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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 and 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, from April 22 to June 10 (Spring Session), and Sept. 2 to Oct. 21 (Fall Session), 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.

**Youth 'Money Smart' workshop offered**

Macomb County middle and high school students interested in learning about the concepts of personal finances are encouraged to attend a free workshop offered by Macomb County MSU Extension's (MSUE) 4H Youth Development Program

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Participants will learn the benefits of budgeting and saving, and the importance of financial planning to prepare for the future. Finance-related games, quizzes, and fun activities will be available for both youths and adults.

Youths who bring a parent also will receive a special prize.

The 4H Annual Youth Money Smart Workshop will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at the Macomb County MSUE offices (Assembly Rooms A&B), 21885 Dunham Rd., in Clinton Township.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 586-469-6431.

### **Program teaches about credit scores**

Macomb County residents interested in learning about credit scores and how to get and interpret one are invited to attend a free “How Does Your Credit Score?” program offered by Macomb County MSU Extension (MSUE).

Participants will learn what a credit history is, how to build and repair credit history, how a credit score influences borrowing power and tips for raising credit scores.

The program runs from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at the Chesterfield Library, 50560 Patricia Ave., in Chesterfield Township.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 586-469-7614.

For more information on any of the Macomb MSU-E 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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