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5 places to go: Summer activities for seniors

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1. Warbird Weekend, June 5-6

Celebrate the 70th anniversary of the dedication of Bellingham International Airport during Warbird Weekend, and honor the 66th anniversary of D-Day, both hosted by the Heritage Flight Museum. The weekend will be packed with post-World War II events that showcase military, civilian and commercial aircraft of the time.

A "Greatest Generation" dinner-dance from 5:30 to 9 p.m. June 5 features live big-band music. Admission is \$45 per person, \$80 per couple, with proceeds supporting the museum.

You can take a close look at historic aircraft from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 6, with flights from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Suggested donation: \$5. The museum is just south of the airport, at 4165 Mitchell Way. Details: 733-4422 and heritageflight.org.

2. Imagine This! Home & Landscape Tour, June 26-27

Want some eco-friendly home and landscaping ideas? The eighth annual Home & Landscape tour features the best in sustainable products and designs, hosted by Sustainable Connections. You can tour local homes and gardens from 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. both days.

For details and a map, call 647-7093 or see sustainableConnections.org.

3. Larry Gatlin & the Gatlin Brothers, July 10

Country stars Larry Gatlin & The Gatlin Brothers perform from their cavalcade of hits and from their latest best-selling album, "The Pilgrimage," at 8 p.m. at the Silver Reef Casino and Resort's pavilion, 4876 Haxton Way, near Ferndale. Their hits include "Take Me to Your Lovin' Place," "Sure Feels Like Love" and "All the Gold in California." Tickets, \$39.50, are available at 384-7077 and silverreefcasino.com.

4. Northwest Raspberry Festival, July 16-17

Raspberry sundaes, an open-air street market, a classic car and truck show, live music, and tours of local raspberry fields are some of family-friendly activities during the annual event that celebrates one of Whatcom County's most bountiful crops.

Most events are free. For a full schedule, call Lynden Chamber of Commerce, 354-5995, or see lynden.org.

5. Old Settlers Picnic, July 22-25

Now in its 115th year, the annual Ferndale event is much more than a picnic; it's a three-day festival that's unique to Whatcom County, with tours of historic cabins at Pioneer Park, a talent show, carnival rides, an arts show, a kids' parade, a grand parade and a variety of family-friendly, old-fashioned entertainment.

For more information, call 384-4891 or see whatcomoldsettlers.com.

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