



WSU EXTENSION NEWS

Stevens County Newsletter



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NEW OFFICE HOURS in 2023!

Starting Jan 1, 2023, the WSU Extension office is adjusting our hours of operations, and closing our office to the public on Fridays.

New hours will be:
Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-4:30pm

We will be available for meetings, emails and phone calls on Fridays, if scheduled ahead of time.

Debra Hansen, County Director

Master Gardener News



2023 marks the **Golden Anniversary** of the WSU Master Gardener program! That's right! **Fifty years ago**, 2 WSU Extension agents had an idea to **'teach the teachers'**...to create an army of volunteers who would be university-educated on the *science behind gardening*, and then offer that knowledge, free, to the general public. The response was overwhelming! Our local group of Master Gardeners is excited to participate in statewide celebrations, including a possible trip to Seattle to work the booth at the NW Flower & Garden Show in February!

For information about our Master Gardener program, visit our website:

[Master Gardeners | Stevens County](#)
or contact [Linda Teller](#), 509-684-2588

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Master Gardener program, now international, started right *here* in Washington State 50 years ago!
- Extension Master Gardener is one of the largest volunteer organizations in the country, with more than 86,076 volunteers in 49 states and serves as a model for other volunteer organizations!
- On average, active certified EMG volunteers donate 60 hours per year. They provide helplines, workshops, plant clinics, and more!



Agriculture News

2023 Online Course via Zoom, 1/10—3/28, Tuesdays, 6-8:30pm

AGRICULTURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND BUSINESS PLANNING

EMPRENDIMIENTO Y PLANIFICACIÓN DEL NEGOCIO AGRÍCOLA



This course will walk you through the steps to create a farm business plan through weekly online classes with guest speaker farmers and resource providers and connections in regional groups.

Este curso le guiará en los pasos necesarios para crear un plan de negocios agrícolas por medio de clases semanales en línea con expertos y agricultores invitados, y conexiones en grupos regionales.

2023 Course Online via Zoom/Curso en línea via Zoom
Tuesdays/Los Martes 1/10-3/28 6:00pm-8:30pm



Scholarships available for Veterans and anyone for whom the course fee is a barrier.
Hay becas disponibles para veteranos militares y cualquier persona para quien la tarifa del curso sea una barrera.

¡Curso traducido al Español! This course will be offered with Spanish language interpretation and facilitation. *Este curso se ofrecerá con interpretación y facilitación en español.*

Learn More/Aprende más:

<https://www.cultivatingsuccesswa.org/agricultural-entrepreneurship>
[cultivating.success@wsu.edu/360-399-6052 \(español\)](mailto:cultivating.success@wsu.edu)

For more information about Agriculture programs offered by WSU Extension in Stevens County, please visit our website: [Agriculture | Stevens County](#), email: [Kathryn Hoogheem](#) or call 509-684-2588

Farmer Assistance Request Form

4-H Happenings



For information about our 4-H program, visit our website:

[4-H Youth | Stevens County](#)
or contact [Shannon Rowley](#), 509-684-2588

Enjoy A Taste of 4-H Camp In Winter 2022

Here are some **free** activities for the kids over winter break. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting and a supply list if needed.

Taste of 4-H Camp: Photography Project Basics
When: Dec 27, 2022, 1:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Register in advance for this meeting: bit.ly/3BRZqx8

Taste of 4-H Camp: Making Music with Recycled or Home Materials
When: Dec 28, 2022, 1:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Register in advance for this meeting: bit.ly/3vpiPC5

Taste of 4-H Camp: Bread in A Bag- Cinnamon Rolls
When: Dec 29, 2022, 01:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Register in advance for this meeting: bit.ly/3BQypKH

Broadband Action Team



Do you have adequate internet access?

There is up to \$900 Million at stake!

Despite the good federal broadband maps, we know many Washingtonians don't have good—or even any—internet. The state needs your help to correct the FCC Maps and position our community for upcoming grant opportunities by January 13, 2023. A few quick clicks can tell FCC what improvements need to be made! Find those steps and more information [HERE](#).

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