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# Montesano Update

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## June: Celebrating 75 Years of Sustainable Forestry

Seventy-five years ago, the American Tree Farm System established the first ever certified tree farm in North America on the Clemons Tree Farm in Montesano. Today, there are more than 900 tree farms in Washington state and 80,000 family owned tree farms in America. A coalition of forestry partners has organized the celebration of this significant milestone .

On June 17, the Washington Farm Forestry Association will hold its annual meeting. On June 18, there'll be a public event to celebrate this anniversary. If you want to join us, there is a form with more information on the City of Montesano Facebook page, we can send it to you via email or you can pick it up at the city. The celebration will be held at the High School starting at 10 a.m.

This public event will highlight the integrated nature of what it is to be a tree farmer – starting with a compelling story of a multi-generational tree farmer (our very own **Bill Stewart**, son of Vera and James Stewart) and ending with a story of how the seedling we plant will ultimately be used in tall wood buildings that will grace our cities in the future.

Elected officials and agency leaders will talk about the significance of small forest landowners as a critical part of our rural economy, environment, and social fabric. The American Tree Farm System National office will offer a wider perspective on the importance of looking forward while building on where we have come from over the past 75 years. We close with a ceremony honoring tree farmers who epitomize what it is to be *Stewards of the Land* and then head out for some interesting forester led guided tours of the local tree farm.

**CITY HIKES** with our Forester **Loren Hiner** in June are Wednesdays, June 1, 8, 22 and 29 at 9:30 a.m. and Saturday, June 18 at 1:30 p.m. Meet at the swim beach parking lot at Lake Sylvia

### Event Schedule

9:00 am	Attendee Check-in and Exhibits Open
10:00 am	Welcome and Introductions
10:15 am	Bill Stewart - The Future of "Wood with a Story"
10:30 am	American Tree Farm System - Perspectives on the Future of Tree Farming
10:40 am	Elected Officials Round Robin - Forests, Forestry, Small Forest Landowners & Tree Farming In My District
11:10 am	Agency Officials Round Robin - Forests, Forestry, Small Forest Landowners & Tree Farming In My Agency
11:30 am	Susan Jones, Atelier Jones - An Architectural Vision of Sustainability Using Wood
11:50	Closing Ceremony - A Celebration of Tree Farming
12:00-1:30 pm	Lunch - Box lunches available for those who pre-register; food truck vendors also available on site
1:30-4:00 pm	Field Tours at Lake Sylvia State Park



**Saturday, JUNE 4: National Trails Day “Monte Trails Appreciation Day”.** Hike and maintain our trails. Meet at Lake Sylvia swim beach parking lot at 9 a.m.

**Cascadia Rising June 7-12.** The city will be part of a state wide exercise of an earthquake and tsunami simulation epicenter disaster here in Grays Harbor. This may impact your city services as different drills will be done to assess the city’s preparedness in case of a catastrophic event.

### **Saturday Morning Markets start July 9**

An exciting addition to the summer! The Chamber is sponsoring Saturday morning markets at Fleet Park from July 9 through August. For vendors, there is a \$25 one-time charge. Contact Angie Brown for more info at 360-589-8326 or at [angiebrown4@comcast.net](mailto:angiebrown4@comcast.net).

### **A chance to serve your city**

City Councilman Pat Herrington has ended his years of dedicated service on the council, creating an opening that must be filled. Deadline to apply is end of May. Interviews will occur on June 14.

I want to thank Pat for all he’s done for the people of Montesano and continues to do through his varied community service.

Any adult citizen of Montesano is eligible for the appointment, which will be made by the other six members of the council. Please consider taking this opportunity to get involved in making Montesano a better place to live, work and raise a family.

### **Fixing the Talbot dip culvert**

Good news: FEMA has provided \$210,000 to help fix the Talbot dip culvert. Please expect construction later this summer.

### **Citizen recognition**

Your neighbors have been elected to various District offices for the V.F.W. Auxiliary. Elected as District President Joan Murphy Stephen. Rich Angeli was elected District Judge Advocate Donna Tonn was elected as Senior Vice, and Ginny Wills Jr. Vice.

### **Congrats to our Volunteer Firefighters!**

The Montesano Fire Department and the City of Montesano would like to congratulate Volunteer Firefighters Laryssa Gillham, Jordan Bussard and Skip Knudtson for successfully completing the 2016 Grays Harbor County Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course.

This was an extensive course covering 190 class room hours expanding over 4 months. Their commitment and dedication exemplify the extraordinary volunteers serving our community. Congratulations of your achievement!

### **MARK THE DATE: SUMMER FUN**

May 30—VFW Memorial Day Remembrance at Fleet Park, starts at 11 a.m..

June 4—National Trails Day “Monte Trails Appreciation Day.” Meet at Lake Sylvia swim beach parking lot at 9 a.m.

June 11— Montesano Moose Lodge’s Kids Fishing Derby at Lake Sylvia

July 12—American Red Cross blood drive at the Montesano Church of God (1:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.)

June 18—75th Anniversary Celebration of American Tree Farming, 10 a.m. HS gym

June 25—Monte Police Dept. Bike Rodeo 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., City Hall

July 16—Monte Classic Car Show, downtown

Aug. 2—National Night Out with city-wide block parties. Contact the Police Dept. to organize your block or neighborhood.

Aug. 19 & 20—Monte Chamber’s City-Wide Garage Sale



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