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Many events are held at the Evergreen State Fair Park



The Gary D. Heikel Event Center is a 33,000 square foot building with attached restrooms.

The fun at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds isn't confined to just the Fair (Aug. 24-29 and Aug. 31-Sept. 4). No, the grounds are used all year round. There are animal shows, both domestic and farm; swap meets, collectibles and special interest shows such as quilt shows, woodcarving shows, hobby shows and craft markets, as well as the popular auto racing at the Evergreen Speedway.

Are YOU planning an event? If so, the Evergreen State Fairgrounds can provide a unique venue to host your activity. With 194 acres, 14 buildings, top notch equestrian facility, ample parking and RV camping, the Evergreen State Fairgrounds has something for everyone! The Fairgrounds is centrally located with easy access from Highway 2 and Interstate 522 with nearby hotels, businesses and restaurants making it very convenient for exhibitors and attendees.

Meetings, conventions, conferences, trade shows, social events, animal shows, equine events – when people gather, the Evergreen State Fairgrounds is the perfect location! The Fairgrounds prides itself on exceptional customer service and welcomes you to check out their facilities! Want to attend an Event? – Check out their Calendar of Events at www.EvergreenFair.org to find out dates, hours, locations and contact information.

Joining the Chamber is good for your business

The key reason to join the Chamber of Commerce is that it will establish your credibility within the community. Over 64 percent of consumers are more impressed with a company associated with the Chamber of Commerce. You'll be able to create a sense of goodwill with your target audience and they will be more likely to buy from you.

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce has monthly membership lunches on the second Tuesday of each month. After Hours events are hosted by member businesses and offer more networking opportunities.

The Monroe Chamber of Commerce is the premier member-driven business league in the City of Monroe. The Monroe Chamber works on behalf of local businesses and the community to develop partnerships and support prosperous conditions for business. The Chamber's mission is to lead the community with the members in mind to ensure their diverse opinions and needs are met, in order to cultivate a culture of trust, long-term community growth and business development. The Monroe Chamber is governed by a volunteer board of directors. The Chamber exists to make Monroe a better place to live, work and play and is always striving to create value for the memberships and helping your business grow. To join the Monroe Chamber of Commerce, visit www.ChooseMonroe.com or call 360-794-5488.

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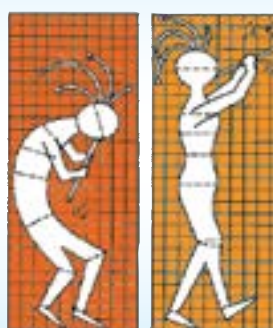
The Monroe Chamber of Commerce, www.ChooseMonroe.com, was designed to build connections between residents, visitors and Chamber members. Each Chamber member can have their own web page to enter and upload content themselves, and also has access to the Members Only area. Additional tools such as interactive maps and itinerary builders are key features of this communications platform.

Thousands flock to Swift Night Out in August

The Vaux's Swifts are migrating north and will soon arrive in Monroe to roost at the Wagner Performing Arts Center's chimney. Monroe boasts the second largest congregation of these birds in North America, drawing birds by the thousands each evening.

Monroe is very fortunate to have these wonderful birds come to the city twice every year (spring and fall) and to provide an amazing opportunity to observe an act of nature right in our own neighborhood. Admirers of all ages bring their cameras, binoculars, folding chairs and picnic blankets and spread out on the lawn to watch as thousands of birds funnel into the chimney without ever colliding. People have come from as far as North Carolina to see this amazing feat. This year the Monroe Swift Night Out will be on Saturday, Aug. 19 starting at 5 p.m. For more information visit www.pilchuckaudubon.org

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Monroe Calendar of Events for 2023

APRIL

April 28: Arbor Day/Earth Day Celebration at Lake Tye Park, 1pm

April 22: Miracle League Season Opener at Rotary Field, 9am

April 29: Evergreen Youth Dairy Cattle Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

