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## Stevens County Newsletter

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# AGRICULTURE NEWS

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**WSDA REGIONAL MARKETS PROGRAM**  
Traveling Office Hours and Farm to School Networking

**STEVENS COUNTY  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
FORESTRY AND LIVESTOCK  
EVENT 2024**

Feb 10, 2024 9AM to 3:30 PM

Join the conversation on family forestry and livestock nutrition!

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



Contact us for more information!  
SCCD@stevenscd.org  
(509)-684-7579

This year's event will focus on feed and nutrition, home Hazard Ignition Zone planning, grazing for weed control and fire mitigation, post-logging/post-fire weed control, burning regulations, and family forest issues and opportunities. Event presenters include speakers from the Department of Natural Resources, Wild Goat Forestry and Consulting, and WSU Extension.

Please reach out to the district if you're interested in vending or in being on the mailing list for future events.



- 2 Pesticide Credits
- 5.5 Logger Credits
- Lunch Provided
- Door Prizes
- Great Vendor Booths!



Staff from the WSDA Regional Markets Program are coming to your region!

## WSDA Office Hours Feb 14, 2024, Colville

10AM - 12PM

- Learn about our grants, technical assistance, marketing support, and regulatory guidance
- Ask questions and get personalized advice
- Hear from other service providers in your area
- Stay for a facilitated Farm to School Networking Session with potential buyers

**Register [HERE](#)**

## Forestry & Livestock Event - Feb 10, 2024

9AM - 3:30PM  
DEER PARK FIRE HALL  
315 E. CRAWFORD  
DEER PARK, WA 99006

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**Tickets \$20**

**Get [Tickets](#)**

## Contact

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

[Farmer Assistance  
Request Form](#)

## NE WA Fair Exhibitors Help Requested at Cattleman's Banquet

FEBRUARY 10

Did you sell an animal at the Fat Stock Sale during the NE WA Fair? If so, then it is time to give back and say thank you to the buyers by helping out at the annual Stevens County Cattleman's Banquet. The Stevens County Cattlemen organize the Fat Stock Sale each year supporting our youth. Youth that are 14 and older are needed help with serving, flag salutes, other tasks during the dinner and clean up. The dinner is February 10 at the Community College in Colville. Youth should be there by 4:30 pm. Dinner will be provided. Please wear black bottoms with a white top or nice western dress shirt. To sign up to help or if you have questions please call or text Josie Cox at (509) 675-1193. Also if kids need volunteer forms signed you can bring the paperwork with you and we will sign off at the end of the night.



## 4-H Enrollment Deadline

4-H enrollment is required yearly and it's time again for members to re-enroll for the 2024 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 our office.

## Contact

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

[4-H Youth | Stevens County](#)  
or contact [Shannon Rowley](#),  
509-684-2588

# MASTER GARDENER NEWS

## Master Gardener Basic Training



### <- MG Students learning Plant Identification

With 12 RETURNING certified Master Gardeners and 8 NEW students graduating in March, we have almost **doubled** our numbers and have planned an **ambitious schedule** to serve Stevens County in 2024! Stay tuned for more news, events, and opportunities...

## Upcoming Events

### INFORMATION BOOTHS

- MAR 15/16** - Colville Home & Garden Show
- MAR 23** - Chewelah Home & Garden Show
- MAR 29/30** - Conservation District Tree Sale
- APR 1** - Answer/Plant Clinic opens!
- MAY 4** - SPRING PLANT EXCHANGE

## Free Resources



MG FACEBOOK PAGE



THE EVERGREEN THUMB PODCAST

## Plant Clinic - 2 days/wk!

Mondays, 9-11am ~ Thursdays, 1-3pm

Click Image below for details:

WSU MASTER GARDENER ANSWER AND PLANT CLINIC

Mondays ~ 9-11 am  
Thursdays ~ 1-3 pm  
986 S. Main, Colville

Master Gardeners are WSU trained volunteers who can help with:

- ✓ plant identification
- ✓ insect and disease identification
- ✓ general garden help and questions

#### To use the Plant Clinic for your questions

- Bring in a sample anytime in sealed see-thru plastic (Ziploc, jar with lid), and it will be looked at on Monday or Thursday during clinic hours
- Call during Plant Clinic hours: Mondays, 9-11 am or Thursdays 1-3 pm
- Email a photo or question with Plant Clinic as the subject line

extensionstevens@wsu.edu  
509-684-2588

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



## 2023 Recap!

### Stevens County/Spokane Tribe Broadband Action Team had a couple “home runs” this year

**Stevens County received a \$12mil grant** to put fiber down along Highway 25 from Kettle Falls to Rice and then over to Highway 395. The contract has been signed – engineering, planning and communications about the project will happen next. We continue to cheerlead from the side for all our local internet service providers who are expanding their networks and fiber. The Board of Commissioners have financially supported Tri-County Economic Development District to shoulder responsibility for more expansion and grant applications. They are making progress on prioritizing future projects. TEDD, with its consultant NoaNet, is identifying BEAD eligible project areas and preparing initial design and cost estimates. The goal is to break down projects into “fundable chunks” that can be combined for future grants. They are completing as much planning work as possible to be prepared for upcoming Federal funding the next few years.

Because the Stevens County/Spokane Tribe Broadband Action Team is the very first BAT in WA State, regional broadband teams and elected leaders are looking to replicate this grant project preparation process. This includes collaboration with our Tribal partners at the Spokane Tribe and Colville Confederated Tribes. The Stevens County/Spokane Tribe Broadband Action Team has created a network of broadband experts and community leaders resulting in unprecedented levels of coordination across the region’s counties, tribes, and internet service providers.

There will be more ways for the community to engage this year as we apply for additional funds!



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