**4-H**

**June 15- 4-H County Activity Day**
Stevens County 4-H is hosting 4-H County Activity Day on June 15 from 9 am – 12 pm at the NE WA Fairgrounds (near the food court area). The day begins at 9 am with 4-H food and garden judging contests followed by archery, robotics, and the EDITH House. 4-H membership is not required to attend—all school age youth are invited. Contact Shannon Rowley at (509) 684-2588 or sgordon@wsu.edu. Flyer: County Activity Day

**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/ for information on horse shows, rabbit and poultry shows, dogs shows, and more. The yearly calendar of 4-H events can be accessed here: 4-H Calendar of Events

**West Nile Virus**
It’s that time of year – when mosquitoes are out and the potential for West Nile Virus infections are here. Washington state lost a number of horses to this disease last year and it is preventable. The Continuing Veterinary Medical Education Program and the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences is providing a FREE program to the public about West Nile Virus in Horses. Dr. Jenifer Gold, faculty member in CVM, recorded “West Nile Virus – It Hasn’t Gone Away!” This presentation is for owners and veterinarians to understand what West Nile Virus is, the history of the disease and its spread across the United States. Discussion of the clinical signs includes videos. Treatment protocols will be reviewed and the importance of prevention are discussed. Free public presentation can be viewed at (public link – no login required): https://apps.vetmed.wsu.edu/CVME/Content/Courses/public/WestNileVirus/owner.html
4-H horse project members, leaders, and parents are encouraged to visit with their veterinarian about vaccination protocols for their 4-H project horses (all horses, actually) for West Nile Virus. Previously vaccinated horses need an annual booster in early spring to optimize protection for the coming mosquito season. Horses need a series of two vaccines and will not achieve adequate protection until a week after the second injection, so time is of the essence. [WSU West Nile Virus Publication]

**Gardening News**

**Colville Community Garden Firewise Project**

Looking for volunteers to help build a Firewise Garden in the Colville Community Garden. The WSU Master Gardeners are working with the Stevens County Conservation District, the Colville Community Garden Board, St. Paul Lutheran Church and Colville Rotary in an effort to establish this educational garden next to the rotary trail. It will be finished by June 30. Right now we are looking for volunteers to help put the garden in. We also need donations for plants, sponsorship of benches, and more. If you are interested in helping please contact Adena Sabins, WSU Master Gardener Coordinator asabins@wsu.edu or (509)684-2588.

**June – September Plant Clinics**

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. Are you having issues with your garden? Something attacking your fruit trees? 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 and a Master Gardener will get back to you on Tuesday.

**Agriculture News**

**June 22- Wildlife and Livestock Diseases, Prevention, & Land Management Resources Workshop**

Hosted by the Spokane Tribe Wildlife Program and presented in collaboration with the WSU Extension’s USDA APHIS PPQ Section 10007 RAIN4 Project. Will be held at the Wellpinit Longhouse from 9 am – 12 pm. Presentations will include wildlife diseases and status in our region, important livestock diseases and steps for prevention and information on the USDA APHIS programs including Services and Funding opportunities.
**June 28- Field Day: Management Strategies for Lupine and Medusahead on Private Range Lands**

Learn about Crooked Calf Syndrome, Rangeland and Grassland Improvements, and Potential Seed Applications for Improvement, Reducing Lupine and Medusahead Increasing Bio-Diversity. Starts at 10 am – 2 pm at Brandon Spencer’s Figure 50 Ranch (3215 E. Harder Rd. Ritzville, WA 99169) No fee but please RSVP by calling 509-725-4171. Contact Paul Kuber at pskuber@wsu.edu or 509-725-4171.

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**WSU Stevens County Extension News**

WSU Stevens County Extension News, a monthly newsletter with Extension event and program news. We encourage you to forward this newsletter to friends and family that might benefit from the information. If you do not wish to receive this e-mail newsletter please email Adena Sabins at asabins@wsu.edu and ask to be removed from the list. For more information on any of the events, contact us at (509) 684-2588 or extensionstevens@wsu.edu. Or visit us at 986 S. Main in Colville—Debra Hansen, County Extension Director

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