April 29: Miracle League Rotary Field, 9am

April 29: Master Gardeners Plant Sale, Evergreen State Park

April 29-30: Oddmall Emporium of the Weird, Evergreen State Park

April 30: Kids Fishing Derby, Lake Tye at 8am

MAY

May 3: Bike & Roll to School Day

May 4: First Thursday – Historic Downtown Monroe, 5-9pm

May 5-6: Pickin' at The Barn Spring Vintage Market, 21708 132nd St. SE, 10am-4pm

May 6: MHS Ag Dept, Science Dept, and FFA Plant Sale

May 6: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am

May 7: Battle of the Badges at Lake Tye Park Turf Fields, Noon

May 7: Kaci Edelbrock Memorial 5K at Lake Tye Park, 9am

May 11-14: Key Classic Morgan Horse Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

May 13: Spring Craft & Vendor Fair at Monroe Community Senior Center, 276 Sky River Parkway, 9am-2pm

May 13: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am

May 13: NW Reptile Expo, Evergreen State Fair Park

May 13: Republic

Services Spring Clean Up, Evergreen State Fair Park

May 20: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am

May 20: VFWs Flags for our Fallen 5K at Lake Tye Park, 9am-Noon

May 20-21: Monroe Auto Swap Meet at Evergreen State Fair Park

May 21: An Evening with David Arkenstone & Friends, Wagner Performing Arts Center, 7pm

May 31: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

JUNE

June 1: First Thursday – Historic Downtown Monroe, 5-9pm

June 3: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am

June 7: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

June 4: Perfect Game NW Baseball Tournament - all fields

June 10: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am

June 11: Monroe PRIDE at Skykomish River Park, Noon

June 14: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

June 17: Juneteenth, Skykomish River Park, Noon

June 17: Miracle League at Rotary Field, 9am

June 17-18: Kaci Edelbrock Memorial Tournament, all fields

June 18: Dream Builder's Car Show,

Evergreen Speedway, 9pm-4pm

June 21: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

June 23: Summer Block Party downtown Monroe, 1-4 pm

June 23-25: 4H Summer Horse Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

June 24: Monroe Community Band Concert, Wagner Performing Arts Center, 7pm

June 24: Mystery Wine Auction, Senior Center, 5pm, mcsc.org

June 24: Pug Gala, Evergreen State Fair Park

June 24-25: ARRL Field Day, Lake Tye Park

June 28: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

JULY

July 1: Music in the Park – Soul Searching Band (Elvis & Aretha) at Lake Tye Park, www.choosemonroe.com

July 4: USA Birthday Bash & Fireworks at Evergreen Speedway

July 5: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

July 5-9: Arabian Horse Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

July 6: First Thursday – Historic Downtown Monroe, 5-9pm

July 8: Evergreen State Fair Food Drive, West lot

July 11: SRFR Water Safety Camp, Lake Tye, 10am, SRFR.org

July 14: Music in the

Park – Stacy Jones Band (Country) at Lake Tye Park, www.choosemonroe.com

July 9: Shakespeare in the Park at Skykomish River Park, 5pm

July 12: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

July 15: Rainbow Bingo at Monroe Community Senior Center, 276 Sky River Parkway, www.mcsc.org, 5pm

July 19: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

July 22: Music in the Park – Brick House Band (dance band) at Lake Tye Park, www.choosemonroe.com, 6:30pm

July 26: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

July 28: Music in the Park – Hair Nation (Rock) at Lake Tye Park, www.choosemonroe.com, 6:30pm

July 28-30: Peruvian Horse Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

July 29: Snohomish Conservation's Family Science Fair, Lake Tye Park, 10am

AUGUST

Aug. 1: National Night Out Against Crime at Lake Tye Park, 5:30-8:30pm

Aug. 2: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

Aug. 3: First Thursday – Historic Downtown Monroe, 5-8pm

Aug. 4: Movies Under the Moon – 'Minions: The Ride of Gru' at Lake Tye Park, dusk

