



WSU EXTENSION NEWS

Stevens County Newsletter

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New Faces in the Office (and one less)

WSU Stevens County Extension office announces two new staff members: [Linda Teller](#) is the new Master Gardener Coordinator (and Office Manager) and [Kathryn Hoogheem](#) is the new Agriculture Educator. We're excited to have them on board.

Sean Alexander, Forestry coordinator, has moved on to new adventures. [Andy Perleberg](#), 509-630-4217, WSU Extension Forester, will be available to answer questions until the regional forestry specialist is refilled.

Debra Hansen, County Director

Master Gardener News

New Master Gardener Coordinator, [Linda Teller](#), earned her Bachelor's in Botany from University of Michigan and moved to Washington in 1987. After a diversion into the computer industry for 20+ years in the Seattle area, she yearned to return to smalltown life, and bought a farm in Kettle Falls, became a Master Gardener, and feels like she has come full circle. "You can take the girl out of the country but can't take the country out of the girl."



Become a Master Gardener!

With a new Coordinator, WSU Extension can now offer **Master Gardener Basic Training** again! Call the office at 684-2588 or visit the [website](#) to complete and submit your application by Sep 22nd.

FREE Event! - Community Garden Plant Exchange

Colville Community Garden
170 B Hwy 20, Colville



9a-12p - Plant Exchange
(bringing plants to exchange is *not required*)

Classes offered

10:00a – Dividing Perennials & Tubers,
Winterizing the garden, Planting Bulbs & Tubers

11:00a – Seed-Saving



Agriculture News

Kathryn is the new WSU Agriculture Extension Educator for Stevens County. She started in June 2022 with a mission to support producers small and large alike, with practical and research-based information in Stevens County. Prior to taking this job Kathryn worked for Farm Service Agency (USDA-FSA), working with farmers all over Eastern Washington as a Farm Loan Officer. She earned her BS in Integrated Plant Science with a double major in Field Crop Management and Landscape, Greenhouse and Nursery Management from WSU. [Kathryn](#) is looking forward to using her education and work experience to bring programming and support to the farmers of Stevens County.

[Farmer Assistance Request Form](#)

Agriculture Events

INTRODUCING the [Vetter Farm](#): Demonstration, Research, and Community Facility in Clayton Valley

Fall Farm and Forest Field day

Hands-On Demos and Presentations Include:

Field Track--

- Pasture Evaluation
- Backpack Sprayer Calibration
- Managing Weeds with Rotational Grazing and Soil Health
- Sustainable Management Solutions
- Plant, Forage, and Field Grass ID Walk
- Soil Pit Analysis
- Agroforestry

Forest Track--

- Successful Reforestation
- Thinning Your Forest
- Managing Timber Sales
- Forest Health

For more info call 509-684-7579 or email

sccd@stevenscountywa.gov

at the Vetter Farm

September 17th, 9 AM-2 PM

5281 Hattery-Owens Rd. Deer Park, WA

Tickets are \$22

Lunch Provided

Under 16 Free

3 Pesticide credits available!



<https://tinyurl.com/Farm-Forest-FieldDay22>



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- Scholarships are available for Military Veterans and anyone for whom the course fee is a barrier
- This course will be offered with Spanish language interpretation and facilitation

If internet connection is an issue please reach out to Stevens County Extension in Colville. Onsite streaming of classes can be an option!



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4-H Happenings



Happy New Year! The new 4-H year starts October 1, and now is a great time to get involved in 4-H. 4-H is the nation's largest youth development organization. We reach out to kids, ages 5-18, and their families to build skills for real life. 4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults. There are many different project areas for members to participate in. To learn more, join 4-H as a youth member or volunteer as an adult leader in your community contact Shannon Rowley at 684-2588 or sgordon@wsu.edu.

Broadband Action Team

We continue to meet and discuss the ways to increase broadband access in Stevens County. Right now we have 2-3 projects in various stages and are eagerly waiting for Washington State and Federal grants to be announced. We have also applied for digital navigator grants to help people with their internet questions. Contact Debra Hansen for any questions.

