WSU EXTENSION NEWS

Stevens County Newsletter

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Master Gardener News

NEW!! Class Offerings at Libraries of Stevens County

Too Good to Waste: Composting 101

with WSU Master Gardener Kathy Hansen

LIBRARIES STEVENS COUNTY

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Build healthier soil, prevent soil erosion, and improve plant growth in your garden and yard with composting! Learn the whys and hows of composting at this informational program with a WSU Master Gardener.

Tues, Oct 17 - Lakeside Library - 11AM
Wed, Oct 18 - Kettle Falls Public Library - 11AM
Tues, Oct 24 - Loon Lake Library - 11AM
Wed, Oct 25 - Colville Public Library - 11AM
Thurs, Oct 26 - Chewelah Public Library - 11AM
Fri, Oct 27 - Hunters Public Library - 11AM
Tues, Oct 31 - Northport Comm Library - 11AM

Pressure Canner Lid/Gauge Testing!

Canner gauges wear out over time and *can cause a safety hazard* if they aren't registering the correct pressure! Gauges should be checked annually.

* Bring **your lid** to our office during business hours.
* Call 509-684-2588 first to see if Linda (certified tester) is there!

For information about our Master Gardener program, visit our website:
Master Gardeners | Stevens County or contact Linda Teller, 509-684-2588

Agriculture News

The Stevens County Conservation District and Stevens County WSU Extension are in the process of developing a couple of upcoming grants and events with a livestock focus and want to get the insight and opinions of the area producers as to the important things to focus on. If you have a few minutes (it's short!) please fill out the following survey:
https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/d6bc1645d6f6428eae561af52723b3fb

We will use this information to focus our grant proposals and event content on what the regional needs are. Please feel free to send this survey out to anyone who might be interested!

Upcoming Events at the **Vetter Demonstration Farm**!

• Oct. 21st: **Tractor and Chainsaw Training**- Learn to drive a tractor and run a chainsaw SAFELY

FREE EVENT
Rain or Shine
RSVP Required

TRACTOR AND CHAINSAW OPERATION AND SAFETY TRAINING

October 21, 2023
9am-12pm
5281 Hattery-Owens Rd
Deer Park, WA

at the Vetter Farm
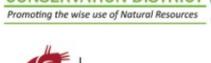
HANDS ON LEARNING

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

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Andy Perlieberg, 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, email: Kathryn Hoogheem or call 509-684-2588

Farmer Assistance Request Form

4-H Happenings

I ♥ 4-H

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 509-684-2588 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.

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

Broadband Action Team

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ACTION TEAM
Stevens County / Spokane Tribe

Broadband Action Team is taking action on state plans

The Washington State Broadband Office has drafted up two plans that are necessary for us to be eligible for broadband funds next year. We worked as a group to bend in our portion and now have the opportunity to review and comment. You are welcome to join our meetings, or add your comments to either plan yourself. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 1:00, please email debra.hansen@wsu.edu if you are interested in attending.

#1: The BEAD 5-year Action Plan: public comment period is open until **October 15**. Comments can be submitted via email to: InternetforAll@Commerce.wa.gov.

#2: The Draft Digital Equity Plan: public comment period is open until **October 30**. Feedback and comments can be submitted through the public portal: Washington Digital Equity Plan Public Comment (guidehouse.com) or via email at: InternetforAll@Commerce.wa.gov .

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