Aug. 5: Lake Tye Triathlon, 8am

Aug. 11: Movies Under the Moon – 'The Croods:



VFW Post 7511 and its Auxiliary's seventh annual Flags for our Fallen 5K run/walk and Kids 1K run/walk event is Saturday, May 20 at Lake Tye Park in Monroe. This family-friendly community event begins at 9 a.m. For more information visit www.flags4fallen.com

A New Age' at Lake Tye Park, Dusk

Aug. 12: Walk to Remember, Sky River Park

Aug. 16: Farmers Market (Kid's Day) at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

Aug. 18: Movies Under the Moon – 'Top Gun - Maverick'; at Lake Tye Park, Dusk

Aug. 19: Swifts Night Out, Wagner Performing Arts Center, 4pm

Aug. 23: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

Aug. 24-29, Aug. 31-Sept. 4: Evergreen State Fair, www.evergreenfair.org

Aug. 25: Movies Under the Moon – 'Black Panther - Wakanda Forever' at Lake Tye Park, Dusk

Aug. 26: Fair Days Parade on Main Street, www.choosemonroe.com, 11am

Aug. 26-27: FairFest 3-on-3, 1 Galaxy Way, www.fairfest.org

Aug. 30: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-7pm

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 7: First Thursday – Historic Downtown Monroe, 5-8pm

Sept. 6: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, 3-7pm

Sept. 9: Belonging-Monroe Celebrates Culture, Sky River Park, 12-6pm

Sept. 9-10: R/C Model Boat Racing, Lake Tye

Sept. 10: Rainbow Color Run, Sky River Park

Sept. 13: Farmers Market at Galaxy Theaters, 1 Galaxy Way, 3-7pm

Sept. 15: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser, Monroe Senior Center, www.mcsc.org

Sept. 15-17: Sky Valley Stock & Antique Tractor Show, Evergreen State Fair Park (Yellow Lot)

Sept. 16: SV Mental Health & Awareness Day, Lake Tye Park

Sept. 16-17: Seattle Spartan Trifecta, Meadow Wood Equestrian Center

Sept. 20: Harvest Market: 1 Galaxy Way

Sept. 28: Wiggly Walk at Skykomish River Park, www.choosemonroe.com

Sept. 29-Oct. 1: Western Games "O-MOK-SEE", Evergreen Equestrian Park

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Events

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Sept. 30: Fall Festival Start, Legacy Farm, thelegacyfarm.org

OCTOBER

Oct. 5: First Thursday – Historic Downtown Monroe, 5-8pm

Oct. 14: SRFR Fire Prevention Week Open House, Station 31, 12pm

Oct. 21: Oktoberfest Cosmic Bingo, Monroe Senior Center, 5pm, www.mcsc.org

Oct. 28: Mexican Family Festival (Rodeo) at Evergreen State Fair Park

Oct. 31: Downtown Trick or Treat on Main Street, www.choosemonroe.com, 3-8pm

Oct. 31: Trunk or Treat on Lewis Street

NOVEMBER

Nov. 2: First Thursday – Historic Downtown Monroe, 5-8pm

Nov. 2-3: The Great Junk Hunt, Evergreen State Fair Park

Nov. 4: Holiday Bazaar at Monroe Senior Center, 276 Sky River Parkway, 9am-2pm

Nov. 4: Rotary Club of Monroe Barn Dance at The Lodge at Sonneveldt Vineyards, www.

rotaryofmonroe.org
Nov. 11-12: Oddmall Emporium of the Weird, Evergreen State Park

Nov. 17: Drive-thru Thanksgiving Dinner at Monroe Senior Center, www.mcsc.org, 5pm

