

WSU / Weed Update

February 16, 2021

10:41 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Stamper; Commissioner Pollock; Commissioner Swope; County Manager Erik Martin; Bill Wamsley; Patrick Shults; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) representatives Elizabeth Stratton, Melissa Davis and Amanda Musser-Leoni

Guest: Claudia Yaw

Recorder: Rieva Lester

WSU updates

Patrick Shults said the WSU office remains mostly closed to the public but that the public is allowed to attend events in small numbers.

Patrick said WSU has reintroduced its Master Food Preserver Program.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) representatives Elizabeth Stratton, Melissa Davis and Amanda Musser-Leoni discussed their group's work to encourage healthy eating throughout the community, including area schools.

Weed updates

Bill Wamsley said the Weed Board met the previous week and adopted the county's annual weed list. He said some of the key focuses include tansy ragwort, Scotch broom and knotweed.

Bill said the group plans to reach out to the PA's Office regarding the development of attendance requirements. He said some funding is available to help landowners combat invasive weeds.

Bill said the Forest Service is continuing its work on a proposed agreement with Lewis County. He said the agreement will address weed control on federal lands.

Bill said Weed will hold a pest control program in March. He said the program will provide continuing education hours.

Bill said he has reached out to the Department of Transportation and the Department of Fish and Wildlife about concerns regarding noxious weeds on state-owned land and lands being considered for acquisition.

Meeting ended at 11:10 a.m.