

SEP 2024

WSU EXTENSION NEWS



WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

Stevens County Newsletter IN THIS ISSUE

◆ Harvest Time!



PG 2: Agriculture News

- **Sep 14- Soil Health Day!**
 - at Vetter Farm, 9a-12p
- **List Your Farm for FREE on EatLocalFirst**

PG 3: Agriculture News

- **Whole Farm Planning series**
 - Sep 23-Nov 4, Mons 6-8pm

PG 4: Master Gardener News

- **Sep 21 - Fall PLANT EXCHANGE!**
 - 9a-12@Colville Comm Garden
- **Pressure Canning Classes!**
 - Sep 24-Oct 9 at the libraries

PG 5: 4-H Happenings

- **Local 4-H kids going to State!**
 - New 4-H year starts Oct 1st

PG 6: SEPT Activities Calendar

↓ In this newsletter you will find:

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

Soil Health Day at Vetter Farm

Join us and start the fall season with a fun, laid-back soil health field day, **Sep 14th, 9a-12p!**

Let's chat about weed control options and how to apply soil health principles. We'll showcase some on-farm projects and watch the no-till seeder at work.

This event is **FREE**-- **please call or email** to let us know you'll be there! (**click picture for contact info**)



Soil Health Day
at the Vetter Demonstration Farm and Forest
5281 Hattery-Owens Rd.
Deer Park, WA 99006
09.14.2024
9 am- 12 pm

List Your Farm for Free on Eat Local First



WASHINGTON'S SOURCE FOR LOCAL FOOD

BUY

If your business is committed to sourcing locally from diverse producers using sustainable practices - we're your go-to guide.

SELL

Listings are **FREE**. Reach motivated consumers: chefs, grocers, schools, and hunger relief orgs seeking local, sustainable products.

EAT LOCAL FIRST

WASHINGTON FOOD AND FARM FINDER

EATLOCALFIRST.ORG

The Washington Food & Farm Finder is helping consumers connect with farmers and local food businesses all across Washington.

The Washington Food & Farm Finder from the Eat Local First Collaborative is a robust online directory of local farms and food businesses that is dedicated to helping consumers find and access local food across the state. This resource provides a valuable marketing service to farms by connecting them to more potential customers. The Washington Food & Farm Finder provides helpful tools like a CSA Finder and Wholesale Finder, in addition to search criteria based on product offerings, location, growing practices, agritourism activities, and more. Farmers that sell direct to consumers or through wholesale channels are encouraged to register and create their free listing here. For questions please email Kathryn.hoogheem@wsu.edu

Whole Farm Planning

This fall 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.

(Click picture below for details)

WSU EXTENSION CULTIVATING SUCCESS

Mondays online via Zoom / Los lunes en línea con Zoom 9/23 - 11/4 6:00pm-8:00pm

WHOLE FARM PLANNING

PLANIFICACIÓN DE

TODA LA GRANJA



CULTIVATING SUCCESS™
sustainable small farms education



**Sept. 23rd through
Nov. 4th, 2024**

**Class meets weekly on
Mondays from 6-8pm**

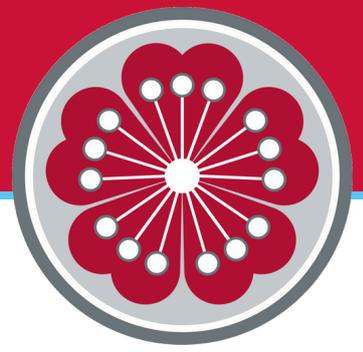
**Online course through
Zoom with regional
in-person field trip
opportunities
throughout the state on
Oct 5th, 12th or 19th**

**\$200 course registration
per farm
(up to 3 participants).**

**Scholarships available for
anyone for whom the
course fee is a barrier.**

Contact

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



Fall Plant Exchange - Sep 21st!



Fall
Plant
Exchange
2024

**FREE
EVENT!**

Sep 21st

9am – 12pm

@ Colville Community Garden

170 B Hwy 20, Colville

(bringing plants to exchange is *not required*)

**Have a Plant?
Bring a Plant
Need a Plant?
Take a Plant**

NEW! Pressure Canning Classes

We've partnered with the Libraries of Stevens County to bring food preservation and pressure canning classes to several locations.

