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Fundraiser promotes a healthy heart

The Macomb MSU Extension's (MSUE) 4-H Youth Mentor Program is seeking donations for a "Jump for Heart" fundraiser to benefit the American Heart Association.

The Clintondale M&M's, a group of mentors from Clintondale High School, organized by MSUE's 4-H Youth Mentor program will run the fundraiser.

Their mentees, elementary school students from Robbie Hall Parker Elementary School, have been raising money to participate in an obstacle course created by their mentors.

The fundraiser will be from 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 26, at Robbie Parker Elementary School, 22055 Quinn Road, in Clinton Township.

All funds will benefit the American Heart Association. Anyone wishing to donate should contact Karen Hakim at 586-469-6431.

Learn to teach gardening to children

Want to help a budding gardener grow? Macomb County MSU Extension (MSUE) is inviting those interested in teaching a Junior Master Gardener Program to the "Let's Get Growing! Youth Gardening Training."

Participants will learn hands-on, age-specific teaching methods, curriculum development and how to administer a program. Those who complete the program will be eligible to teach the Junior Master Gardener Program, a six-week program running in April and May.

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Trainings will be held from 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 19, 26, and March 4, in the MSUE assembly rooms, 21885 Dunham Road (near entrance E) in Clinton Township. Two team preparation meetings also will be held March 19 and April 2.

There is a \$50 fee for the training which includes the National 4-H Horticulture, Vegetable Gardening and Middle School Garden curricula and additional ideas, lessons and resources.

Registration is required and open until Feb. 10 (or until the class is full). For more information or to register, call 586-469-6431.

Learn about alternative energy options

Interested in the latest information and practical experience on alternatives to fossil fuels? Join MSU Extension (MSUE) and a panel of experts for the free program "Corn Burning & Other Alternative Energy Options."

Topics covered at the program include:

- Why corn?
- Can we depend on a stable corn supply?
- Introduction to using bio-fuels for heat
- Cost comparisons of different fuel types
- Feasibility and incentives for Small-scale wind-electric generators
- Basics of geothermal, solar and other types of alternative energy sources

The program runs from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at the MSUE offices, 21885 Dunham Road (near entrance E), in Clinton Township.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call Hannah Stevens at 586-469-6440 or e-mail stevensh@msu.edu.

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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