Remembering our veterans’ dedicated service

Monday is Veterans Day, an opportunity to thank the women and men who have served and continue to serve in our U.S. military.

With this week’s Presidential election behind us, it is important to remember that our veterans through the years have sacrificed their lives and time to protect the freedoms that make America great.

With about 60,000 veterans calling Snohomish County home, we are always looking for new ways to serve them. Already in place is our Network of Care for Service Members, Veterans & Their Families Program, which is designed to bring together multiple services geared toward and dedicated to veterans and their families in a one-stop-shopping format.

Through the Network of Care Program, Snohomish County can help veterans find out what federal benefits they are eligible for, as well as what state and local services might be available for employment, housing assistance, counseling, transportation and even childcare.

At Snohomish County, we also are able to link veterans with services through our Veterans’ Assistance Program. If you are a veteran in need, please call our office at 425-388-7255.

We should never take for granted what we have here in the United States, and we owe each of our veterans our greatest respect and admiration for their service.

Sincerely,

Nakashima Barn Trailhead now open

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Sincerely,
Last Saturday, Snohomish County officials and residents celebrated the completion of the last eight miles of the **Centennial Trail** and the construction of the Nakashima Barn, Centennial Trail North Trailhead, located at 32328 Hwy. 9, Arlington. The trailhead is dedicated to the hard working Nakashima family who once owned the land. The barn was built circa 1908. More than 400,000 citizens utilize the trail each year. The 30-mile linear park has become one of Snohomish County’s most valued and well-used assets. “It’s pleasing to see the renewal that has occurred along this corridor,” said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. “This trail, as well as our world-class parks system, contributes to the health and wellness of our residents and their families.”

**To see pictures from the opening, click here.**

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**Focus on Farming Conference less than a week away**

For the ninth consecutive year, Snohomish County will host its nationally recognized **Focus on Farming Conference** with more than 500 participants expected.

The conference, scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 15, will again be held at the Comcast Arena in Everett, including a 17,000-square-foot trade show, offering farmers a look at the latest equipment models, samples and demonstrations.

With the theme “Feeding Our Future,” the one-day conference takes into consideration all types of farming, whether organic or conventional, livestock or row crops, large or small.

“Providing a forum for farmers to exchange ideas, learn new methods and find better ways to do business is a must to keeping agriculture alive, not just in Snohomish County but across the nation,” said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon.

Reardon hosted the first Focus on Farming Conference with local farmers at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe.
“What started out locally has grown to become an opportunity for every farmer who wants to participate,” he said.

Keynote speakers will be interspersed throughout the day and include Colin Archipley of Archi’s Acres, which offers combat veterans meaningful training and employment in crop production; chef Ann Cooper, a celebrated author, chef, educator and enduring advocate for better food for children in local schools; and Joe Rogoff, Whole Foods Market Pacific Northwest Regional president.

Focus on Farming always includes a gourmet lunch prepared by local chefs with local products. This year also ends with a wine-and-cheese tasting offering local fares.

To register, click here.

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