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4-H Leader of the Year!

Agriculture News

2023 Successes at Vetter Farm!

WSU Vetter Demonstration Farm and Forest events throughout 2023 were well-attended and very popular with those who participated (see full description to the right).

Look for more great educational events in 2024!

WSU Vetter Demonstration Farm and Forest

Once again, the working relationship between WSU Stevens Co. Extension, Stevens County Conservation District and WSU Extension Forestry has made Vetter Farm a successful endeavor for 2023. This working partnership is critical to bring robust programming to Stevens County.

2023 Events
07/12/23-Western SARE Tour
07/14/23-Paraguay Silvopasture Tour
09/09/23-Soil Health Field Day with Craig Madsen
09/12/23-WSDA Coffee Hour
09/23/23-Fall Livestock Field Day
10/21/23-Tractor and Chainsaw Training and Safety Day

Our Fall Livestock field day was the highlight of the year at Vetter Farm. The day brought more than 80 people to the farm, learning various aspects of livestock nutrition, marketing and butchering. Speakers included WSU extension specialists, producers and a butcher.

Highlights Include:
- Livestock Feed and Nutrition During Drought- Taught by Don Llewellyn-Associate Professor and Livestock Extension Specialist
- Lamb Carcass Breakdown and Cuts- Taught by Paul Kuber-NE Region Livestock & Forage Specialist
- Ask the Butcher Session: Winston Wade- Butcher and LimitBid Packing Manager

Vetter Farm Research Plots
The "front field" of Vetter was recently divided into nine, one acre research plots. Aaron Esser from WSU's Wilke Farm brought a tractor with plot GPS to layout plots in September and planting was done in early October with a wide variety of seed. The 12- way seed mix includes black oats, winter camelina, triticale, fava bean, winter canola, and more.

COMING UP:

2023 Pesticide Recertification (1 Cr)

December 2nd, 11:30am—12:20pm

986 S Main St, Sutie D, Colville, WA

RSVP: 509-684-2588, Kathryn
(*see details below*)

Beef Cattle Meeting

December 8th, 10:00am—2:00pm
(lunch provided)

508 W Main St., Almira, WA

RSVP by Dec 4th: 509-633-0711
(*see details below*)

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

Master Gardener News

LIBRARIES OF STEVENS COUNTY
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December Library Classes!

"Getting Started With Bees"

With WSU Master Gardener Suzi Sauvola

Learn about: the different types of bees, which plants are pollinated by bees, the anatomy of a beehive, what tools and supplies you'll need, local sources for bees and supplies, and also why we need more beekeepers!

Tues, Dec 5, 1:00pm—Lakeside Library
Wed, Dec 6, 1:00pm—Kettle Falls Library
Thur, Dec 7, 1:00pm—Loon Lake Library
Tues, Dec 12, 1:00pm—Northport Library
Wed, Dec 13, 1:00pm—Colville Library
Thur, Dec 14, 1:00pm—Chewelah Library
Fri, Dec 15, 1:00pm—Hunters Library

November 28th—the 2023 *Day of Giving*

What if the *WSU Extension Master Gardener Program* had a "professor of horticulture" solely dedicated to…

- leading volunteers to conduct comprehensive research to tackle complex program priority issues.
- maintaining a viable WSU Master Gardener Program curriculum by identifying grant opportunities, creating a list of available horticultural experts, and training master gardener volunteers for the future.
- developing tools like publications and fact sheets in support of volunteer outreach in our communities.
- collaborating with local programs, faculty, and partners to develop methods that improve and expand science-based horticultural education.
- representing the WSU Master Gardener Program within and external to Washington State University.

You can help the WSU Master Gardener Program serve its mission of educating the public and encouraging sustainable gardening practices for a resilient Washington

The National Day of Giving, created in 2012, is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, which is November 28 this year.

The WSU Extension Master Gardener Program is raising $1.5M to help establish the first ever professorship fully dedicated to their program through the *Endowed Chair Campaign*.

Consider joining the *Five for Five campaign* (monthly pledge of $5 for 5 years).

Recently, we reached our initial goal of $100K when the generous matching gift of $20K made by Deborah Smeltzer and her husband David Kingsbury was met.

With your help, we can reach our new goal of $500K by the end of 2024!

Contact Chalayne Foster at Chalayne.foster@wsu.edu with questions on how to give.
Contact Jennifer Marquis at jgmarquis@wsu.edu about how the endowed professor will be a game-changer for our Program.

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

4-H Happenings

At the recent 4-H Awards Banquet, Cody Esvelt, with Hunters Community 4-H, was recognized as the **2023 Outstanding 4-H Teen**. Cody is a 9-year 4-H member with various projects throughout his 4-H career including beef, cooking, horticulture, photography, and sewing. Cody has also served in leadership roles in his club, participated in community service, and many other 4-H activities. Cody plans to attend college and pursue an Ag Degree and then return to Stevens County.

Receiving **Honorable Mention Outstanding Teen** was Bud Ward, also with Hunters Community 4-H. Bud has been in 4-H for 6 years and participated in market animals, educational posters, record keeping, and community service. Bud hopes to take over the family farm after graduating.

During the Banquet, we also honored our **4-H Leader of the Year** – Allison Cornwall (pictured at top of newsletter). Allison has been a leader with the Hunters Community 4-H club for 4 years. The nomination from her club stated "Allison's very lifestyle embodies the core values of 4-H." Allison worked tirelessly to revive the once dormant Hunters Community 4-H Club. She organizes many club activities and makes sure youth members have everything they need to be successful. In addition she recently completed Shooting Sports training so the club members can participate in shooting sports projects. Allison is also active and involved in leadership roles with the Hunters Community Fair.

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

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