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4-H Proud Equestrian Program seeks volunteers and participants
Macomb MSU Extension's (MSUE) 4-H Proud Equestrian Program is seeking volunteers to assist 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.

Volunteer training is being held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at the Black Tie Ranch, 6376 Marsh Road in Marine City.

To learn how to become a volunteer, call 586-469-6431.

MSU Extension offers home maintenance & repair workshops

Macomb County residents interested in saving money on home repairs and maintenance are encouraged to attend a series of free workshops offered by Macomb County MSU Extension (MSUE) and sponsored by the City of Warren.

Upcoming programs include:

- **Thursday, March 13: Electrical Repair**
Learn to keep safe while working with electricity. Use simple test light procedures to diagnose problems, replace light switches and outlets, and rewire doorbells and lamps.

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- **Thursday, March 20: Plumbing**
Learn about different types of pipes, how to repair water pipe leaks and clogged drains, changing a toilet and toilet parts, and repairing/replacing faucets.
- **Thursday, March 27: Landscaping**
Learn to select trees and bushes, how to take care of a lawn flower gardening. MSUE Advanced Master Gardeners will provide instruction and answer questions.
- **Thursday, April 3: Outside Care**
Learn the basics of brick work and aluminum siding, how to maintain an asphalt or cement driveway, and checking for problems with the foundation, roof and gutters.

All programs will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Mount Cavalry Community Center, 8129 Packard Ave. in Warren.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 586-574-4686.

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.

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.