787 certification is a proud day for county

The Boeing's 787 Dreamliner received certification today from the Federal Aviation Administration to fly passengers.

Today may have been long in coming, but it is a day that changes the face of commercial airplanes forever.

The thousands of women and men who work the assembly lines at Boeing's plant in Everett should be proud of the work they do each day in manufacturing the best commercial airplanes in the world.

This is exactly what legislators including myself envisioned when we helped land the 787 here in Washington State. And as production ramps up, we will continue providing skilled workers through our already successful Washington Aerospace Training and Research Center located at Paine Field as.

When it comes to aerospace training and manufacturing, people expect Snohomish County to be a leader. I say you can depend on that.

Sincerely,

"Living Evergreen" essay winners honored at Evergreen State Fair
Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon and Allied Waste’s Joe Casalini greet Srishti Mathur, one of the “Living Evergreen” essay winners.

Snohomish County and Allied Waste will honor six Snohomish County students during the Evergreen State Fair on Thursday, Aug. 25, for their winning essays in the second annual “Living Evergreen” contest.

Divided into two categories – middle school students (grades 6-9) and high school students (grades 10-12) – contestants were asked to discourse on the growing need to be environmentally friendly. Some contestants focused on the positive changes they and their families have made, while others looked at solutions for a changing world, including business impacts on the environment.

“Contestants wrote very thoughtful essays on how we can improve our conservation measures and sustainable living practices,” Reardon said. “The winning essays demonstrated students’ individual concerns and innovative ideas for dealing with environmental issues.”

Middle school winners were:

- First Place - Srishti Mathur, Canyon Park Junior High, Bothell;
- Second Place – Luke Meader, Hidden River Middle School, Snohomish;
- Third Place – Danika Cole, Park Place Middle School, Sultan.

High school winners were:

- First Place – Katelyn Keelen, Sky Valley Education Center, Monroe;
- Second Place – Emelia Black, Glacier Peak High School, Snohomish;
• Third Place – Becca Marie Newberg, Snohomish High School, Snohomish.

First-place winners received a $200 U.S. treasury bond and will have an opportunity to read their essays before Snohomish County’s elected leadership. Second-place winners received $100 bonds, and third-place winners received $50.

Students were challenged to answer one of the following questions related to renewable energies:

1. What is Washington’s current situation regarding renewable energies and how can it be improved?

2. What steps can you take in your community and everyday life to support renewable energies and improve the environment?

3. What future technical advancements can you imagine for creating more renewable energies in Washington and improving overall sustainability?

Reardon invited a panel of distinguished judges to join him, including Neal Pattison, executive editor of The Daily Herald; State Sen. Steve Hobbs of Lake Stevens; Troy McClelland, President and CEO of the recently launched Economic Alliance Snohomish County; and Joe Casalini, development director for Allied Waste Services.

The Evergreen State Fair will run from Aug. 25 through Sept. 6., opening at 10 a.m. each day and closing at 10 p.m. except for closing day, Sept. 6, when the fair closes at 7 p.m.

For more information and a full listing of the fair’s promotions, click here.

County completes Robe Menzel repairs early

Snohomish County has completed repairs and reopened Robe Menzel Road, south of Granite Falls, two weeks earlier than anticipated.

County Public Works’ crews excavated a deteriorating culvert under Robe Menzel Road, in the 8000 block, preventing a complete road failure that could have caused serious damage to a Snohomish County PUD water main at the site.

“Our crews worked hard, long hours to complete this project and reopen the road prior to school starting,” said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. “Although there were some significant challenges, the women and men on this project did a tremendous job.”
The culvert was originally slated for replacement in 2012, but a recent sinkhole in the area accelerated the replacement schedule. During the repair, the PUD’s water main had to be suspended nearly 15 feet in the air, allowing crews to excavate 20 feet to remove the failing culvert and replace it with a new, much larger culvert.

By completing the work now rather than paying for temporary fixes, the county expects to save future taxpayer dollars.

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**SW Recycling & Transfer Station to close for repairs**

Snohomish County’s Solid Waste Division will be closing the Southwest Recycling and Transfer Station (SWRTS) in Mountlake Terrace for repairs to the tipping floor from Tuesday, Sept. 6, through Saturday, Oct. 1

During this time, household customers may drop off recyclables. The entire facility will reopen Sunday, Oct. 2, for commercial and residential use.

Customers may use Snohomish County’s transfer stations at Airport Road (ARTS) or Arlington (NCRTS) during the SWRTS closure. The Cathcart Way Recycling and Transfer Station will also be open temporarily to customers with mechanically-unloading vehicles only, from Monday through Friday during repairs to SWRTS.

For more information on sites, locations, hours and more, click [here](#).

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