



# WSU EXTENSION NEWS

Stevens County Newsletter

## Plantin' Time + Workshops!!!

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## 4-H Happenings

**Cancelled - 4-H Fishing Day**

Unfortunately we've had to cancel the Fishing Day set for June 10 due to unforeseen circumstances at the venue. We are hoping to reschedule for later in the summer, but if not we will see you next year at this event.

**At Home Garden Activities for the Kids**

Test out hydroponics, grow your own herb garden, or make your own bird feeder... these are just some of the fun garden activities you will find here: [4H-At-Home-USDA-Texas.pdf \(4-h.org\)](#)

For information about our 4-H program, visit our website: [4-H Youth | Stevens County](#) or contact [Shannon Rowley](#), 509-684-2588

## Agriculture News

# FREE SOIL HEALTH FIELD DAY

## 10:30am-12:30pm | June 10th

681 Highland Loop Rd. Kettle Falls, 99141

If you want to learn techniques for answering these questions for yourself **THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR YOU!**

Free/No Cost  
Please RSVP



**Presenter: Craig Madsen**

- Over 30 years' experience in ecosystem and range management
- History working with private landowners, colleges, cities, counties and federal agencies throughout Washington, as northwest Oregon and northern Idaho
- Certified Educator in Holistic Management
- Regenerative agriculture and soil health as the basis of healthy ecosystems
- How to put in a baseline monitoring transect
- How management is affecting the soil biome and the ecosystem processes on your property
- How to monitor change over time
- How to use specific tools to monitor different soil health markers



When is the last time you dug a hole to evaluate your soil?

What is the impact of your management on the soil?



How much of the soil profile are the roots of your plants reaching?

How does soil health impact your profitability?



How well is your soil working for you?

Sustainable Farms and Fields

SOIL HEALTH CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Stevens County Conservation District

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**Hay season 2023 is just beginning!** The extension office has hay corers for hay sampling, and a moisture meter available for check out. Free of charge!

Safety should be a priority for your farm and family. See the link below for safety tips for a successful and safe hay season.

[Farm Safety: Safety Considerations for Hay Season – Livestock and Forages \(clemson.edu\)](#)



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](#)

## Forestry News

### Establishing/Managing Demonstration Farms & Forests

Tour 3 locations, discuss for research and community/student engagement, discuss management systems. [Details...](#)

WHEN: Friday, June 16th—8am-5pm

WHERE: Northern Quest Fire Dist Sta 10-1 (929 S Garfield Rd)

COST: \$100 per person/family/ownership (includes lunch)

### Ties To The Land—Succession & Estate Planning

Learn about the legal and financial aspects of transferring property from one generation to the next, includes workbook and companion video & reference collection. [Details...](#)

WHEN: Saturday, June 17th—8:30am-4:30pm

WHERE: Spokane Fire Dist Sta 10-1 (929 S Garfield Rd)

COST: \$100 per person/family/ownership (includes lunch)

~~ \$150 for both events above ~~

### Forest & Rangeland Owners Field Day

Hosted by Kalispel Tribe, this "Out-in-the-woods" educational event packed with practical "how-to" info. [Details...](#)

WHEN: Saturday, June 24th—8:00am-4:30pm

WHERE: [Indian Creek Community Forest](#)

2050 Indian Creek Rd, Newport, WA

COST: (see event [flyer...](#))



For information about our Forestry program, visit:

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

or contact Andy Perleberg, Eastern WA Team Leader

509-630-4217 (cell)

To register, contact WSU Extension: 509-667-6540, [gormley@wsu.edu](mailto:gormley@wsu.edu); For program details, contact Andy Perleberg, 509-630-4217, [andyp@wsu.edu](mailto:andyp@wsu.edu)

## Master Gardener News

### ASK A MASTER GARDENER!

**Mondays, 9-11am** — Answer/Plant Clinic @ WSU Extension office (closed June 19th)

NOTE: Submissions will only be researched during Plant Clinic hours.

\* **WALK-IN** (986 S Main St, Suite D, Colville): bring us a sample! PLEASE SEAL it in a see-through plastic container, like a Ziploc or a jar with a lid

\* **CALL** 509-684-2588 (ask for Plant Clinic—only on Mondays, 9-11am)

\* **EMAIL** photos or questions with Subject Line "Plant Clinic" to: [extensionstevens@wsu.edu](mailto:extensionstevens@wsu.edu)

**Saturday, June 10th** — Booth at Colville Farmers Market, 9am-1pm

**Friday, June 23rd** — Booth at Chewelah Farmers Market, 11am-3:30pm



For information about our Master Gardener program:

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



Stevens County and the Spokane Tribe are quickly approaching the finish line for completing the Broadband and Digital Equity Action Plans, due on June 14.

These plans are designed to provide a foundation to support future community planning and implementation efforts and will position us to apply for funding opportunities. This is the next significant step toward the Washington State Broadband Office's goal to have high-speed internet access available to every Washington resident, business, and institution.

Thanks to the Broadband Action team, and everyone else who answered our calls for information about your internet connections and digital literacy efforts. The plans we submit will continue to evolve and be very useful in our efforts to increase access to broadband.

Any questions about Broadband Access should be directed to: Debra Hansen, (509) 684-2588 or [debra.hansen@wsu.edu](mailto:debra.hansen@wsu.edu).



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