Nov. 25: Small Business Saturday in Downtown Monroe, www.choosemonroe.com

Nov. 26: Light Up Monroe at Traveler's Park, choosemonroe.com

DECEMBER

Dec. 1-2: Pickin' at The Barn, 21708 132nd St. SE, 10am-4pm

Dec. 2: Hope for the Holidays, Song River Banquet & Events Center, starsunlimited.team

Dec. 7: First Thursday – Historic Downtown Monroe, 5-8pm

Dec. 9-10: Artisans Holiday Show, Evergreen State Fair Park

Dec. 9-24: Old Country Christmas, Legacy Farms

Dec. 15: Drive-thru Christmas Dinner at Monroe Senior center, www.mcsc.org, 5pm

Dec. 16: Monroe Community Band Concert, Wagner Performing Arts Center, 7pm

Events Subject to change

Welcome to the thrill of the Evergreen Speedway!

High Road Promotions is entering their 13th year of operations of Evergreen Speedway.

Evergreen Speedway has fast become the center of motor-sports in the Pacific Northwest.

As the only NASCAR track in Washington State, it hosts the NASCAR Whelen American Series and the NASCAR K&N Pro Series West. Evergreen Speedway hosts weekly NASCAR, in addition to Drag Racing, Drift, AutoCross, and dozens of non-racing events throughout the year.

Evergreen Drift Pro Am is nationally recognized as #1 in the nation and one of eight tracks in the United States to host Formula Drift.

The entire staff of Evergreen Speedway takes great pride in hosting you, your family and friends!

Evergreen Speedway celebrates their 69th year of operation on the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in 2023.

High Road Promotions operators, Doug and Traci Hobbs, have been recognized by NASCAR for excellence as a Top 10 track in North America multiple years.

The 2023 Evergreen Speedway Fair line-up is maybe the best ever – each night has something for everyone!

For more information please visit www.EvergreenSpeedway.com, or on Facebook at Evergreen Speedway. Office number: 360-805-6117

Schedule

April 29: Super Sprints, Street Stocks, Super Stock Figure 8, Legends, Youth Hornets

April 30, May 14, May



29, June 4, June 18, July 2, July 28, Aug. 20, Sept. 4 and Sept. 17: Auto X - Come Test your car and driving skills on a fun and exciting course!

Open to all Makes and Models of Cars and to all Driver skill levels. Vehicle must meet basic safety requirements. Most street-legal cars in good maintained mechanical condition will be OK. Good condition DOT-approved helmet required. \$75 Entry Fee

May 6: NASCAR Circle Track/Figure 8

May 7: Grassroots Drift Comp #2

May 13: NASCAR/Sprints/Circle Track, Figure 8

May 20: NASCAR Circle Track, Figure 8

May 21: Open Drift

May 27: Big Rig Racing, Circle Track, Figure 8

May 28: Big Rig Racing, Demo Derby, Circle Track, FIREWORKS

June 3: DriftCon Team Tandem, Games, Comp

June 10: NASCAR Circle Track, Figure 8

June 11: Open Drift

June 17: NASCAR Circle Track, Figure 8

June 18: Dream Builder's Car Show, Auto X

June 24: Galloway Shootout Pro Laate Models, Street stocks,

Minis, Super Late Models

June 25: Grassroots Drift Comp #3

July 1: NASCAR Sprints, Circle Track, Figure 8

July 4: USA Birthday Bach, DEMO DERBY, Boats, Buses, Mr. Dizzy Stunts, Youth Hornets and FIREWORKS

