



WSU EXTENSION NEWS

Stevens County Newsletter

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Office closed Mon, Jan 23rd, until 2pm

The WSU Extension office will be closed until 2pm on Monday, January 23, so that our staff can attend CPR and first aid training.

Many thanks to the Stevens County Sheriffs Ambulance crew for offering this excellent and comprehensive training!

Debra Hansen, County Director

Master Gardener News



DID YOU KNOW?

January is:

- * National "Staying Healthy" Month
- * National "Mail Order Garden" Month
- * National "Soup" Month

Click each picture below to learn more about each topic!

STEPS TO SAFE AND HEALTHY FRUITS & VEGETABLES

From the Store to Your Table

Fruits and vegetables are healthy to eat. But did you know that harmful germs, like *Salmonella*, *E. coli*, and *Listeria*, can sometimes be on fruits and vegetables? There are steps that can help keep you healthy—and your fruits and vegetables safer to eat—from the store to your table.

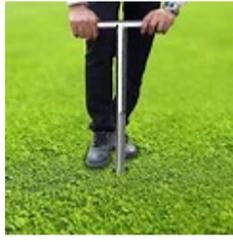


For information about our Master Gardener program, visit our website:

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

Agriculture News

Did you know we have a Lending Library?



Stevens County Extension office has soil probes (2) for soil sampling, hay corer (2) for hay, silage, and forage testing, and an extensive library of books pertaining to agriculture and horticulture. Stop by and check something out, Monday -Thursday 8:00-4:00pm.



Join in the conversation on Cover Crops and Grazing Management for the Soil Health Stewards Annual Meeting!

SOIL HEALTH STEWARDS ANNUAL MEETING

Feb 10, 2023 / 9AM to 3PM

Join the Conversation on Cover Crops and Grazing Management!

Meeting will be held at the Deer Park Fire Hall
315 E. Crawford
Deer Park, WA 99006



Contact us for More information!
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Join us in welcoming Keith Berns from Green Cover Seed, as he shares the benefits of cover crops through research, education, and product development. We'll also have Chris Schachtschneider bringing innovative information about grazing management for soil health.



Keynote Speaker Keith Berns

Other presenters include soil test analysis with the Washington Soil Health Initiative Team!

Tickets include lunch and refreshments. Sign up today and reserve your spot. We'll have great booths from WSU Extension, Vets on the Farm, and more!

Don't miss out!

- Lunch included
- Door Prizes!
- Q&A Session
- Great Booths and Part

Tickets at tinyurl.com/SHSmeeting23

This event will include a free raffle for participants to win several acres of cover crop seed, trees to plant, or a pollinator habitat project with technical support from the Conservation District. Sign up today for your chance to win!

A Big Thanks to our Partners and Donors!



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



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

[4-H Youth | Stevens County](#)

or contact [Shannon Rowley](#), 509-684-2588

4-H Enrollment Deadline

4-H enrollment is required yearly and it's time again for members and leaders to re-enroll for the 2023 4-H year. Enrollments can be completed online at <https://v2.4honline.com>.

Enrollments completed after January 31 will incur a \$10 late fee. If you are interested in joining 4-H or learning more about 4-H contact the Extension office for information

Forestry News

Forest Owners Winter School

SCC- Colville Campus

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

Topics: Attracting songbirds; Chainsaw safety and maintenance; Common noxious weeds & their control; Forest health; Forest soils; Forest wildlife & their habitat; Forest forest enhancements; Forestry 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 and 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)

