



# WSU EXTENSION NEWS

## Stevens County Newsletter

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## Master Gardener News

### DID YOU KNOW?



The ideal soil is half solid (minerals & organic matter) and half pore space. Hard, compacted soil loses pore space due to compression. Plant roots need oxygen, water and space to grow.



### Upcoming Master Gardener Events

**Feb 15-18** — MG (State) Booth at NW Flower & Garden Show in Seattle**Feb 28** — MG Basic Training Class of 2022/2023 graduates & gets certification**Mar 17/18** — MG Answer Booth at Colville Home and Garden Show**Mar 25** — MG Answer Booth at Chewelah Home and Garden Show**Mar 30/Apr 1** — MG Answer Table at Stevens County Conservation District Tree Sale

For information about our Master Gardener program, visit our website:

[Master Gardeners | Stevens County](#)or contact [Linda Teller](#), 509-684-2588

## Agriculture News

February for many of our cattle producers means spring calving is starting or is rapidly approaching. Please keep the men and women out there in your thoughts as they spend countless days and nights checking and attending cows and calves. Thank a farmer for that great steak on your table!

### Reminder! Soil Health Stewards Annual Meeting this Friday, 9a-3p!



Soil Health Stewards Annual Meeting  
**FEB. 10TH 9 AM - 3 PM**

At the Fire Station  
315 E. Crawford  
Deer Park

Join the Conversation on Cover Crops and Grazing Management

Get Tickets at [tinyurl.com/SHSmeeting23](https://tinyurl.com/SHSmeeting23)

For More Info (509) 684-7579 [sccd@stevenscountywa.gov](mailto:sccd@stevenscountywa.gov)



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### Did you know?

...that a beautiful working farm in Stevens County was donated to WSU in 2020?



In 2020 Connie (Klingenberg) Vetter gifted the 158-acre property to Washington State University with the vision of providing a space for applied research and demonstration for the betterment of northeast Washington's family forest, farm, and ranch owners. This southern Stevens County property was homesteaded by Martin W. Lee in the 1890s and purchased by the Klingenberg family in the 1940s. The property consists of a farmstead, about 40 acres of forest land, 100 acres of farmable ground, creek, and wildlife habitat. Gus and Mary Klingenberg, Connie Vetter's grandparents, passed the farm down to her in 2005.

Next month read about the Vetter Farm management partnership between Stevens County Extension, and Stevens County Conservation District.

For more information about Agriculture programs offered by WSU Extension in Stevens County, please visit our website: [Agriculture | Stevens County](#), email: [Kathryn.Hoogheem](mailto:Kathryn.Hoogheem) or call 509-684-2588

[Farmer Assistance Request Form](#)

## 4-H Happenings

### 4-H Winter Fun Day

It's fun. It's educational. It's the place to be!!! 4-H youth are invited to the first ever 4-H Winter Fun Day on Saturday, February 18 from 1-4 pm at the Stevens County Conservation District office (232 Williams Lake Road in Colville). Rotate through mini-sessions on public presentations, record books, and educational posters. It's your chance to get all your questions answered. There will also be movies, snacks, and games. If you ordered trees for the Big Tree Contest you can pick them up that day.

### Dog Daze

Here's a great winter activity for you and your dog! Dog Daze is set for **February 19** at the Ag Trade Center on the NE WA Fairgrounds in Colville from 12-4 pm. From 12-2 pm you and your dog can try "Fast Cat"—an AKC timed 100 yard dash allowing dogs try the lure chase. Tricks for Dogs Testing will be held from 2-4 pm. Visit the AKC website for info on these two events. From 3-4 pm low impact, basic agility equipment will be set up to practice on. Youth, adults, and dogs welcome! Contact Jody Hoffman for more information at 680-0968. This event is not sponsored by WSU or 4-H.

For information about our 4-H program, visit our website:

[4-H Youth | Stevens County](#)or contact [Shannon Rowley](#),

509-684-2588

## Forestry News

### Forest Owners Winter School

**SCC- Colville Campus****Saturday, February 25, 2023, 9a-4p (doors open 8:30a)**

Topics: Attracting songbirds; Chainsaw safety & maintenance; Common noxious weeds and their control; Forest health; Forest soils; Forest wildlife and their habitat; Forest habitat enhancements; Forestry taxation: timber excise tax, current use forest land taxes; Forestland security and safety; Hand tools and what's in a forester's vest; Intro to Silviculture: growing and tending trees; successful reforestation; Is a portable sawmill for you; Landowner assistance programs (technical & financial assistance); Managing for big game; Native American Uses of the Land; Prescribed Fire; Protecting your home & forest from fire; Technology for your forest; Tree and shrub ID; Using special forest products; Working with consulting foresters, realities of selling timber, & forest management plans

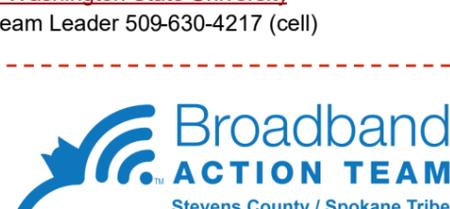


For information about our Forestry program, visit our website:

[Extension Forestry, Eastern Washington | Washington State University](#)

or contact Andy Perleberg, Eastern WA Team Leader 509-630-4217 (cell)

## Broadband Action Team



The Libraries of Stevens County has hired a Digital Navigator Program Manager, **Cody Ackerson**, and he's looking to hire members of his team! If you have the skills and desire to help people get online and help solve digital question or know someone who might, contact Cody at: [cwackerson@gmail.com](mailto:cwackerson@gmail.com) and he'll give you all the details. These are paid, part-time positions, with flexible hours. WSU Stevens County Extension will continue working with all community partners to build digital skills. Debra Hansen, (509) 684-2588 or [debra.hansen@wsu.edu](mailto:debra.hansen@wsu.edu).

