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Facing Foreclosure workshop offered

Macomb County residents facing a home-ownership crisis are encouraged to attend a free, facing foreclosure workshop offered by Macomb County MSU Extension (MSUE).

The workshop will run from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, March 10, and will cover how to choose whether to keep, sell or let your home be foreclosed, important timelines to follow and helpful resources available to homeowners.

It will be held at the Eastpointe Community Center, Room A, 16435 E. Eight Mile Road in Eastpointe.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 586-469-6430.

MSUE offers home water conservation class

Macomb County residents interested in saving money and helping the environment through proper water conservation can attend a "Water-Wise Home & Yard Care" seminar offered by Macomb County MSU Extension.

Attendees will learn both indoor and outdoor conservation techniques to help them save money on water and protect the environment.

The program runs from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 25, in the MSU Extension Assembly Rooms A & B (near entrance E) at 21885 Dunham Road in Clinton Township. There is a \$5 charge for this program.

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For more information or to register for the program, call 586-469-6430.

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.

The program offers 45 minute riding lessons from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, from April 2 through April 30 and May 7 through June 4, at the Black Tie Ranch.

To learn how to become a volunteer or to register for lessons, 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.
- **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.

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- **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.

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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