

## News Release

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**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.

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

The program runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 28, at The Warren City Hall building, 1 City Square Drive, in Warren.

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

#### **MSUE director wins Girl Scouts 'Woman of Distinction' award**

In recognition of outstanding accomplishments in her field and leadership on community issues, Marilyn Rudzinski, county extension director of Macomb County MSU Extension was presented the "Woman of Distinction" award by the Girl Scouts of Macomb County-Otsikita Council.

The award recognizes outstanding women in the community who embrace the Girl Scout spirit in their lives and work, and serve as role models for today's girls through their pursuit of excellence in their chosen fields.

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Rudzinski first joined MSU Extension in 1970 as a home economist. She was appointed director of Macomb County's MSU Extension in 1994.

During her time as director, Rudzinski has overseen a dramatic expansion of the extension office in personnel, programming, and grants/contracts.

Rudzinski also serves on the board of directors for Leadership Macomb where she chairs the "government day" which educates local business leaders on the workings and issues of local government.

### **MSU Extension hosts spring plant exchange**

Looking to get rid of extra plants or trade them for different ones? Stop by the Annual Spring Plant Exchange, hosted by Macomb County MSU Extension's (MSUE) Master Gardeners.

Participants are asked to bring healthy plants to exchange from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 7, in the rear parking lot of the VerKuilen Building (near the satellite dish), 21885 Dunham Road in Clinton Township.

The event also features demonstrations by Master Gardeners in the "demo garden" and soil sample collection for nutrient testing (for a fee) at the university.

Master Gardener volunteers also will be on-hand to answer any gardening or plant questions.

Participants should label all plants with its name and growing information.

For more information, call the MSUE gardening hotline, available Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 586-469-5063.

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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