



WSU EXTENSION NEWS

Stevens County Newsletter

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Master Gardener News

Pressure Canner Lid/Gauge Testing!

Sept 9 (TOMORROW!): Colville Farmers Market
Sept 22: Chewelah Farmers Market
 Or bring your lid to our office during business hours.
 Call 509-684-2588 first to see if Linda is there!



Upcoming Master Gardener Events

- **Sep 9 — (TOMORROW!)** Booth at Colville Farmer's Market, **attend DEMOS on Fall Gardening!!**
- **Sep 16 — Fall Plant Exchange** at Colville Community Garden!
- **Sep 22 — MG Booth** at Chewelah Farmer's Market
- **Sep 11, 18, 25 — MG Answer/Plant Clinic,** 9-11pm at WSU Extension office

WSU Stevens County
Extension Master Gardener Program

FALL Plant Exchange

Have a Plant? Bring a Plant!

Need a Plant? Take a Plant!

FREE
EVENT!

September 16,
9am – 12pm
 Colville Community Garden
 170 B Hwy 20, Colville

- **- Plant Exchange**
(bringing plants is *NOT* required)
- **- Ask a Master Gardener!**
Questions? Look for someone with a WSU ID badge!

For information about our Master Gardener program, visit our website: [Master Gardeners | Stevens County](#) or contact [Linda Teller](#), 509-684-2588

Agriculture News

Lots of Upcoming Events at the Vetter Demonstration Farm!

(Click images for larger versions.)

- **Sep. 9th: Soil Health workshop (TOMORROW!)** with Craig Madsen Discover soil health indicators in the field
- **Sep. 12th: Coffee Hour with WSDA-** Informal meet and greet to discuss small-market programs
- **Sep. 23rd: Farm and Livestock Day-** Butchering workshop, direct market panel, economics, and more
- **Oct. 21st: Tractor and Chainsaw Training-** Learn to drive a tractor and run a chainsaw (more in the October E-Newsletter)

****TOMORROW!****

Click image for more details!

FREE SOIL HEALTH FIELD DAY

10:00am-12:30pm | Sep. 9th
5281 Hattery-Owens Rd. Deer Park, 99006

If you want to learn techniques for answering these questions for yourself THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR YOU!

- When is the last time you dug a hole to evaluate your soil? What is the impact of your management on the soil?
- How much of the soil profile are the roots of your plants reaching? How does soil health impact your profitability?
- How well is your soil working for you?

Free/No Cost Please RSVP

Presenter: Craig Madsen

- Over 30 years' experience in ecosystem and range management
- History working with private landowners, colleges, cities, counties and federal agencies throughout Washington, northwest Oregon and northern Idaho
- Certified Educator in Holistic Management
- Regenerative agriculture and soil health as the basis of healthy ecosystems

SEP. 12TH 10 AM

COFFEE HOUR WITH WSDA'S SMALL FARM DIRECT MARKETING SPECIALIST

AT THE VETTER DEMONSTRATION FARM AND FOREST

COME CHAT WITH THE REGIONAL MARKETS PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE FOR A Q&A COFFEE HOUR ON THE FARM!

CONTACT STEVENS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR MORE INFO AND TO SIGN UP
509-684-7579 SCCD@STEVENS.CO.WA.GOV



Join us for the Vetter Demonstration Farm and Forest Livestock Day!

HTTPS://EXTENSION.WSU.EDU/STEVENS_AGRICULTURE_VETTER_FARM/

ABOUT THE EVENT

Join us at the farm to learn about livestock processing, direct marketing, economics and more from local operators, specialists, and agency personnel. We'll have lots of great booths from local agriculture businesses and groups. This field day will have something for everyone, regardless of the size of your operation or years of experience. Come spend a day learning and connecting with your farming and ranching community! Tickets are \$10 for adults, free for 17 and under, and includes a BBQ lunch!

Get tickets at: stevens-county-conservation-district.ticketleap.com/vetter-farm-and-forest-livestock-day/

WSU Cultivating Success™: Whole Farm Planning Offered Statewide, Online, and with Spanish Interpretation

This course will cover a broad range of topics and decision-making tools for you to create a successful small farm enterprise! Whether you are just exploring the opportunities available or already have an existing operation, you'll learn what it takes to create, sustain, and grow a viable small farm.

