

## News Release

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### MSU Extension News Bulletins 7-23-08



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#### **Fall '08 Master Gardener class applications available**

Macomb MSU Extension (MSUE) is now accepting applications for its fall 2008 Master Gardener courses.

Applications are accepted on a first-come first-served basis. Anyone not able to make it into the fall class will automatically be put on the list for the next class.

Classes will run from 6-10 p.m. every Monday, from Sept. 8 through Nov. 17, 2008, at the MSUE offices in the VerKuiilen Building, 21885 Dunham Road (near entrance E) in Clinton Township.

There is a fee of \$260 for the class, payable in cash or check.

For an application, call 586-469-6440 or download one at [http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/hort\\_ag\\_Calendar.htm#MasterGardener](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/hort_ag_Calendar.htm#MasterGardener).

#### **Parents can learn to start childcare business**

Macomb County parents interested in starting their own childcare business are encouraged to attend a free 36-hour childcare business program offered by Macomb County MSU Extension (MSUE).

The program is designed to give interested adults the knowledge, skills and tools to be competent caregivers of other people's children and succeed as a business owner.

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Topics covered by the training include:

- Getting started in childcare
- Child development
- Child abuse and neglect
- Positive discipline
- Play and early learning
- Health and safety
- Nutrition
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- Business and professional development

The programs run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Aug. 5, 8, 12, 15, 19 and 22 in MSUE assembly rooms A and B (near entrance E), 21885 Dunham Road in Clinton Township.

Registration is required as space is limited. For more information or to register, call Michelle Simasko at 586-469-2395.

### **Home ownership seminar offered**

Macomb County residents interested in learning how to effectively shop for and finance a home are encouraged to attend a two-part home ownership seminar offered by Macomb County MSU Extension (MSUE).

The free seminars feature community professionals who will discuss house hunting, shopping for a mortgage, getting a home inspection and closing the deal.

The three sessions run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the Tuesdays of Aug. 5, 12 and 19 at the MSUE Assembly Room B (near entrance E), 21885 Dunham Road, in Clinton Township.

These seminars meet the requirements for most community lending programs. A certificate of completion is presented to anyone who attends both sessions and completes all course work.

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

**Operation Military Kids seeks donations for 'Hero Packs'**

Macomb County MSU Extension's 4-H Operation Military Kids (OMK) program is seeking donations to fill "Hero Packs" which will be distributed to Macomb County children with parents serving overseas.

The program is calling on all businesses, organizations, churches and caring citizens to donate "connection/communication" items such as

disposable cameras, photo albums, scrapbooks, stationary, pens, journals, stamps and stickers to fill 500 Hero Packs.

OMK is a nation-wide youth community service effort to support and encourage children of deployed parents.

For more information or to donate, call Tina Flemming at 586-469-6431.

Donations also can be delivered to Macomb County MSU Extension, 21885 Dunham Road (suite 12 near entrance E) in Clinton Township.

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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