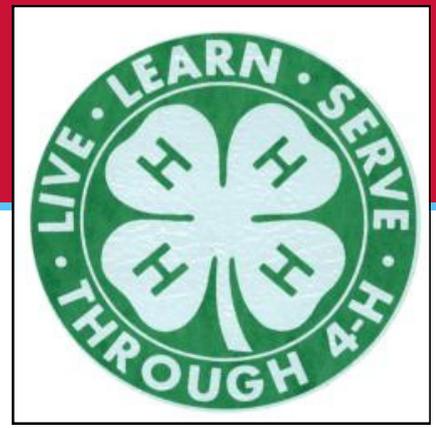
Location	Date	Time
Loon Lake	Sept 24	4-5pm
Northport	Oct 1	4-5pm
Kettle Falls	Oct 7	4-5pm
Lakeside	Oct 8	4-5pm
Colville	Oct 9	4-5pm

NOTE:
Gauge/lid
testing will
be available
after each
class!

Contact

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

[Gardening_|Stevens County](https://www.stevenscountywa.gov/gardening) or contact [Linda Teller](mailto:Linda.Teller@stevenscountywa.gov), 509-684-2588



Local 4-H Kids Going to State!



The current 4-H year is winding down and local fairs are over. However, we have several 4-H members headed to Puyallup to participate in the State 4-H Fair. Congratulations to Megan and Annalee Wood, Keely Wilson, Liam Starkey, Saffire and Thorin Sargent, Chloe Watkins who are all going with their dogs. Tommie Guatney will be participating in public presentations and livestock judging. Also competing in the livestock judging contest are Chance Kearney, Hailey Leaden, and Hallee and Andee Kroiss.

The new 4-H year starts October 1 and now is a great time to join 4-H. 4-H membership is open to youth ages 5-18. 4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential, working and learning in partnership with caring adults all while learning valuable life skills. Call Shannon at 509-684-2588 to learn about clubs in your area or starting a 4-H club in your community.

Contact

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

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

OTHER NEWS, RESOURCES, & EVENTS

September Calendar

- SEP 12** - Master Gardener Answer/Plant Clinic, **1-3pm**
- SEP 13** - *Chewelah Farmers Mkt*= MG booth/canner testing
- SEP 14** - *Colville Farmers Mkt*= MG booth/canner testing
- SEP 14** - *Soil Health Day* at Vetter Farm, **9a-12p**
- SEP 16** - Master Gardener Answer/Plant Clinic, **9-11am**
- SEP 19** - Master Gardener Answer/Plant Clinic, **1-3pm**
- SEP 21** - MG FALL PLANT EXCHANGE, **9a-12p**
- SEP 23 - NOV 4** - *Whole Farm Planning Series*, **Mons 6-8p**
- SEP 23** - Master Gardener Answer/Plant Clinic, **9-11am**
- SEP 23** - *Pressure Canning Class* at Loon Lake Library, **4pm**
- SEP 26** - Master Gardener Answer/Plant Clinic, **1-3pm**
- SEP 27** - *Chewelah Farmers Mkt*= MG booth/canner testing
- SEP 28** - *Colville Farmers Mkt*= MG booth/canner testing
- SEP 30** - Master Gardener Answer/Plant Clinic, **9-11am**
- OCT 1** - *Pressure Canning Class* at Northport Library, **4pm**



MASTER GARDENER
FACEBOOK PAGE



THE EVERGREEN
THUMB PODCAST

ANSWER CLINIC OPEN - 2 days/wk thru Oct 28

Mondays, 9-11am ~ Thursdays, 1-3pm
submit questions to

AskMasterGardener@stevensmg.org

[Farmer Assistance
Request Form](#)



WSU EXTENSION
Stevens County

WSU Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local WSU Extension office. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication or program information or reasonable accommodation need to contact Linda Teller at 986 S Main, Suite D, Colville, WA 99114, 509.684.2588. linda.teller@wsu.edu at least two weeks prior to the event.

If you no longer wish to receive the WSU Extension Stevens County e-newsletter, please go to the [Leave \[WSUnews\] List](#) page (when asked for list name: "Wsuenews").