- \$200 for an 11-week course September 25th through December 4th, 2023
- Class meets weekly on Mondays from 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- Online courses classroom through Zoom with in-person field trips
- Scholarships are available for Military Veterans and anyone for whom the course fee is a barrier

This course will be offered with Spanish language interpretation and facilitation



WHOLE FARM PLANNING COURSE

Online via Zoom - Mondays Sept 25th -Dec 4th 6:00pm-8:00pm

PLANIFICACIÓN DE TODA LA GRANJA

Curso en línea con Zoom los lunes 25 de sept - 4 de dic 6:00pm-8:00pm
Interpretación en español disponible



Food Systems
WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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

Farmer Assistance Request Form

4-H Happenings

4-H Drone and Soil Club

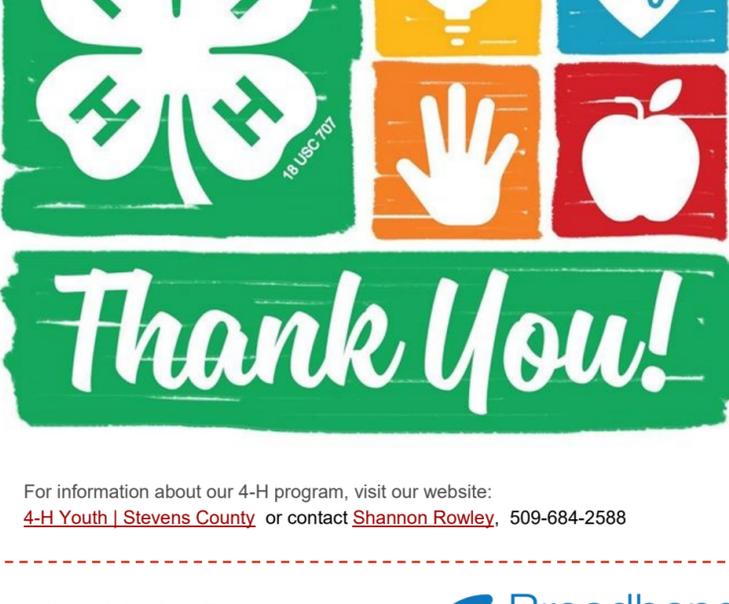
It's not too late to join this fun new 4-H club. There will be plenty of hands-on practice as youth learn the skills needed to safely fly a drone. Participants will also learn more about soil erosion as they use the drone to view erosion issues from above. Youth ages 11-18 are welcome. Please contact Shannon or Kathryn at 509-684-2588 by October 9 to sign up and be invited to the first meeting. We are also looking for adult volunteers with drone skills or a willingness to learn drone skills. For more information email sgordon@wsu.edu.

Thank You Notes

As the 4-H year winds down it's a good time to reflect on all those who helped you and let them know you appreciate them. Here's a guide to writing thank you notes [How to write a thank you note | 4-H in the Panhandle \(ufl.edu\)](#) This is a great skill-building guide for all the times a thank you note is needed, not just for 4-H.

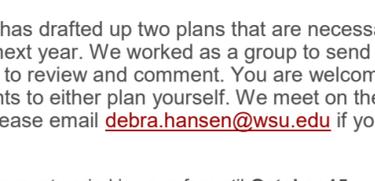
Thank You from WSU Stevens County Extension

Speaking of thank you's...we'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the 4-H volunteer leaders, parents, mentors, fair volunteers, and more who have helped our 4-H members this past year. All of your time and support is appreciated as you guide today's youth into tomorrow.



For information about our 4-H program, visit our website: [4-H Youth | Stevens County](#) or contact [Shannon Rowley](#), 509-684-2588

Broadband Action Team



Broadband Action Team is taking action on state plans

The Washington State Broadband Office has drafted up two plans that are necessary for us to be eligible for broadband funds next year. We worked as a group to send in our portion and now have the opportunity to review and comment. You are welcome to join our meetings, or add your comments to either plan yourself. We meet on the second Thursday of the month at 1:00, please email debra.hansen@wsu.edu if you are interested in attending.

#1: The BEAD 5-year Action Plan: public comment period is open for until **October 15**. Comments can be submitted via email to: InternetforAll@Commerce.wa.gov.

#2: The Draft Digital Equity Plan: public comment period is open until **October 30**. Feedback and comments can be submitted through the public portal: [Washington Digital Equity Plan Public Comment \(guidehouse.com\)](#) or via email at: InternetforAll@Commerce.wa.gov.

