

District 6

(Clare, Gladwin, Isabella, Mecosta, Missaukee, Osceola, and Wexford Counties)

2017 Summer Program Calendar

We are pleased to provide you with a listing of many upcoming educational programs from MSU Extension. In the electronic format, you will be able to click on the links we have provided and easily register for many of the programs without having to manually type in the URL link.

Please respond by email to: spoelma4@msu.edu to be added to our electronic list. Thank you!

AGRICULTURE PROGRAMS

<p>August 17</p>	<p><u>Mid Michigan Cattle Network Warm Season Plots</u> 6 – 9 pm. Grove Farm, 2093 Swanstra Rd. Gladwin. The Mid Michigan Cattle Network is a way to connect with other Mid-Michigan cattle producers to have roundtable discussions, sit in on informative programs and take tours of different cattle farms. The programs are presented in a relaxed, informal, Q & A discussion format. The meetings take place on the 3rd Wednesday of every month with the exception of July and November. Any person that is interested in joining the network can call Kable Thurlow at 989-426-7741 or by email at thurlowk@anr.msu.edu.</p>
<p>August 24</p>	<p><u>MSU Agriculture Innovation Day: Focus on Forages and the Future</u> 12:30 – 9 pm Lake City Research Center, Lake City. Experts from throughout the country will give a cutting-edge, in-depth look at forages and the future to help dairy and beef producers meet growing environmental, production and sustainability demands. For more information, contact Missaukee MSU Extension at 231-839-4667.</p>
<p>September 21</p>	<p><u>Mid Michigan Cattle Network Program – “In the Field”</u> 6 – 9 pm. Neville Supply Company, 8415 E Eberhart Ave, Clare. For those who are beef cattle producers, persons interested in cover crops or annuals for livestock and those interested in Management Intensive Grazing and soil health. Topics to be covered include a “how to” on fence building and water supplies for managed intensive grazing. For more information, contact Kable Thurlow at 989-426-7741 or by email at thurlowk@anr.msu.edu</p>

AGRICULTURE BUSINESS

The MSU Product Center helps entrepreneurs and businesses develop and launch new products and service ideas into food, agriculture and bioenergy markets. Innovation Counselors are located across Michigan and offer free business counseling to budding entrepreneurs and existing businesses.

To find an Innovation Counselor in your area to discuss your business or product needs with, you can:

- Submit a Request for Counseling online at <http://productcenter.msu.edu>, or email product@msu.edu
- Call the Product Center at (517)432-8750 or Fax (517)432-8756.

NATURAL RESOURCES, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GOVERNMENT AND LEADERSHIP

July 10	<u>Accessing and Applying for Student Loans</u> 12-1 pm. Online. This one-hour online class will cover the basics of understanding student loans. Cost is free. For more information, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/accessing_and_applying_for_student_loans_1
July 13,18 & 20	<u>Homebuyer Education – Online Series</u> 6 – 8 pm. Online. This homeownership seminar from MSU Extension will provide you with valuable information about the home-buying process. Cost is \$50. For more information, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/homebuyer_education_online_series_13
July 18	<u>Current Issues Affecting Michigan Local Governments: Regulating Medical Marijuana Facilities Webinar</u> 10 – 11 am. Online. Our July webinar will feature a presentation from MSU Extension Educator Wendy Walker on regulating medical marijuana facilities. For more information, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/current_issues_affecting_michigan_local_governments_regulating_medical_mari
July 19	<u>Rent Smart Webinar</u> 12 – 1 pm. Online. Workshop topics will include getting your money in order, understanding the rental process and being a good tenant. Cost is \$10. For more information, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/rent_smart_20
July 26	<u>Every Penny Adds Up: Savings Strategies and Tips</u> 12 – 1 p.m. Online. Saving money may seem like the impossible dream. It can be done with some planning and discipline. This one-hour webinar will discuss where to find the money to save and ten strategies to make things happen. Cost is Free. To register, go to https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=6B76A05336118B91
July 31	<u>Repayment Option for Student Loans Webinar.</u> 12 – 1 pm. Online. MSU Extension will be offering an hour webinar on strategies on how to successfully pay down your student loans. Cost is free. For more information, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/repayment_option_for_student_loans_webinar
August 1 – September 12	<u>Decentralized Wastewater Treatment – Continuing Education for Designers and Installers</u> Online. The training is online and self-paced, although all modules must be completed within a three-week period. A diverse educational delivery approach is used consisting of reading, narrated presentations, videos and web sites. Cost is \$125. For more information go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/decentralized_wastewater_treatment_continuing_education_for_designers_and_i
August 2 – Sept 13	<u>Citizen Planner Classroom Series</u> Wednesdays, 6 – 9 pm. City Police Department Training Room, 130 Page St, West Branch. Michigan Citizen Planner provides time-tested educational programs on important local issues that are proven to be comprehensive without being overwhelming. The program is offered locally to provide a convenient way for busy volunteer community leaders to obtain the latest technical knowledge and information they need to perform their duties more effectively and responsibly. For more information, go to https://events.anr.msu.edu/CPOG17
August 8, 10 & 15	<u>Homebuyer Education – Online Series</u> 6 – 8 pm. Online. This homeownership seminar from MSU Extension will provide you with valuable information about the home-buying process. Cost is \$50. For more information, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/homebuyer_education_online_series_14
August 17	<u>Master Citizen Planner Webinar Series: Real Estate Law for Planning Commissioners</u> 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Online. Local land use decision-makers often interact with real estate attorneys who represent development project participants and handle the legal issues involved. This webinar will demystify the legal lingo you hear and help you review development proposals with a better understanding of real estate law, including due diligence, ownership structures, leases, easements, private land use controls, and project financing. Cost is \$10 for MCPs; \$20 for other Registrants. For more information, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/2017_master_citizen_planner_webinar_series_3

