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MASTER GARDENER NEWS

This SATURDAY!

WSU Stevens County
Extension Master Gardeners
Community Garden Plant Exchange



Spring
Plant
Exchange
2024

Have a plant?
Bring a plant.
Need a plant?
Take a plant.

**FREE
EVENT!**

May 4

9am – 12pm

@ Colville Community Garden

170 B Hwy 20, Colville

(bringing plants to exchange is *not required*)

ANSWER CLINIC OPEN - 2 days/wk

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

submit questions to AskMasterGardener@stevensmg.org

Find us at the Farmers Markets, too!!

Chewelah on May 10th & 24th ~ *Colville* on May 11th & 25th

Contact

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

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

May 11 - Wildlife Habitat Field Day

Learn how to create features that meet your wildlife use needs. Learn about the benefits of dead trees and how to use woody debris to build structures serving birds, lizards, weasels, bobcats, & bears.

Learn to create forage plots that attract deer & elk and ways to control noxious weeds. Learn optimal tree spacing that suits wildlife needs for food and cover and how to develop water features.

Bird and bat house construction will be demonstrated, providing you with ideas for enhancing habitat for cavity nesters like chickadees, bluebirds, owls, wood ducks, and flying squirrels.

DATE: Saturday, May 11, 2024, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

LOCATION: Casa Becca del Nortè Tree Farm
2716 Moser Road, Chewelah, WA 99109

[Register for Wildlife Habitat Field Day](#)



REGISTRATION FEE

\$20/Family

Includes materials and refreshments

Bring a lunch and wear walking shoes.

2024 WA State Tree Farmer of the Year announced!



Lynn & Becky Miner, owners of the 'Casa Becca Del Norte' Tree Farm near Chewelah, were recognized as the **2024 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year** for Washington State.

Recipients of the prestigious award are acknowledged for their stewardship of wood, wildlife, water, and recreational opportunities.

Congratulations!

See Lynn & Becky's testimonial here:

<https://vimeo.com/940033741/789ab42bcd?share=copy>

Contact

For more information about Forestry programs offered by WSU Extension in Stevens County, visit our website: [Extension Forestry | Eastern WA](#), email: [Andy Perleberg](#) or call 509-667-6540

BROADBAND ACTION TEAM NEWS

Broadband Speed Testing Data **NEEDED!**

Calling all Stevens County Residents:

Let's get the state broadband map right!

How you can help: Take 3 broadband tests over 3 days!

Create an account

1

Go to the state site and use the map to find your address.

Test your speed

2

Create an account and take a speed test!

Take 2 more tests

3

You will be asked to take two more tests on separate days so that the true speed is established.



Where to go to take the test? Here!

<https://wa.broadbandnavigator.com/>

It's important that we gather as much correct information about broadband speeds in Stevens County as soon as possible. Areas that show that it is not sufficiently served will be eligible for funding to help increase access. Please visit the WA Broadband Navigator map on three different days to log your speed test results. Here is the link to the map: <https://wa.broadbandnavigator.com/map>

Contact

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

Youth Outdoor Skills Day

Save the Date! - June 22



Save the Date—June 22.

Stevens County 4-H and the Stevens County Conservation District are sponsoring a **Youth Outdoor Skills Day**. Youth will rotate through several stations throughout the day to learn emergency first aid, water safety, wildfire safety, basic survival skills, and plant/tree identification. Watch for more details next month.

4-H Camp Princess Pine Available for Rent

Did you know Stevens County 4-H owns a camp on Lake Thomas? It is available for rent and is great location for family reunions. There is a large lodge with a fully equipped kitchen and sleeping quarters and bathrooms in the basement. Several small sleeping cabins are also available. A stand-alone cabin has recently been renovated and will be available this summer. Contact 4-H volunteer Jody Hoffman at 509-684-5977 for more information including pricing and availability.



Contact

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

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

OTHER NEWS, RESOURCES, & EVENTS

May Calendar

MAY 4 - Master Gardener Spring Plant Exchange, 9am-12pm

MAY 6 - Master Gardener Answer/Plant Clinic, 9-11am

MAY 9 - Master Gardener Answer/Plant Clinic, 1-3pm

MAY 10 - Chewelah Farmers Market

MAY 11 - Colville Farmers Market

MAY 11 - Wildlife Habitat Field Day

MAY 13 - Master Gardener Answer/Plant Clinic, 9-11am

MAY 16 - Master Gardener Answer/Plant Clinic, 1-3pm

MAY 20 - Master Gardener Answer/Plant Clinic, 9-11am

MAY 23 - Master Gardener Answer/Plant Clinic, 1-3pm

MAY 24 - Chewelah Farmers Market

MAY 25 - Colville Farmers Market

MAY 27 - OFFICE CLOSED for Memorial Day

MAY 30 - Master Gardener Answer/Plant Clinic, 1-3pm

SAVE THE DATE
Forest, Farm, and
Range Owners
Field Day.
Saturday, June 22.
@ WSU Vetter
Demonstration
Farm & Forest,
Deer Park, WA.

[Farmer Assistance
Request Form](#)



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