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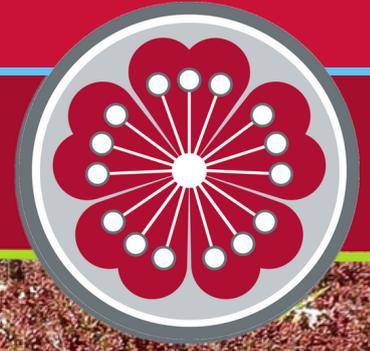
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In this newsletter you will find:

Latest news, projects, workshops, free resources, and more. Keep Reading!

Firewise Garden Tour & Class



Is Your Property Ready?

July 20, 2024
9:00-11:00am

Colville Community Garden
170-B Hwy 20, Colville

-  *How to create defensible space*
-  *Know All Your Zones!*
-  *Which building materials?*
-  *Plants to avoid or use*
-  *To Mulch or Not to Mulch?*

Firewise
Demonstration
Garden
Tour

- Tour the Firewise Demonstration Garden
- Presentations by Master Gardeners & Stevens County Conservation District!
- Question and Answer session



<http://extension.wsu.edu/stevens>

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Fair Season is Almost Here!

It's time to start thinking about getting your registrations done.

Fairs are a great opportunity to show your crafts, sewing, animals, baking, garden produce, and more for both adults and youth. Even if you don't show, you can still visit a local fair to check out what others are doing, enjoy entertainment, and support your community. Fair books are out and available in various community locations for local fairs. Additional information can be found below...

Valley Fair – August 10. Books are currently available at the Extension office and other community locations. Animal registrations are due by August 1. Visit [August 10, 2024 - Home \(weebly.com\)](https://www.august10.com) for more information.

Hunters Fair – August 17. Books are currently available at the Extension and other community locations. Animal registrations are due by August 5. Visit [Hunters Community & 4-H Fair \(hunterscommunityfair.com\)](https://www.hunterscommunityfair.com) for more information.

NE WA Fair – August 22-25. Fair Books are out and online registration is open. Animal entries due July 1 and still life due August 12. Visit [Northeast Washington Fair Grounds - Stevens County WA](https://www.northeastwashingtonfairgrounds.com) for books and online registration. .

Clayton Community Fair – August 23-25. Fair books and other information is available online at [Clayton Community Fair](https://www.claytoncommunityfair.com). Exhibit and animal registrations due by August 6.

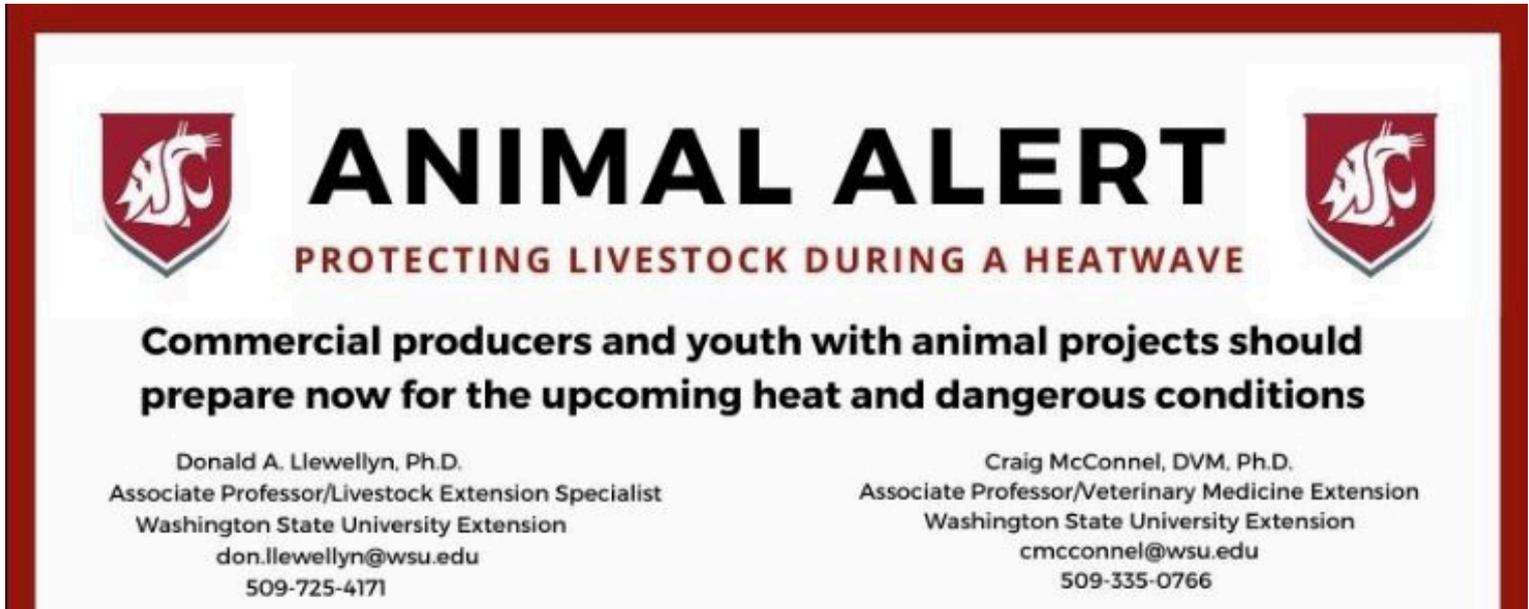
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For information about our 4-H program, visit our website: [4-H Youth | Stevens County](https://www.4-h.org) or contact [Shannon Rowley, 509-684-2588](mailto:Shannon.Rowley@stevenscounty4h.org)



Livestock Safety In The Heat!