July 8: NASCAR Circle Track, Figure 8

July 14: Open Drift

July 15: BECU Figure 8 Nationals, Circle Track

July 16: Bardahl NW Drifting series Competition

July 21: Summer Showdown, SLM PLM Heats, Legends, Street Stocks, Minis

July 22: Summer Showdown, SLM PM, Legends, NW Pro 4 Trucks

July 29: NASCAR Sprints, Circle Track, Figure 8

July 30: Grassroots Drift Competition #4

Aug. 5: War of the Wings Sprints, Circle Track, Figure 8

Aug. 11-12: Formula Drift

Aug. 13: Tandem Mayhem Open Drift

Aug. 19: ARCA 150 5/8 NASCAR Circle Track

Aug. 25: Monster Truck Mayhem, Megasauras, Teedoff, Youth Hornets,

Mini Bump-to-pass, Busses

Aug. 26: Monster Truck Mayhem, Megasauras, Teedoff, Hornets, Dwarfs, Busses

Aug. 27: Monster Truck Mayhem, Megasauras, Teedoff, Dwarfs, Vintage Modifieds, Busses

Sept. 2: Figure 8 Mania, Circle Track

Sept. 3: DEMO DERBY, Circle Track, Busses, FIREWORKS

Sept. 9: NASCAR Circle Track

Sept. 10: Grassroots Drift Cop #5

Sept. 16: NASCAR Circle Track, Sprints, Figure 8

Sept. 23: 90 Minutes of Fear, Circle Track, FIREWORKS

Sept. 24: Open Drift

Sept. 30: Drift Com After Dark, games, Comp

Oct. 1: Open Drift

Oct. 7: Season Ending Road X Extravaganza, Legends, Stingers, Hornets, Youth Hornets, W M R A, Busses, FIREWORKS

Oct. 14: FO Pro Spec, Drift Licensing Comp

Oct. 21: Pumpkin Smash Hornet Enduro

Oct. 28: Halloween Drift

Schedule Subject to Change. Visit www.Evergreenspeedway.com



Jim Scolman photo

The Monroe Historical Society Museum is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from noon to 3 p.m. The Museum is located at 207 E. Main Street and is free to visit, donations requested.

Dream Builders Car Show Sunday, June 18



The 2023 Dream Builders Car Show, benefitting Big Brothers and Sisters of Snohomish County, is open to spectators from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 18, but of course you should arrive early because, well...there's

SO MUCH to do all day long! This summer event is more than just a car show, so strap in and enjoy the ride! So you're at the show, you've seen all of the cars, and your feet are tired. Time to go? NOPE! Take a seat in the

grandstands and watch cars rip around the track in some exciting live racing action! Maybe you'd like to ride along? Yep! You can do that! If you're 21 years or older, you can head to the Speedway Beer Garden for an ice-cold brew to

drink while you walk around the midway and check out the vehicles in the VIP parking area.

Head over to the stage, and soothe your soul with music performed by live bands throughout the day.

Check out Vendors Row, showcasing area businesses and entrepreneurs.

Curious how much power the cars at the show are making? Head over to the Mobile Dyno, where participants will have the opportunity to flex their vehicle's muscle to see who can put down the biggest horsepower number at the show.

There is plenty for the kids to do, including

face painters, a bouncy house, inflatable obstacle course and slides, Kids Car Show, and one of the biggest highlights of the show, the POWER WHEELS DRAGS! Kids will be able to race their own Power Wheels against each other down the Kid Zone Drag Strip.

And - participation for kids is FREE!

Be sure to purchase raffle tickets for the Prize Raffle and 50/50 Raffle.

And just before the award presentation, make your way up to the grandstands to watch motorcycles and cars/trucks battle it out in the Loudest Engine Contest, followed up by the tire-

shredding Burnout Contest!

There will be over 100 awards, with classes for any and every type of vehicle, including multiple classes for various Motorcycles, Exotics, Muscle, Imports, Grocery Getters, Rat Rods, Off-Road, and Semi Trucks...just to name a few. There will even be awards for BOATS!

In just eight years, the Dream Builders Car Show has raised nearly half a million dollars for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Snohomish County.

For more information visit www.dreambuilderscarshow.com

Movies Under the Moon in Monroe

Monroe Parks and Recreation will host four free movie nights at Lake Tye Park this summer.