September 6, 13, 20, 27	<u>Retirement Planning – Online Series.</u> 6 – 8 pm. Online. The Retirement Planning series from MSU Extension will provide you with valuable information to help you plan your retirement and will teach how social security, work, fraud, debt, savings and investments, retirement plans, insurance, home and mortgage may affect your retirement. For more information go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/reti
September 9	<u>Who Gets Grandma’s Yellow Pie Plate? – Passing on Personal Possessions</u> 12 – 1 p.m. Online. Planning for the transfer of both titled and non-titled property is an important issue that can significantly impact family relations. This webinar will address six key decision making factors for non-titled property transfer and provide strategies to help you jumpstart conversations about this issue. Cost is \$10. For more information, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/who_gets_grandmas_yellow_pie_plate_passing_on_personal_possessions_8
September 12, 14, 19	<u>Homebuyer Education – Online Series</u> 6 – 8 pm. Online. This homeownership seminar from MSU Extension will provide you with valuable information about the home-buying process. Cost is \$50. For more information, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/homebuyer_education_online_series_15
September 12-14	<u>Facilitative Leadership – September 2017</u> 9:30 am Tuesday – 3 pm Thursday. Kettunen Center, 14901 4-H Dr. Tustin. This three-day class focuses on creating an inclusive culture of collaborative learning in teams, communities and organizations. It is for both new and experienced leaders, managers, facilitators and graduate students who would like to develop or improve their facilitative leadership skills. For more information, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/facilitative_leadership_september_2017
September 14, 21, 28	<u>Money Management – Online Series.</u> 12:30 OR 6:30 pm. Online. This three-week course is offered online content to study and live weekly discussions with the instructor in a video conference room. The topics that are covered include creating financial goals, creating a spending plan, using credit wisely and pumping up savings. Cost is \$20 before September 5, \$25 after September 5. For more information go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/money_management_online_series_2

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAMS 4-H

July 11 – 12	<u>Isabella County 4-H Summer Camp</u> Coldwater Lake 4-H Camp, 1415 N Littlefield Rd, Weidman. Activities include craft projects, sports activities, swimming, campfire activities and more! Cost is \$45 for 4-H Members, \$55 for Non 4-H members. For more information, contact Kristi Schreiber at schrei61@anr.msu.edu or 989-317-4079.
July 18 – 19	<u>4-H Cloverbud Day Camp – Isabella County</u> 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. Coldwater Lake 4-H Camp, 1415 N Littlefield Rd, Weidman. Day camp for youth ages 5 – 8 years old by January 1. Activities include craft projects, sports activities, swimming, story time and more! For more information, contact Kristi Schreiber at schrei61@anr.msu.edu or 989-317-4079.

