

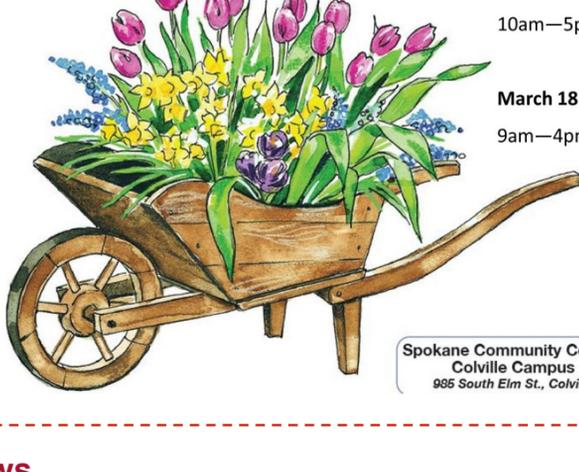
# WSU EXTENSION NEWS

## Stevens County Newsletter

### Colville Home & Garden Show this weekend!

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**March 17**  
10am—5pm

**March 18**  
9am—4pm

Spokane Community College  
Colville Campus  
985 South Elm St., Colville

## Master Gardener News

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Stevens County has SIX new Extension Master Gardener interns who are excited to fulfill their volunteer hours to earn their certification status!

**WELCOME TO THE TEAM!**



### Upcoming Master Gardener Events

- 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 Co. Conservation District Tree Sale



Plant Clinics are a great chance to get your gardening questions answered! Bring in samples to drop off between clinic hours, and a Master Gardener will research your problem and get back to you with an answer. Samples of insects, weeds, and problem plants welcome (please seal them in a see-through plastic or glass container!).

**First Clinic—April 3, 9:00-11:00am (Runs weekly through September)**

Email photos or questions to: [extensionstevens@wsu.edu](mailto:extensionstevens@wsu.edu)

The Master Gardener program needs your support! Click the CougsGive logo to go directly to our current campaign for creating an Endowed Chair Faculty Position at WSU! Thanks! >>>>



For information about our Master Gardener program:

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

## Agriculture News



### Vetter Farm-Management Partnerships

Stevens County Conservation District (SCCD), Washington State University, and WSU Stevens County Extension developed a partnership to collaborate with the local community to establish a working-lands research, education, and community facility. The goal is to demonstrate and research the area's relevant agricultural and forest management practices and techniques. Research and demonstrations include but are not limited to soil health, regenerative agriculture, forest health and resilience, agroforestry, cover cropping, integration of livestock in crops and forests, and reducing the need for pesticides and commercial fertilizers. These projects will help promote small-scale sustainable agriculture to improve current crops' yields and create trials for potential new crops for the local climate and soils.



Feeling Stressed? Need to release tension constructively? We have farm stress squeezies to help you! Plus First Aid Kits to keep on hand in truck or tractor.

[www.farmstress.us](http://www.farmstress.us)  
Farm Aid Resource Line:  
1-800-FARM-AID (327-6243)

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



### Youth Homesteading Day

Sponsored by Stevens County 4-H

Save the Date! We are hosting a Youth Homesteading Day on **Saturday, April 29**. It is free to attend with lunch provided. It will be geared to youth in grades 3-12. Participants will rotate thru sessions on various topics including: bird/bat houses, seed planting, dog agility, wool and spinning, beekeeping, horse shoeing; Columbia Creamery, meats, lavender, Animal Sanctuary, and more. Watch for details in next month's newsletter.

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

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

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

## Forestry News

**Loggers Workshop**  
**NE WA Fairgrounds Ag & Trade Center**  
**March 27—8am-4:30pm**

Loggers play a vital role in the health and wellbeing of forests and timber communities, and require special knowledge and skills to provide and protect wood, wildlife, water, and recreational opportunities. The annual Loggers Workshop provides an educational opportunity to interact with other forestry professionals and industry leaders to discuss topics of emerging significance, so that forests continue to be a source of goods and benefits to the owner and to society.

### Course Information

**Date:** Monday, March 27, 2023  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m.— 4:30 p.m.  
**Where:** NEWA Fairgrounds Ag & Trade Center  
317 West Astor Ave.  
Colville, WA 99114

**Cost:** \$20 per person (includes 1 lunch)  
✓ Check-in opens at 7:15 a.m.  
✓ Programs begin at 8 a.m. & end at 4:30 p.m.  
✓ Morning and afternoon breaks and a catered lunch are included.

### Agenda

- 8:00—8:15 WSU Extension Forestry Update
- 8:15—8:45 Sustainable Forestry Initiative
- 8:45—9:45 Public Lands Update
- 9:45—10:00 BREAK
- 10:00—11:00 Stihl Innovations
- 11:00—11:45 Stream Ford Standards
- 11:45—12:45 LUNCH (provided), Speakers
- 12:45—2:45 Forest Management Projects
- 2:45—3:00 BREAK
- 3:00—4:00 Post-sale Considerations
- 4:00—4:30 University of Idaho 2 Year Forest Operations and Technology Degree



**Registration Questions?**  
Contact/Email [Linda Teller](#), 509-684-2588

**Program Questions?**  
Contact/Email [Andy Perleberg](#), 509-630-4217

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 have hired Digital Navigators to help people get online and help solve digital questions, If you are interested in becoming a Digital Navigator, contact Cody at: [cwackerson@gmail.com](mailto:cwackerson@gmail.com). 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).