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**Class offers info for grandparents caring for grandchildren**  
Macomb County grandparents interested in learning about childcare topics to aid in caring for their grandchildren are encouraged to attend a free, five-session educational series offered by Macomb MSU Extension (MSUE).

Participants will learn about positive discipline techniques, child development, nutrition, literacy activities, and will receive free CPR certification.

The five-part series will be held from 6-9 p.m. on the Mondays and Wednesdays of July 13, 15, 20 and 22, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 18, at the MSUE offices, 21885 Dunham Rd. (near entrance E) in Clinton Township.

Participants who attend all five sessions will receive a certificate of completion.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 586-469-2395.

**Local youths participate in 4-H Art Exchange with China**  
Artwork created by eight Macomb County students will be on display at schools in China as part of the 4-H Children's Art Exchange.

Thousands of children from across Michigan participated in the Michigan 4-H Children's Art Exchange with China by submitting "visual letters" sharing stories, important ideas and feelings with children on the other side of the globe.

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More than 400 works were chosen and shown at Michigan State University in May. Of the 400 pieces, 64 were chosen to be sent to China.

Artwork Created by Julia Martisauski (Chippewa Valley Schools), Cordell Gave, Stephanie Parker, Skyler Castle, Keegan Wilhelmsen, Savannah Schokowski, Mickinze Chapman, Allison Kotelniski, Kara Hoffman (all of Roseville Schools), Emily Cook, Natalie Finazzo, Jack Tanghe, Emily Finos, Owen Jahn, Justin Townsend (all of Utica Schools) was selected to represent Michigan.

Their artwork will be on display at schools in Binshou City, Shangdong Province, in China.

Through the 4-H Children's Art Exchange, children in kindergarten-grade six are asked to communicate something important in their lives in a painting or drawing. Participants learn about China through Chinese children's art.

All of the works will be posted online at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/youth/chinapro.html>.

For more information on the 4-H Art Exchange call 586-469-6431.

### **Macomb MSU Extension offers 'Living with Less' programs**

Macomb County residents experiencing a sudden loss of income are encouraged to attend "Living with Less," a free program to help adjust to a new financial reality.

Participants will learn to recognize the grief of the loss, reassess how money will be used, and how to handle disagreements and conflicts when trying to adjust to financial changes.

The three-hour program will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 30, at the MSUE offices, 21885 Dunham Rd. (near entrance E), in Clinton Township.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 586-469-7614.

**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 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 23, 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 Warren City Hall, 1 City Square Rd. in Warren.

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

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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