July 21 - 23	4-H Mentoring Weekend. Friday 4:30 Pm – Sunday 1 pm. Kettunen Center, 14901 4H Drive, Tustin. The 4-H Mentoring Weekend at Kettunen Center will bring together members of the mentoring community from across the state of Michigan for a weekend of fun, learning, laughter, and memories. For more information regarding cost, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_mentoring_weekend_3
July 22	Rabbit Tattoo Clinic 12 – 2 pm. Northern District Fairgrounds, Corner of 13 th St & Mitchell St, Cadillac. Clinic to be held at the small animal barn. Cost is free. For more information, contact Carol Blake at 231-779-9480 or by email cblake@anr.msu.edu
August 25 th	Ag Olympics at the Northern District Fair Northern District Fairgrounds, Corner of 13 th St & Mitchell St, Cadillac. Registration begins at 9:30 am. Events will start at 10 am. Participants must pre-register. Join a team and join the fun with a variety of events. Chicken Flicker, Water Bucket Brigade, Sack Race, Tug of War and MORE! For more information, contact Carol Blake at 231-779-9480 or by email cblake@anr.msu.edu

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

July 25	Rest Time Refresher & Evening Energizer: The Purpose of Play. Online. 1 – 2 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm. Why does my child just “play” all day? Learn more about the purpose of play in early childhood and why play-based education for young children is so critical to their social, emotional, language, cognitive and physical development. Cost is \$5. Participants will receive a certificate of completion for one training hour emailed directly to them. For more information, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/rest_time_refresher_evening_energizer_the_purpose_of_play
August 10	Rest Time Refresher & Evening Energizer: What Children Need to Know to Start School. Online. 1 – 2 pm or 6:30 -7:30 pm. By the end of Kindergarten a child will have been in class for 700 hours; but before it begins, parents, grandparents, child care providers, family members, churches, businesses, libraries and communities will have had the child for 52,000 hours. Learn more about what teachers want children to know to start school and how to best support early learning. Cost is \$5. Participants will receive a certificate of completion for one training hour emailed directly to them. For more information, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/rest_time_refresher_evening_energizer_what_children_need_to_know_to_start_s

HEALTH AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS

July 20	Do You Plan to Can? Pressure Canner Gauge Testing 9 – 11 am. Leroy Township Hall, 101 Blevins St, LeRoy. We all should test our dial gauge on our pressure canner annually. Michigan State University Extension will provide FREE testing of dial pressure gauges. You only need to bring your lid, the base is not necessary. If you have a weighted pressure canner, it is always accurate and does not need to be tested. For more information, contact Renee Sanders at 231-832-6141 or by email at biselnr@anr.msu.edu
July 20	You CAN Do it! – Food Preservation Class 4 – 6 pm. Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center, 2591 S. Leaton Rd, Mt Pleasant. Learn how to successfully and safely use a pressure canner for low acid foods and a water bath canner for acid foods. This class will provide you with handouts and resources to reference. The cost of the workshop is \$10.00. Registrations for SNAP participants will be waived upon verification at check-in. This workshop will be taught by an experienced MSU Extension food safety educator. For more information contact Kara Lynch at lynchka4@anr.msu.edu or 989-317-4079.

