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Stevens County Newsletter

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AHEAD!**



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In this newsletter you will find:

Latest news, projects, workshops, free resources, and more. Keep Reading!

ALERT! Avian Flu is in Stevens County

Northeast Tri County Health District and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) ask the public to avoid contact with birds and other wild animals, especially sick or dead wild animals or their young, to prevent the spread of avian influenza, also known as bird flu. In February 2024, three skunks located in Stevens County tested positive for the highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) H5N1 strain.



HELPFUL LINKS:

NETCHD Civic Alert:

<https://www.netchd.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=111>

USDA Avian Influenza Info:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/avian-influenza>

USDA Defend the Flock Program:

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/livestock-poultry-disease/avian/defend-the-flock>



[Farmer Assistance Request Form](#)

Contact

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

Meat 'n Good Time

Livestock Judging Contest and Showmanship Clinic

Join us on **April 20** as Stevens County 4-H sponsors a Livestock Judging Contest and Showmanship Clinic. It is open to all youth ages 8-18 in 4-H, FFA, and Grange. The day begins at 9:30 am with registration followed by the judging contest. Then we will break for lunch. BBQ beef sandwiches will be provided and participants are asked to bring a side to share. After lunch there will be a showmanship clinic. The day ends with awards. It will be held at Marv and Helen Burgess' (292 Mantz Rickey Road in Colville). Contact Helen at 509-675-4942 with any questions.

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Livestock Judging Contest and Showmanship Clinic

Open to all youth ages 8-18 in 4-H, FFA, and Grange

APRIL 20, 2024

Marv and Helen Burgess Home
292 Mantz Rickey Road, Colville

**9:30 AM –
3:00 PM**

9:30 AM Registration

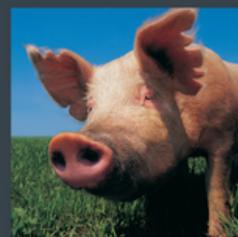
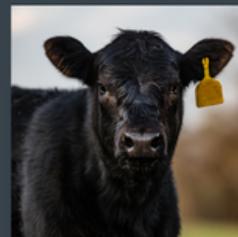
10:00 AM Mini-Judging Clinic

10:30 AM Judging Contest

12:00 PM Lunch - Main Dish provided.
Bring a side to share.

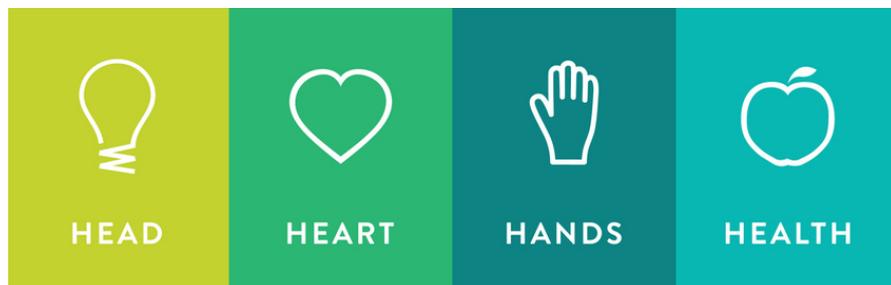
12:30 PM Showmanship Clinic

2:30 PM Awards
must be picked up at event



Questions call Helen
at 509-675-4942

2024 WA State 4-H Teen Conference



Please mark your calendar for **June 24-27, 2024** for the Washington State 4-H Teen Conference, “Discover Your Universe”. This event is a 3-day conference for 8th (completed 8th) – 12th-grade teens on WSU’s Pullman campus. This event focuses on college readiness, career exploration, leadership, and life skill development. Participants will enjoy workshops, tours, speakers, team-building activities, a banquet, a dance, and a chance to experience campus life by staying in campus dormitories. Dates and registration fees have been updated on the state website: <https://extension.wsu.edu/4h/stc/>. When registration links open, they will also be on the website. Registration for 4-H members opens April 29. Non-4-H member registration opens May 6. Please plan to register early because this conference has limited spaces and is expected to fill. Workshops and tours will be filled based on registration date/time, as well. Please direct all questions about the Teen Conference to Kelly Stewart at kelly.a.stewart@wsu.edu

Contact

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

[4-H Youth | Stevens County](#)

or contact Shannon Rowley, 509-684-2588

MASTER GARDENER NEWS

ANSWER CLINIC OPEN - 2 days/wk

Mondays, 9-11am ~ Thursdays, 1-3pm

WSU MASTER GARDENER ANSWER AND PLANT CLINIC

Mondays ~ 9-11 am

Thursdays ~ 1-3 pm

986 S. Main, Colville



Master Gardeners are WSU trained volunteers who can help with:

- ✓ plant identification
- ✓ insect and disease identification
- ✓ general garden help and questions

To use the Plant Clinic for your questions

- Bring in a sample anytime in sealed see-thru plastic (Ziploc, jar with lid), and it will be looked at on Monday or Thursday during clinic hours
- Call during Plant Clinic hours: Mondays, 9-11 am or Thursdays 1-3 pm
- Email a photo or question with Plant Clinic as the subject line

extensionstevens@wsu.edu

509-684-2588

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MASTER GARDENER NEWS (CONTINUED)

Upcoming Events

INFORMATION BOOTHS

APR 1 - Answer/Plant Clinic opens!

MAY 4 - SPRING PLANT EXCHANGE

MAY 10 - Chewelah Farmers Market

MAY 11 - Colville Farmers Market

WSU Stevens County
Extension Master Gardener Program
Community Garden Plant Exchange



May 4th

9am – 12pm

@ Colville Community Garden

170 B Hwy 20, Colville

(bringing plants to exchange is *not required*)

Free Resources



MG FACEBOOK PAGE



THE EVERGREEN THUMB PODCAST

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



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