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Free backyard composting class offered

Macomb County residents interested in learning to create valuable compost from yard and other wastes are invited to attend a free presentation on backyard composting offered by Macomb County MSU Extension (MSUE).

Participants will learn proper composting procedures, how to build and maintain bins, how to use finished compost and how to follow local composting ordinances.

The presentation will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 22, at the Graubner Branch of the Romeo Public Library, 65821 Van Dyke, in Washington Township.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 586-752-0603.

Macomb County 4-H offers teen leadership workshop

Macomb County teens, interested in improving their leadership skills and learning about teen leadership opportunities are invited to attend the free, "4-H Teen Leadership & Services are the Bombdiggity" workshop, offered by the Macomb County MSU Extension (MSUE) 4-H Youth Program.

Participants will learn what they can do as a teen leader, leadership activities available, and the connection between teen leadership and community service.

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The program runs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 2, at the MSUE offices, 21885 Dunham Rd., in Clinton Township.

Lunch will be served following the workshop.

Registration is required by April 24. For more information or to register, call 586-469-6431.

4-H Proud Equestrian Program seeks volunteers and participants

Macomb MSU Extensions (MSUE) is seeking both volunteers and participants for its 4-H Proud Equestrian Program where 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.

The program offers 45 minute riding lessons at 6 and 7 p.m. on Wednesdays, from April 22 to June 10 (Spring Session), and Sept. 2 to Oct. 21 (Fall Session), at the Black Tie Ranch, 6376 Marsh Road in Marine City.

To learn how to become a volunteer or to register for lessons, call 586-469-6431.

Youth 'Money Smart' workshop offered

Macomb County middle and high school students interested in learning about the concepts of personal finances are encouraged to attend a free workshop offered by Macomb County MSU Extension's (MSUE) 4H Youth Development Program

Participants will learn the benefits of budgeting and saving, and the importance of financial planning to prepare for the future. Finance-related games, quizzes, and fun activities will be available for both youths and adults.

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Youths who bring a parent also will receive a special prize.

The 4H Annual Youth Money Smart Workshop will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 23, at the Macomb County MSUE offices (Assembly Rooms A&B), 21885 Dunham Rd., in Clinton Township.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 586-469-6431.

For more information on any of the Macomb MSU-E 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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