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# WSU EXTENSION NEWS



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# 4-H Awards

## WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, STEVENS COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM

The **2024 Outstanding 4-H Teen** is Chance Kearney with Haynickers II 4-H. Chance graduated from HS this spring and is currently working part time, attending Community College, and getting his steer ready for his final show season.

Katie Birky was selected as the **2024 Leader of Year**. She recognized a need for a south county club and started Twin Mountain 4-H in the Clayton area. She now works with over 30 youth in a wide variety of projects. She is an enthusiastic and conscientious leader always working "to make the best better."



**The Head, Heart, Hands, and Health Award** went to Tommie Guatney for her promotion of 4-H throughout the year.



**Chance has already started a cattle herd and intends to become a 4-H volunteer.**

**4-H project medals** were awarded to Tommie Gautney, Mak Hellie, and Miki Hellie for beef and livestock judging. High score judging contest medals were earned by Thorin Sargent (dog), Landon Stomley (cat) and Miki Hellie (livestock). Tommie also earned a medal for high score Public Presentation.

**Leader Years of Service** Pins for five years of service were awarded to Bobbi Ward, Wayne and Allison Cornwall, Darleta Woodbury, and Pam Amell. Amanda Nelson and Todd Kitt received 10 year pins. Helen Burgess was awarded a 45 years of service pin.

**Record Books** certificates went to Tommie Guatney and Dusti and Landon Stomley.

Jody Hoffman was named the **2024 4-H Supporter of the Year** for her donations to camp improvement projects and taking on the role of camp coordinator.

Helen Burgess was awarded a **4-H Lifetime Supporter Award** for her 45 plus years of volunteer service to Stevens County. She has led many projects with an emphasis on beef and is vital to the operation of Camp Princess Pine.



**State Fair** attendance certificates were awarded to Tommie Guatney, Chance Kearney, Hailey Leaden, Hallee and Andee Kroiss, Megan and Annalee Wood, Keely Wilson, Liam Starkey, and Thorin and Saffire Sargent.



## Contact

For information about our 4-H program, visit our website: [4-HYouth | Stevens County](http://4-HYouth.StevensCounty) or contact [Shannon Rowley](mailto:Shannon.Rowley), 509-684-2588

## Save the Date! 12/12/24 1-5pm Pesticide Recertification Event

In Person and Online Options



### Stevens County Extension Winter 2024 Pesticide Recertification Event

**4 Credits 12/12/2024**

- **When:** 12/12/2024 1:00-5:00pm
- **Where:** 986 S. Main St. Colville, WA
- **Topic(s):** Successful Weed Control in NE WA, Laws and Rules Updates, Forestry Ground Herbicide Applications, Forestry Integrated Pest Management

**RSVP**

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## Save the Dates! Jan 21 - Mar 11, Tuesdays 6-8pm Agricultural Entrepreneurship & Business Planning

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.



### Contact

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

## List Your Farm for FREE on Eat Local First

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](mailto:Kathryn.hoogheem@wsu.edu)

## 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.

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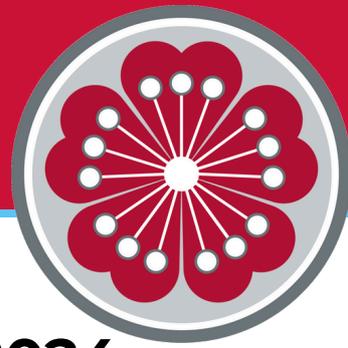
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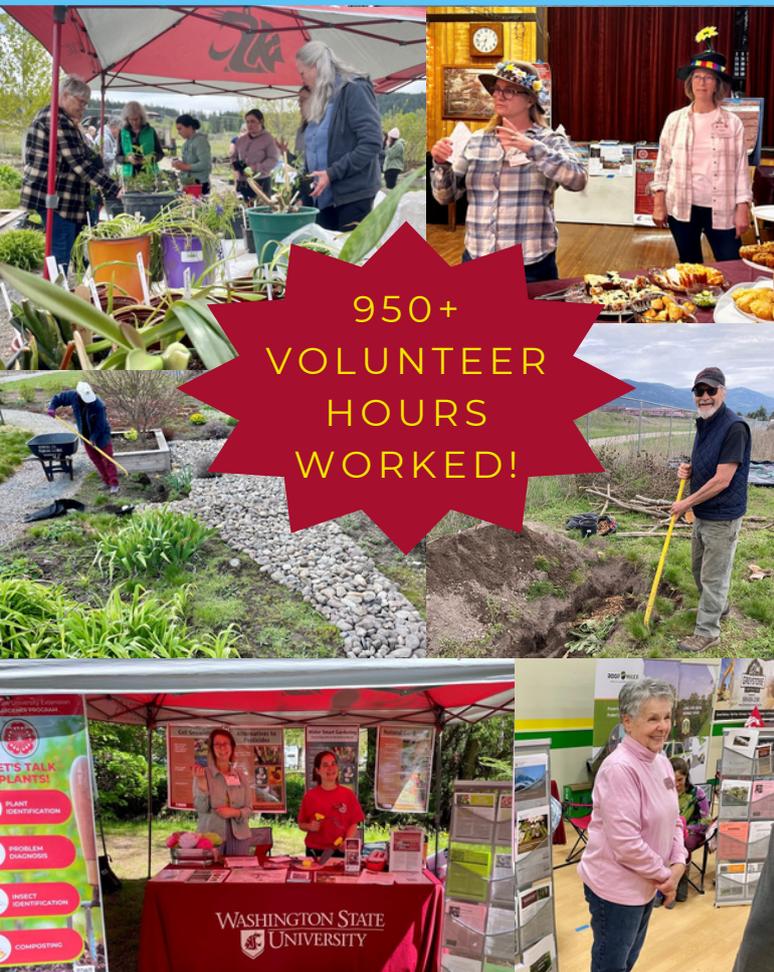
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## Planting Greatness: Master Gardener Volunteers Cultivate Achievements in 2024



COLVILLE FOOD BANK GARDEN



- **6 new students** trained
- **350+ lbs** produce donated to Colville Food Bank
- **108+ Plant Clinic questions** answered
- **22** Farmers Market Booths + NE WA Fair Booth
- **Tables/presentations** at Colville & Chewelah Home & Garden Shows
- **Info Table** at Conservation District Tree Sale
- **Spring** Plant Exchange
- **Fall** Plant Exchange
- **2 Speaker Requests** fulfilled
- Invited to participate in 2 tribal garden events
- Continued improvements at the **Firewise Demonstration Garden**

### Contact

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

# OTHER NEWS, RESOURCES, & EVENTS

## November Calendar

**NOV 11** - Veterans Day - Office Closed

**NOV 13** - Master Gardener Basic Training Class  
(registered students only)

**NOV 27** - Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed

**NOV 28** - Indigenous Peoples Day - Office Closed



MASTER GARDENER  
FACEBOOK PAGE



THE EVERGREEN  
THUMB PODCAST

Farmer Assistance  
Request Form

**MG ANSWER CLINIC**  
**(email only until March)**

submit questions to  
[AskMasterGardener@stevensmg.org](mailto:AskMasterGardener@stevensmg.org)



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