There will be pre-movie activities for kids at 8 p.m. and movies will begin at dusk (approximately 9

p.m.). Parkside Bites concessions available. Lake Tye Park is located

at 14964 Fryelands Blvd. In Monroe.

August 4: Minions - The Ride of Gru (PG)

In the heart of the 1970s, amidst a flurry of feathered hair and flared jeans, Gru is growing up in the suburbs. A fanboy of a supervillain supergroup known as the Vicious 6, Gru hatches a plan to become evil enough to join them. Luckily, he gets some mayhem-making back-up from his loyal

followers, the Minions. Together, Kevin, Stuart, Bob, and Otto - a new Minion sporting braces and a desperate need to please - deploy their skills as they and Gru build their first lair, experiment with their first weapons, and pull off their first missions. When the Vicious 6 oust their leader, legendary fighter Wild Knuckles, Gru interviews to become their newest member. It doesn't go

well (to say the least), and only gets worse after Gru outsmarts them and suddenly finds himself the mortal enemy of the apex of evil. On the run, Gru will turn to an unlikely source for guidance, Wild Knuckles, and discover that even bad guys need a little help from their friends. — Universal Pictures

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Movies Under the Moon

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The Croods: A New Age

August 11: The Croods - A New Age (PG)

Still searching for a place to settle down after the cataclysmic events of *The Croods* (2013), the overprotective prehistoric patriarch, Grug, leads his family to the great unknown. Hoping for the best in an increasingly dangerous world, while trying to come to terms with Eep and Guy's budding romance, Grug stumbles upon a secluded Eden of plenty, containing everything that they have been seeking. However, there is a catch. This verdant heaven on Earth

is already occupied by the significantly more evolved Bettermans: Phil, Hope, and their daughter, Dawn. Now, as tensions boil over between the antagonistic clans, a new menace threatens the future of both families. Can the Croods and the Bettermans put aside their differences to fight the common enemy, and live to tell the tale?—*Nick Riganas*

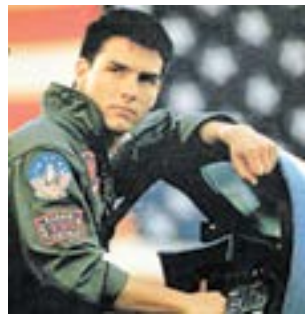
August 18: Top Gun - Maverick (PG-13)

After thirty years, Maverick is still pushing the envelope as a top naval aviator, but must confront ghosts of his past when he leads TOP

GUN's elite graduates on a mission that demands the ultimate sacrifice from those chosen to fly it.

August 25: Black Panther - Wakanda Forever (PG-13)

Queen Ramonda, Shuri, M'Baku, Okoye and the Dora Milaje fight to protect the kingdom of Wakanda from intervening world powers in the wake of King T'Challa's death. As the Wakandans strive to embrace their next chapter, the heroes must band together with the help of War Dog Nakia and Everett Ross and forge a new path for their nation.



Top Gun: Maverick

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1. Dollars you spend locally provide sales tax revenues to support vital community services.
2. A relationship with your local merchant helps them know your preferences and helps them stock what will keep you returning to their business.
3. Local merchants are loyal to their community and donate part of your dollars back to local groups and charities.
4. Your local purchases support business growth, creating a solid local jobs market.
5. When you shop at one local merchant, they in turn support a whole host of other business. Banks, restaurants, and other business cluster around local shops.
6. Local shops are more accessible for everyone, especially for those without transport.
7. You save time and money by shopping locally. You drive less, shopping is centrally located and you'd be surprised how often the retail prices are lower, too.
8. You are doing the environment good by cutting out those long drives to larger cities.
9. Your purchases help to create a vibrant local business community that will attract new entrepreneurs and skilled workers.

Evergreen State Fair Aug. 24-29 and Aug. 31-Sept. 4



The Evergreen State Fair 2023 will be August 24-29 and August 31-September 4 (closing on August 30). Come celebrate 114 years of Fair Fun!

