Agriculture News

Irrigation Evaluation Opportunity
WSU Ferry County Extension office has received resources to assist farms and ranches with irrigation evaluations. This USDA-funded program will help farms and ranches install or improve irrigation and is known as the WSU Water & Irrigation Systems Efficiency (WISE) grant. WSU WISE provides free evaluations on existing or potential irrigation systems for any sized farm, however, medium and small sized farms are preferred because they qualify for the USDA Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). Based on the recommendations, there may be technical support and/or federal funding to help with irrigation installation or upgrades. For more information contact Trevor Lane at trevor.lane@wsu.edu or (509) 775-5225 x 1116.

4-H News

Local Fairs - August
Fair time is fast approaching. We currently have Hunters, Valley Fair and NE WA Premium Books available in our office. There will be a limited number of NE WA Fair Premium Books. Participants are encouraged to view the book online at fair website and once again online entry registration is encouraged at http://newafair.fairwire.com. Clayton Community Fair Books are available online at: http://www.claytoncommunityfair.com/2017%20%20Fair%20Book.pub.pdf

Fair Dates:
Valley Fair: Aug 12
Hunters Fair: Aug 19
NE WA Fair in Colville: Aug 24-27
Clayton Community Fair: Aug 25-27
Contact Shannon Rowley at (509) 684-2588 or sgordon@wsu.edu.

4-H Summer Events
4-H Events are full swing for the summer. Please visit our Upcoming Events Page at http://extension.wsu.edu/stevens/youth-2/4-h-events-and-opportunities-2/ The yearly calendar of 4-H events can be accessed here: 4-H Calendar of Events

Gardening News

Plant Clinics: June - September
The Master Gardener Plant clinics have resumed every Tuesday from 2:30-4:30 at the WSU Stevens County Extension office at 986 S. Main, Colville. Bring your plant and/or insect samples into the WSU Extension office and you can have your questions answered by a Master Gardener. If you cannot make it on Tuesday samples can be dropped off early with a complete description of the issue. Pictured are snailcase bag worms that were found in northern Stevens County.

Firewise Demonstration Garden
The Firewise Demonstration Garden located at the Colville Community Garden at 170 B Hwy 20 East is developing along. Volunteers contributed 316 hours and through community donations (supplies, plants, tractor use, truck deliveries and more) it equalled $4,170 in match to go towards the two cost match grants from the Stevens County Conservation District and the Department of Natural Resources. Next steps are to get a water system installed, weed management, ground cover established, and complete the pathway from the garden to the Rotary Trail. If you are interested in contributing to the project please contact: Project Coordinator- Adena Sabins, WSU Master Gardener Coordinator at asabins@wsu.edu or 509.684.2588.