Evergreen State Fair kicks off Thursday, Aug. 23

This year’s Evergreen State Fair opens Thursday, Aug. 23, and already we’ve sold more than $225,000 in pre-sale tickets, including concert tickets.

The fair is an annual tradition for my family, and this year will be no different. With its great exhibits, 4-H animal shows and world-class rides and food, there’s something at the fair for everyone.

We’ve also got a great lineup of grandstand performers including Gavin DeGraw and Colbie Caillat, Demi Lovato, Jake Owen and Rodney Atkins, as well as classic rockers Styx.

We’ll also honor longtime Evergreen State Fair photographer Robert “Bob” Kash, who died earlier this year from cancer. Kash became involved with the Evergreen State Fair when his youngest joined a 4-H equestrian club. He eventually took on the role of 4-H Photography Superintendent and was later asked to take pictures of the grandstand shows and eventually became the Fair’s official photographer. He won many awards for his pictures of fair activities.

Never wanting price to preclude anyone from coming and having a great time, we’re inviting everyone to join the fun for free before 1 p.m. on opening day.

See you there!

County, local agencies make repairs to Stanwood sea dike

Snohomish County and local partners have finished much-needed emergency repairs to a sea dike that protects Stanwood from flooding.
In cooperation with Snohomish County Drainage and Diking District #7, as well as state and federal agencies such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the county’s Surface Water Management Division (SWM) helped fund and permit repairs to three tide-gate culverts in the sea dike, each 80 feet long and which had collapsed.

“Such a collaborative effort is the result of local partners coming together regularly to discuss better ways to balance fish and farms,” said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. “Collaboration to protect farms and fish is one of the goals of the ongoing Sustainable Lands Strategy, and we see this project has benefited from that work.”

Specifically, it was determined that complete culvert replacements would be the best fix. To do so, however, meant working around tidal schedules so as to gain access to the project site and to protect sensitive species living in the area.

Construction, which took place last week, was completed in two days and cost about $80,000 with funds coming from a mix of grant and SWM fees available for such projects. About 20 construction workers and volunteers made repairs, including using excavators to dig up the damaged culverts so they could be replaced, preventing the sea dike from further damage.

This emergency repair should protect the Stanwood community, hundreds of acres of farmland and sensitive commercial shellfish areas from flooding, limiting damage to personal property and the local economy.

**Council on Aging seeks new members for next term**

The Snohomish County Council on Aging is recruiting new members for terms beginning January 2013.

“Snohomish County residents who are interested in the needs and issues facing older persons and younger persons with disabilities should consider applying for membership on the Council,” said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. “Council members serve as representatives to the community, planners for funding and program issues, activists around legislative matters, and monitors of the quality of programs and services.”

The Council is a 30-member citizen's advisory board that advises the Long Term Care and Aging Office of the county’s Human Services Department on issues facing older persons and younger persons with disabilities in Snohomish County. The Long Term Care & Aging Office
manages federal, state and local funds targeted to our elderly citizens, and the office relies heavily on its advisory board.

New members will begin three-year terms Jan. 1. The Council on Aging meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except December) from 10 a.m. to noon. Smaller committee groups meet according to need. It is expected that council members regularly attend and participate in the monthly council meetings and commit to serving on at least one subcommittee of interest. All meetings occur during work hours.

Interested persons must complete and file an application form by Friday, Sept. 14. To access the application, click here.

Mark your calendar for “Music on the Plaza”
Snohomish County Campus
Wednesdays
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
• Aug. 15: Hejira Network, World Music
• Aug. 22: Jenny Vick, Jazzy Pop-Rock
• Aug. 29: Jètte and the Resonators, Classic Rock

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