



WSU EXTENSION NEWS

Stevens County Newsletter

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NEW: Part-Time Work Available!

We have exciting news about one of our Broadband Action Team partners, the **Libraries of Stevens County**! They received a grant from the Washington State Broadband Office to **hire and support “Digital Navigators”** in our county! These are paid, part-time positions with flexible hours, and it’s very rewarding work!

WSU Extension was instrumental in preparing the grant! For details, see the Broadband Action Team section below.

Debra Hansen, County Director

Master Gardener News

The **Fall Plant Exchange** was a resounding success (only a few plants left over from the multitudes that were brought!). Several gardeners from the community showed up, with or without plants to exchange. Two classes were offered: “Dividing Perennials” by Kathy Brogan, and “Seed Saving” by Mary Sety. All attendees went away with gardening knowledge and arms full of plants (in one case a wheelbarrow-full!).



New Master Gardener Basic Training class starting soon! For information about the Stevens County Master Gardener program, visit our website: [Master Gardeners | Stevens County](#) or contact Linda Teller at 509-684-2588, linda.teller@wsu.edu

COMING SOON: A Master Gardener Webinar series!

Agriculture News

Another great event at **Vetter Farm**—Demonstration, Research, and Community Facility in Clayton Valley



FREE EVENT
Rain or Shine
RSVP Required

TRACTOR AND CHAINSAW OPERATION AND SAFETY TRAINING

NOVEMBER 5TH 2022
9am-12pm
5281 Hattery-Owens Rd
Deer Park, WA

at the Vetter Farm

HANDS ON LEARNING

Tractors

Learn tractor operation basics and get the chance to drive a tractor. Both tractors on site are equipped with instructor jump seats, so a seasoned farmer will be there to oversee the participant.

- Two 90HP tractors on site
- Drive a tractor pulling a harrow with an instructor by your side.
- Learn forklift operations
- Backhoe demonstration
- Tractor trailering and loading/unloading
- Tractor PTO and loader safety

Chainsaws

A hands-on workshop to help you learn to maintain and operate your chainsaw safely

- Basic chainsaw safety
- Safety gear and equipment
- How to sharpen and maintain your saw



Andy Perleberg: WSU Regional Extension Specialist-Forestry



Gerry and LaCinda of Stellar Meadow Farms: Deer Park Home Link, Veteran, Member of Vets on the Farm, and Veteran Farmers Coalition

Participants must sign a waiver on the day of the event at registration
Minors must be accompanied by parents

Registration limited to 50 participants.
Call the Conservation District at 509-684-7579 to RSVP

For more information about Agriculture programs offered by WSU Extension in Stevens County, please visit our website: [Agriculture | Stevens County](#) , or contact Kathryn Hoogheem at 509-684-2588, Kathryn.hoogheem@wsu.edu

Farmer Assistance Request Form

4-H Happenings



The new 4-H year started October 1 and **now** is the time for current leaders and members to re-enroll and avoid a late fee. If you are interested in joining 4-H contact Shannon at 684-2588 or sgordon@wsu.edu to learn about options in your community. 4-H membership is open to youth ages 5-18. 4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults all while learning valuable life skills. Visit [4-H Youth Development Program | Washington State University \(wsu.edu\)](#) to learn more about 4-H.

Broadband Action Team



Exciting news! From one of our Broadband Action Team (BAT) partners - the **Libraries of Stevens County** received a grant from the Washington State Broadband Office to **hire and support Digital Navigators** in our county! They are just signing the contract and setting up the team—if you have the skills and desire to help people get online and help solve digital questions or know someone who might, contact me, Debra Hansen, and I’ll get you connected. These are paid, part-time positions with flexible hours. And it’s very rewarding work! WSU Stevens County Extension was instrumental in preparing the grant and linking community partners to the project.

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