This year's theme is "Little Moments, Big Memories! Making Memories for 114 Years!"

The Evergreen State Fair is a place for community, a place to celebrate traditions, and make

new memories.

At the Evergreen Speedway during the Fair you'll enjoy Monster Trucks, the thrill of the Demo Derby and the Speed of the Race Cars!

Butler Amusement brings delightful fun with the carnival and the midway.

The Fair Food Drive will be Saturday, July 8 from Noon to 5 p.m.. In 2022, the drive-through Food

Drive Event brought in 17,516 pounds of food. Volunteers of America Western Washington and the Snohomish County Food Bank Coalition. Please help beat the record by donating on Saturday, July 8 at the West (Red) Parking Lot at the Fairgrounds, 14405 179th Ave. SE.

For more information visit www.evergreenfair.org or call 360-805-6700.

Monroe is home to many user-friendly parks

The city of Monroe has one of the finest park systems in Snohomish County and has the most acreage of parks and open space of any city in the county. All city parks are open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to dusk.

• **Al Borlin Park (Buck Island): 615 Simons Rd.** ~ Accessible by the foot bridge from Lewis Street Park or by auto via Simons Road. This is a day use facility with great river fishing, sandy beach for swimming and picnicking, and is criss-crossed with a network of wooded trails totaling 1.2 miles and the park itself is 90 acres.



Al Borlin Park park is accessible by this footbridge from Lewis Street Park or by vehicle via Simons Road.



Rainier View Park playground.

• **Blueberry Children's Park: 18399 Blueberry Lane** ~ This is a small park with benches, drinking fountain, picnic tables and playground.

• **Cedar Grove Park: 15554-168th Ave. SE** ~ Amenities include picnic tables, playground and drinking fountain.

• **Currie View Park: 17260-153rd St. SE** ~ The park consists of 4.3 acres with basketball courts, picnic tables, playground and parking lot.

• **Freyland's Neighborhood Park: Van Ave SE & Wales St. SE** ~ This park has basketball courts, picnic

tables and playground.

• **Hillcrest Park (The Farm): 14175 Country Crescent Rd. SE** ~ The park has basketball courts, benches, bike rack, picnic shelter, picnic tables, drinking fountain, playground and a parking lot.

• **Lake Tye Park: 14964 Fryelands Blvd.** ~ Located in west Monroe on 62 acres, of which Lake Tye covers 42 acres. BBQs, baseball, basketball, soccer, tennis, skatepark, swimming, fishing, picnic shelter and tables, playground and concession stand.

• **Lewis Street Park: 561 S. Lewis St.** ~ Located on the east side of Lewis Street just north of the Skykomish River Bridge, amenities include picnic shelter, picnic tables, BBQs, benches, playground, river frontage, benches, restrooms and a parking lot.

• **Monroe Skate Park:** Located at Lake Tye Park, the skate park features six quarterpipes, three wedges, two fun boxes and a host of grinding rails.

• **Park Meadows: 15800 160th Ave. SE**

• **Rainier View Park (Sinclair): 19921 Rainier View Rd. SE** ~ Amenities include picnic tables, BBQs, playground, benches, drinking fountain, bike rack and playground.

• **Ramblewood Tot Lot: 20019 Ramblewood Rd. SE** ~ Amenities include



Jim Scolman photo

Taylor Rooney, an avid fisher, enjoys an evening of fishing on the west bank of Lake Tye.

benches, picnic tables and playground.

• **Rotary Field: 372 Sky River Parkway**

• **Skykomish River Park: 413 Sky River Parkway** ~ Located on the west side of Lewis Street Bridge on the north side of the Skykomish River, this 35-acre park has 4 baseball fields, 3 soccer fields, jogging rails, picnic shelter, picnic

tables, river frontage, playground equipment and a large parking lot. River access for boats and fishing is available at the adjoining Game Dept. boat launch ramp.

