

County Agent News
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Spring Fever (Continued)

After a beautiful week and great weekend Mother Nature gave us a wakeup call Monday morning with some of the white stuff. I think maybe the geese and robins are wishing they hadn't come quite so soon. The forecast for near "normal" temperatures for the next ten days would have seemed great two weeks ago but now is disappointing. With this reminder that planting season is a little ways off yet maybe we can still focus on planning for spring with "Spring Fever: Garden Forums 2015 topics.

Topics for the evening of Monday, March 30 are timely ones. Joe Zeleznik, Extension Forester will tell us about "Pruning Shrubs: Everything you never knew you needed to know". Esther McGinnis, Extension Horticulturist will help us with a practical session to help make your landscaping plans about more than just appearance. "Edible Landscapes: Learn how to add attractive edible plants into the landscape to provide food for the table AND for your eyes!" will be full of tummy and eye pleasing ideas.

I will follow up the evening talking about extending your season with hotcaps, low tunnels, and high tunnels to protect your spring seedlings.

Registration is requested. If you cannot make it to Bowbells, you can register to watch the broadcasts on your home computer. Registration may be done by calling the Burke County Extension office at 701-377-2927 or online at www.ag.ndsu.edu/springfever/ (if it fits your schedule you may attend some sessions in Bowbells and watch others at home).

A complete breakdown of broadcast topics by date can also be found at www.ag.ndsu.edu/springfever/ . I can also send you a brochure via postal or email if you prefer.

Enjoy the spring like weather and come join us for the *Spring Fever Garden Forums!*

If thinking about our *Spring Fever Garden Forums* doesn't keep your spring fever elevated you can check out some spring related photos at our Burke County Extension Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/burkecountyextension> .



Shelbey Jacobson and I were at the Bowbells School last week having great fun with the K through sixth graders learning about seeds and planting lots of different seeds so we can go back and compare the seedlings.

We also planted lots of pepper and tomato seeds that can be transplanted later this spring.



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