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 **A Labor Day message from Executive Reardon**

As we move into this Labor Day weekend, let me say thank you to the hardworking women and men of Snohomish County. We could not be who we are without your diligence. While labor statistics nationwide are not where we'd like them to be, the dedication of the American workforce cannot be discounted.

On a lighter note, this also is the last weekend of the Evergreen State Fair at the county's fairgrounds near Monroe. If you haven't yet had a chance to enjoy the atmosphere of good food, fun rides and traditional values, I hope you'll consider a trip to the fair.

Happy Labor Day,

Aaron



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Executive Reardon talks with local farmer's at the annual Snohomish County farmer's breakfast

Fair's Purple Cow stand turns 50

The Evergreen State Fair's Purple Cow stand is celebrating 50 years of serving up delightful dairy treats to fairgoers.

Started in 1960 by the Snohomish County Dairy Women, their booth was an immediate hit with its blackberry floats appropriately named the Purple Cow. Made with a combination of blackberry ice cream, lemon-lime soda and blackberry syrup, this treat has become a staple of thirsty fairgoers.

And if you're lucky enough to be the 13th person in line to order your Purple Cow, the cowbell is vigorously rung and your drink is free! In honor of their 50th anniversary, the Snohomish County Dairywomen also are featuring a 25-cent ice cream cone from 10 to 11 a.m. daily.

All net proceeds from the Purple Cow benefit scholarships and needs throughout the region's dairy industry, which has deep roots in Snohomish County.

Plenty of specials and discount opportunities still exist at the fair, including Two for Tuesday, Family Package Wednesday and Kids-Free Thursday.

The Evergreen State Fair opens at 10 a.m. each day and closes at 10 p.m. except for closing day, Sept. 6, when the fair closes at 7 p.m. Carnival hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. except for closing day, when it also closes at 7 p.m.

For more information and a full listing of the fair's specials, go to www.evergreenfair.org or call 360-805-6700.

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Sincerely,



Aaron Reardon



Reardon says “time is now” to vote in key poll

Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon urged local residents Wednesday to voice their vote in what some call the county’s most important poll in decades.

“The fact is, we need a Dick’s Drive-In in Snohomish County,” Reardon said.

The company wants to place a new location within 20 miles of the University of Washington and has asked customers to pick the spot. South Snohomish County, under the listing “North,” is one of three options.

“I only eat at one fast-food restaurant, and Dick’s Drive-In is it,” he said. “Snohomish County residents know good food when they eat it, and that’s why we’re the right location.

“On a more serious note, Dick’s Drive-In is the type of corporate partner we like to see,” Reardon said. “They’ve always paid their employees well while offering good benefits. They donate to charity and award college scholarships. We need more Dick’s Drive-Ins.”

As of Friday, Sept. 3, Snohomish County was leading the poll with 45 percent of the vote. Trailing were “South,” covering the South Seattle, Burien and Redmond area, and “East,” which includes Bellevue, Redmond and Mercer Island.

“Residents, we can put this vote out of reach tonight!” Reardon said.
“The time to vote is now!”

To vote in the online poll for a location in Snohomish County, go to www.dicksdrivein.com and click “North.”

Fair displays DUI crash vehicle as deterrent

With assistance from the Agerup and Woods families, the Snohomish County DUI & Target Zero Task Force is displaying at the Evergreen State Fair the car in which Brad and Melissa Agerup and Thomas and Hilda Woods were killed when they were hit by an impaired driver.

On Nov. 29, 2009, the two couples were returning home from a planned birthday party when their car was broadsided on Highway 9 in North Marysville. All four were killed. The impaired driver later pleaded guilty and was sentenced to eight years in prison.

“This collision was completely avoidable, and yet we still have grieving families in a community that will be changed forever,” said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon, who had known Brad Agerup for more than 25 years. “I’m grateful to the families for allowing this vehicle to be viewed by the general public. I pray it deters others from making similar mistakes.”

The booth space is #553 and is near the Trampoline and Rock Climbing Wall (Mini Mountain). It is being sponsored by different law enforcement agencies daily.

“Although this is a graphic display, it is a reality check to what happens when someone chooses to drive under the influence,” said Tracy McMillan, Snohomish County’s DUI & Target Zero Task Force Manager. “It should be a 100 percent deterrent.”

Car crashes are still the leading cause of death for those ages 4-44, yet efforts are being made to reduce that number to zero traffic deaths by 2030.

For questions, contact Tracy McMillan at Tracy.McMillan@snoco.org or 425-388-7229.

Don't miss Vintage Aircraft Weekend at Paine Field

View aircraft and military vehicle displays, a full day of flybys by

the Cascade Warbirds, Vintage Civilian Aircraft, Military Trainers, Grumman Cats and more at the Historic Flight Foundation Restoration Center at Paine Field this weekend.

Event runs on Saturday, Sept. 4 from 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 5 from 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For more information visit www.VintageAircraftWeekend.org.

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