• **Stanton Meadows Park: 17701-149th Ave. SE** ~ This 3.5-acre park has a picnic shelter, picnic tables, BBQs, playground and parking lot.

• **Traveler's Park**

(**Veteran's Memorial**): **501 E. Main St.** ~ Located on East Main St. where it intersects with Hwy. 2, nice rest area with picnic tables and drinking fountain.

• **Wales Street Park: Wales and Van Street**

• **Wiggly Field: 413 Sky River Parkway** ~ This is an off-leash dog park with benches and parking lot.

Music in the Parks Summer 2023

July 7: Soul Searching (Elvis Presley and Aretha Franklin tribute)



Soul Searching Band is the ultimate Elvis Presley and Aretha Franklin tribute experience.

All nine members of the band have many years of national and international performing experience. Steve Sogura is the winner of the pro category at the 2018 Elvis festival which was in Penticton, BC.

Steve, Lizzie SunChine and the Soul Searching Band will take you back in time. You will be dancing and singing the songs of the Queen of Soul and the King of Rock & Roll!

Food Trucks: Anthony's Finn, Avery's Chicken & Waffles, and Parkside Bites
Brewery: Crooked Label Brewing Company

July 21: The BrickHouse Band (Fantastic Dance Band!)



DANCE... DANCE... DANCE...!

The BrickHouse Band specializes in providing exceptional, interactive, and just plain FUN entertainment for just about any kind of public or private event needing an energetic live band to get people dancing.

They have arranged hundreds of tunes from different eras so there will be something for EVERYONE!

Food Trucks: Avery's Chicken & Waffles, The Cheese Pit, and Parkside Bites

Brewery: Good Brewing Company

July 14: Stacy Jones Band (High energy Roots, Rock, Blues and Americana)

Stacy Jones, an Award-Winning Seattle singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist along with her Award-winning Band delivers high energy Roots Rock, Blues, and Americana.

Stacy Jones is no stranger to success. She has been nominated, multiple times, for "Best of the Blues" awards in songwriting, performance, harmonica, and guitar. She and the band have won the "Best Band Award," five consecutive years in 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 and 2018 plus over a dozen other "Best of the Blues" awards, from the Washington Blues Society including Best Female Vocalist, Blues harmonica, Blues Songwriter, Blues Drummer and Blues Bass

and the 2018 NW Recording of the Year for her album Love Is Everywhere. 2016 WBS Best of the Blues Awards

winner for Best NW recording / Whiskey Wine and Water, The 2015 IMEA award winner: Best Blue Song "Can't Do Nothin' Right." The quartet of Stacy Jones, guitarist Jeff Mentee, Tom Jones on Bass and Drummer Rick J Bowen have been together since 2008.

Their music has been described as "A Whiskey & Water Baptism that lace Blues and Rock edges." "With her feet firmly planted in roots-based music, Stacy Jones pays homage to the blues but experiments by mixing in some mild-Americana and subtle country licks."



July 28: Hair Nation (Best of 80's Rock)

Hair Nation is the Northwest's premier 80's Rock party band, recreating the experience of the mid-80's rock and roll scene with authentic 80's era outfits.

The band loves to pay homage to what the '80's rock scene was all about — the PARTY!

The sights and sounds of Van Halen, Motley Crue, Bon Jovi, Def Leppard, AC/DC, Twisted Sister, Whitesnake, Gun N' Roses, and more!

Hair Nation has traveled far and wide, playing exclusive dates on the east coast, up and down the west coast, at the Hard Rock Hotel Lake Tahoe, and House of Blues Las Vegas. Hair Nation's high energy show is designed to entertain and get the audience rockin'!

Food Trucks: Avery's Chicken & Waffles, Seoul Bowl, and Parkside Bites

Brewery: Dreadnough Brewing Company



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