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4-H Proud Equestrian Program seeks volunteers and participants
Macomb MSU Extensions (MSUE) is seeking both volunteers and participants for its 4-H Proud Equestrian Program where disabled children learn to ride horses.

The Proud Equestrian Program, which began in 2004, aims to help disabled children improve their balance, coordination, confidence and communication through learning horsemanship skills.

Volunteers are needed to help with stable management, grooming, side walking, leading horses, volunteer recruitment, fundraising and marketing. Those wishing to volunteer must be at least 14 years old.

The program offers 45 minute riding lessons at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, from Aug. 20 to Sept. 17, and from Sept. 24 to Oct. 22, at the Black Tie Ranch, 6376 Marsh Road in Marine City.

To learn how to become a volunteer or to register for lessons, call 586-469-6431.

Affordable housing seminar offered by Macomb MSU Extension
Macomb County residents interested in purchasing a home are encouraged to attend the Macomb Homebuyer's Affordable Housing Seminar.

The free seminar offers information on renting versus buying a home, locations of the most affordable neighborhoods, information on government and bank loan programs and clever ways to save money.

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Participants also can check to see if they qualify for down payment or credit cleanup assistance.

The program runs from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 8129 Packard Ave. in Warren.

Registration for the event is required. To register, call 586-469-6430.

Program helps childcare providers develop a business plan

Anyone interested in starting a childcare business, or who are newly licensed and looking to get their business off-the-ground, are encouraged to attend a free childcare business development program offered by Macomb County MSU Extension (MSUE)

Participants will learn to assemble a childcare portfolio, effectively recruit and enroll new children, communicate effectively with parents and keep track of business records and other information.

The program runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, at the MSUE offices, 21885 Dunham Road (near entrance E) in Clinton Township.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 586-569-2395.

For more information on any of the Macomb MSUE community programs including Children-Youth-Family, Agriculture and Natural Resources or Community and Economic Development, please call 586-469-5180, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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