Fourth of July chance to remember founders’ determination

Once again this weekend, we celebrate the birth of our great nation and the freedoms that are offered us.

Since the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, we have been given the chance to remember the courage and determination of this country’s founders as they stood up to injustice – something Americans still do.

All people deserve life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and we find ourselves still fighting for these freedoms around the world today.

One of this country’s great strengths remains its people’s willingness to take bold steps and try new ideas. Despite ongoing difficult times, this is what will pull our nation through.

I hope that you have a safe and happy 4th of July weekend celebrated with family, friends and fun.

Sincerely,

County urges caution, courtesy on July 4

Snohomish County urges residents to use caution when discharging fireworks during the Fourth of July and encourages residents to extend common courtesy to neighbors by limiting the hours during which they are discharged.

In unincorporated Snohomish County, fireworks can only be discharged between 9 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. on July 4. Municipalities throughout Snohomish County set their own regulations, and in some municipalities,
fireworks’ use is banned.

If you are using fireworks this holiday, please take precautions. More than 11,000 fireworks-related injuries are reported nationally each year. Most of these injuries occur because of the mishandling and misuse of fireworks.

Please follow these simple tips to help keep you and others safe:

- **In case of an emergency, dial 9-1-1.**
- Have a bucket of water for emergencies and to douse used fireworks.
- Never build or experiment with homemade fireworks.
- Never let children handle or light fireworks. Even sparklers can be dangerous if unsupervised.
- Never ignite fireworks while holding them. Light one at a time, and move away quickly.
- Make sure you give yourself enough room in a safe location – away from buildings, vehicles and flammable materials.
- Never light fireworks inside a structure.
- Watch what you wear. Loose clothing can catch fire and should not be worn while handling fireworks.
- Never try to re-ignite fireworks that have malfunctioned. Soak them in water, then throw them away.
- Never ignite fireworks when you are under the influence of alcohol, prescription drugs or mind-altering narcotics.
- Never aim fireworks at vehicles.

Public input sought on Port Susan protection

Home to Chinook salmon, gray whales, shellfish beds, diverse cultures and a thriving agricultural economy, Port Susan is a dynamic area with regionally significant biodiversity.

Those who live and work in Port Susan witness its value daily, but what does the future hold for this beloved place? Urban, rural, Tribal and residential communities alike have a stake in the prospects of this region while a variety of threats challenge the future of this special place.

To learn more and have your opinions heard, come to the next public workshops where draft conservation strategies for Port Susan will be discussed.

Workshops will be held Monday, July 11, at Kayak Point Park near Stanwood from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, July 12, at the Camano...
Senior and Community Center, Camano Island, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Pizza and refreshments will be provided. Parking fees at Kayak Point Park will be waived for attendees.

Part of the project includes an effort to create a voluntary Port Susan Marine Stewardship Area (MSA). Snohomish and Island County Marine Resource Committees, the Tulalip and Stillaguamish Tribes, the Nature Conservancy and many other groups have come together to help ensure the health of Port Susan Bay’s resources.

However, the MSA also offers the ability for other agencies to coordinate their existing work in a unique way, and an important step in this process is gathering input from those who live and work in the area.

The upcoming workshops provide a chance for the public to contribute to the conservation of Port Susan. Participation is encouraged to help planners build a plan that meets the needs of everyone in the region.

For more information, contact Kathleen Herrmann at 425-388-6414 or Kathleen.herrmann@snoco.org.

Paine Field offers teachers "Science of Flight" class

Once again, Snohomish County’s Paine Field is sponsoring “The Science of Flight for Teachers,” a graduate-level professional development course that will meet at the airport Aug. 8-11.

“This program stresses the need to continue training young women and men who can build tomorrow’s airplanes,” Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon said. “Much of our history is based on the aerospace industry, and we intend to keep it a large part of our future.”

The class will reveal not only the science behind flight, but will also show teachers the exciting opportunities that await their students in the aviation world. In addition to receiving a formal flight lesson, teachers will ride in various small aircraft, visit many of the aviation-related industries at Paine Field, and will hear from aviation professionals about careers ranging from airframe and power-plant technicians to FAA Air Traffic Control personnel, airport administration, even wildlife management.

Field trips for the teachers will take them to such fascinating places as the Everett Boeing Assembly Plant, Aviation Technical Services, the Paine Field Air Traffic Control Tower, the Future of Flight Aviation Center, the Flying Heritage Collection, and the recently opened Historic Flight
collection.

Teachers will leave the experience with a newfound enthusiasm for all things aviation, a collection of lessons for the classroom, and a sense of excitement they can take back to the students in their classrooms.

Cost of the four-day class is $350 and includes three university credits.

For more information, call the Paine Field Airport Office at 425-388-5101 or go to www.painefield.com.

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