts. He said the club has been asked to bring the railroad layout to the National Narrow Gauge Convention in Sacramento, California, in September.

Anyone interested in helping with the project can contact Nelson, 425-417-9490 or nelson_rw@msn.com. ■



See it in action in the Stillaguamish Grange Hall at the fair!