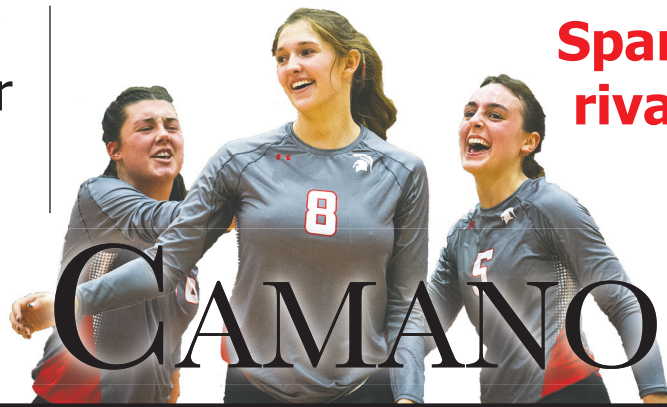




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City eyes taming traffic

Stanwood Council looks at ideas for Highway 532, other city streets

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New results from a local traffic survey are helping the Stanwood City Council design its roadmap for future road improvements.

Brett Schlock, engineer and planner of Transpo Group, met Oct. 14 in a special meeting with the Stanwood City Council to discuss the results of a public opinion survey regarding ways to improve Highway 532 traffic flow.

Early this year, the city received \$50,000 in grants to evaluate options, including roundabouts, a bypass for Skagit-bound traffic and highway improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Transpo is the city's on-call transportation engineering company that prepared concept options for the survey, with five bypass variations and four highway corridor designs.

The survey, conducted June 21-July 24, received 107 responses — 50% from Camano Island residents and about 44% from the Stanwood area.

Some council members were surprised by the low response rate. Others said it was a good response for a survey and received a better response than past open houses.

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A monster splash

Floating pumpkin patch makes waves at Stanwood-Camano YMCA



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A girl collects pumpkins underwater during the Pumpkins in the Pool event Saturday at the Stanwood-Camano YMCA.



About 135 pumpkins bobbed in the pool and lazy river for kids and families to play with. Children were able to take a pumpkin home after the event.

By SC NEWS STAFF

Pumpkin patches are sprouting up throughout the area ahead of Halloween on Sunday — even at the Stanwood-Camano YMCA pool on Saturday.

The pool was packed with children and families playing with the small- and medium-sized gourds.

Afterward, children got to take a pumpkin and a bag of candy home.

It was one of many local Halloween events happening in the area this month.

See more fun and spooky local events in our 360 Calendar roundup on Page A7 and online at SCnews.com.

ShakeOut tests new tech

Stanwood-Camano schools try out new equipment that warns of quakes

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Students dove under their desks and held on.

“It can happen that fast,” Stanwood High science teacher Michael Randall said to his class after the earthquake early warning system drill Thursday. “Two seconds is all the time we might have.”

Students and staff across the Stanwood Camano School District used the annual Great American ShakeOut drill for the inaugural test of its new district-wide earthquake early warning system — the first of its kind in the state.

“This was a good test to show



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Stanwood High students participate in the Great American ShakeOut earthquake drill on Thursday.

us where we need to make some audio level adjustments, but we were pleased with the overall performance,” said Liz Jamieson, the district’s director of capital projects.

The district deployed an earthquake early warning system in 2019 at Stanwood Elementary — the first school

in the state to connect to the USGS’s ShakeAlert system. It has since added sensors to all 13 of its buildings and connected them to a centralized intercom that is automatically activated by a seismic event.

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