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2021 Evergreen State Fair Round-Up

MONROE, Wash., September 23, 2021 – The Evergreen State Fair safely opened the gates for eager fairgoers this summer after a year off due to the pandemic. While the 2021 Fair was a little different, fair staff, participants, vendors and volunteers got back in the saddle for a successful ride August 26-31 and September 2-6. With proactive safety precautions in place such as limited capacity to allow for social distancing, mostly outdoor activities, an indoor mask requirement and over 300 hand sanitizer stations placed throughout the 193-acre fair park, the Evergreen State Fair used every health and safety measure available.

The Evergreen State Fair is undoubtedly a regional summer favorite, and 2021 was an important year to reconvene and have fun together again. Fair officials succeeded in their goal of limiting capacity to just over 50% of 2019's record attendance: 181,229 people came through the gates to indulge in fair food, see the animals, listen to live music, ride the rides and enjoy this important yearly event which embodies the spirit of Snohomish County. Families, friends, couples, seniors, kids, entertainers, farmers, lumberjacks, vendors, and animals reunited to celebrate the magic of the fair, with a little more shoulder room.

Below are a few highlights from 2021:

- Diverse entertainment graced the Agriculture, Courtyard and Grandstand Stages including Chris Janson, Zach Williams, Foghat, Flor de Toloache and many local artists.
- While the "Opening Day Food Drive" took place on July 10 this year as an effort to disperse the usual crowds on opening day, community members donated 13,655 pounds of non-perishable food items to benefit the Snohomish County Food Bank Coalition and each donor received free weekday admission tickets.
- You missed the thrills! Even with one less day of fair and 50% fewer guests, Carnival gross sales were near the 3 year average.
- New this year was the goat playground sponsored by Coastal where goats could frolic in the open air on logs, rocks and through tunnels.
- There were 100 vendors and sponsors throughout the grounds who were connecting with fairgoers and selling everything from RVs to artisan goods.
- We welcomed back many of our food vendors who served up fair favorites like elephant ears, scones and BBQ.

- The International Lumberjack Show had two special shows honoring the show's original founders and owners Earl and Linda Marcellus along with Earl's brother Alvie.

Thank you to everyone who supported the fair community this year. We can't wait to see you at the next Evergreen State Fair, August 25 - September 5, 2022! More about the Evergreen State Fair at [EvergreenFair.org](https://www.EvergreenFair.org).

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