Summer is heating up and now is a good time to review how to keep livestock safe during a heatwave. Click picture below for more information.

A banner with a red border. On the left and right sides are the Washington State University (WSU) logos, which are red shields with a white 'W' and 'S' and a cougar head. In the center, the text reads 'ANIMAL ALERT' in large, bold, black letters, with 'PROTECTING LIVESTOCK DURING A HEATWAVE' in smaller, red letters below it. Underneath, a black box contains white text: 'Commercial producers and youth with animal projects should prepare now for the upcoming heat and dangerous conditions'. At the bottom, there are two columns of contact information for Donald A. Llewellyn, Ph.D. and Craig McConnel, DVM, Ph.D., both associated with Washington State University Extension.

ANIMAL ALERT
PROTECTING LIVESTOCK DURING A HEATWAVE

Commercial producers and youth with animal projects should prepare now for the upcoming heat and dangerous conditions

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Fire Extinguishers at the Ready!

With summer here, now is a great time to make sure you have fire extinguishers around the farm, ranch, or homestead.

Where should you have a fire extinguisher? In the barn, farm truck, tractor, combine, or machine shop? All of the above!

Learn more about the ABCs of proper fire extinguisher use and the type of fire extinguisher needed for particular locations around the farm here:

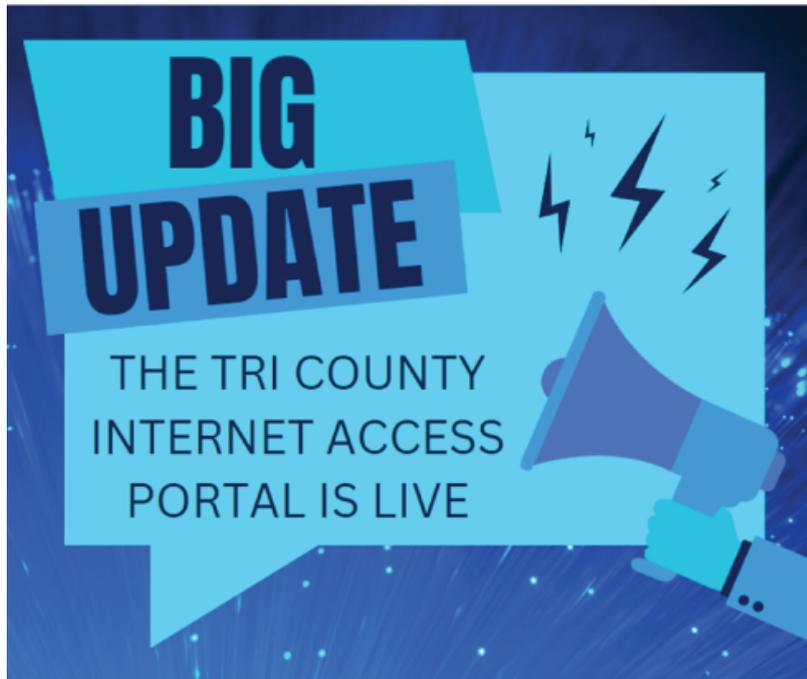


[Fire Extinguisher Use on the Farm \(farmfiresmart.ca\)](http://farmfiresmart.ca)

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

The Tri-County Internet Access Portal is OPEN!



Tri County Economic Development District (TEDD) is committed to enhancing high-speed internet access in our communities. We need to hear from you about the internet access at your home or business!

TEDD is supporting this survey portal for the entire tri-county region, including Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Oreille Counties. The Pend Oreille PUD is heading up the efforts for Pend Oreille County which can be accessed through this unified portal.

You can take a brief survey to help us identify areas of high need and prioritize our infrastructure development efforts. You can also use this portal to check if any broadband development projects are underway in your area, and be sure to check out the Community Resources tab to learn about local programs, and who the active service providers are in our region.

[TAKE THE SURVEY AND CHECK OUT THE PORTAL](#)



OTHER NEWS, RESOURCES, & EVENTS

July Calendar

- JUL 4** - OFFICE CLOSED for Independence Day
- JUL 8** - Master Gardener *Answer/Plant Clinic*, 9-11am
- JUL 11** - Master Gardener *Answer/Plant Clinic*, 1-3pm
- JUL 12** - Chewelah Farmers Market
- JUL 13** - Colville Farmers Market
- JUL 15** - Master Gardener *Answer/Plant Clinic*, 9-11am
- JUL 18** - Master Gardener *Answer/Plant Clinic*, 1-3pm
- JUL 20** - FIREWISE GARDEN TOUR/CLASS, 9-11am
- JUL 22** - Master Gardener *Answer/Plant Clinic*, 9-11am
- JUL 25** - Master Gardener *Answer/Plant Clinic*, 1-3pm
- JUL 26** - Chewelah Farmers Market
- JUL 27** - Colville Farmers Market
- JUL 29** - Master Gardener *Answer/Plant Clinic*, 9-11am



MASTER GARDENER
FACEBOOK PAGE



THE EVERGREEN
THUMB PODCAST

[Farmer Assistance
Request Form](#)

**ANSWER CLINIC OPEN -
2 days/wk**

Mondays, 9-11am ~ Thursdays, 1-3pm
submit questions to
AskMasterGardener@stevensmg.org



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