August 3 – Sept 7	<u>Eat Smart, Live Strong</u> 10 – 11 am. Centennial Arms Community Room, 601 W. First St, Evart. Eat Smart, Live Strong is a six week class designed to help income-eligible older adults adopt two key behaviors: Increase their fruit and vegetable consumption and the amount of physical activity they engage in. For more information, contact Renee Sanders at 231-832-6141 or by email at biselr@anr.msu.edu
August 3 – Sept 7	<u>Diabetes PATH</u> 10 am – 12:30 pm. Clare County Building, Basement Meeting Room A, 225 W. Main St, Harrison. Diabetes PATH is a workshop for adults with type 2 diabetes, their family, friends and caregivers. It takes 2.5 hours a week for 6 weeks. The workshop covers many things about diabetes, but what you will really learn are ways to help take care of your health. For more information, contact Kristina at rubisk@region7aaa.org or 800-858-1637.
August 7	<u>Water Bath or Pressure Can? You Can Do It!!</u> 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Clare County MSU Extension, 225 W. Main St, Harrison. Learn how to successfully and safely use a pressure canner for low acid foods and a water bath canner for acid foods. This class will provide you with handouts and resources to reference. Cost is \$10. Registrations for SNAP participants will be waived upon verification at check-in. This session is taught by an experienced MSU Extension food safety educator. For more information, contact Lisa Treiber at treiber@anr.msu.edu or 989-832-6643. To register online, go to https://events.anr.msu.edu/canclare17
August 9	<u>You CAN Do it! – Food Preservation Class</u> 4 – 6 pm. Isabella County Building, 3 rd Floor Kitchen, 200 N. Main St, Mt Pleasant. Learn how to successfully and safely use a pressure canner for low acid foods and a water bath canner for acid foods. This class will provide you with handouts and resources to reference. The cost of the workshop is \$10.00. Registrations for SNAP participants will be waived upon verification at check-in. This workshop will be taught by an experienced MSU Extension food safety educator. For more information contact Kara Lynch at lynchka4@anr.msu.edu or 989-317-4079.
August 16	<u>Water Bath or Pressure Can? You Can Do It!!</u> 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Gladwin County MSU Extension, 555 W. Cedar St, Gladwin. Learn how to successfully and safely use a pressure canner for low acid foods and a water bath canner for acid foods. This class will provide you with handouts and resources to reference. Cost is \$10. Registrations for SNAP participants will be waived upon verification at check-in. This session is taught by an experienced MSU Extension food safety educator. For more information, contact Lisa Treiber at treiber@anr.msu.edu or 989-832-6643. To register online, go to https://events.anr.msu.edu/cangladwin17
August 17	<u>You CAN Do It! – Food Preservation Class.</u> 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Wexford County MSU Extension. 401 N Lake St. Suite 400. Cadillac. Learn how to successfully and safely use a pressure canner for low acid foods and a water bath canner for acid foods. This class will provide you with handouts and resources to reference. The cost of the workshop is \$10.00. Registrations for SNAP participants will be waived upon verification at check-in. This workshop will be taught by an experienced MSU Extension food safety educator. To register, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/you can do it food preservation class 2
August 23	<u>You CAN Do It! – Food Preservation Class.</u> 4 – 6 pm. Osceola County Fairgrounds, Community Building. 101 Recreation Avenue, Evart. Learn how to successfully and safely use a pressure canner for low acid foods and a water bath canner for acid foods. This class will provide you with handouts and resources to reference. The cost of the workshop is \$10.00. Registrations for SNAP participants will be waived upon verification at check-in. This workshop will be taught by an experienced MSU Extension food safety educator. To register, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/food preservation you can do it osceola county
August 30	<u>Pickling: It's Not Just for Cucumbers – Food Preservation Class</u> 12 – 2 pm. Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center, 2591 S. Leaton Rd. Mt Pleasant. Learn what the correct methods are for pickling, and see the steps involved with a live demonstration in this Food Preservation class. Participants learn skills and techniques to preserve safe, high-quality canned, pickled products by using up-to-date research methods, from the United States Department of Agriculture guidelines. For more information, contact Kara Lynch at 989-317-4079 or by email at lynchka4@anr.msu.edu

September 6	Freezing – Food Preservation Class 5 – 7 pm. Isabella County Building, 3 rd Floor Kitchen, 200 N. Main St, Mt Pleasant. Learn how to successfully freeze foods. This class will provide you with handouts and resources to reference. The cost of the workshop is \$10. Registrations for SNAP participants will be waived upon verification at check-in. This workshop will be taught by an experienced MSU Extension food safety educator. For more information, go to http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/food_preservation_class_freezing
September 26	Canning Venison – Food Preservation Class 5 – 7 pm. Nimkee Memorial Wellness Center, 2591 S. Leaton Rd, Mt Pleasant. Learn how to use a pressure cooker to can venison. Cost is \$15 per person, fee will be waived with proof of SNAP eligibility or Tribal Membership. For more information contact Kara Lynch at lynchka4@anr.msu.edu or 989-317-4079.
September 27	Enjoy Your Michigan Fall Produce by Blanching and Freezing 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Gladwin County MSU Extension, 555 W. Cedar St, Gladwin. Blanching and freezing can be done year round, learn how to successfully freeze fall produce. This class will provide you with handouts and resources to reference. The cost of the workshop is \$10. Registrations for SNAP, WIC and other participants on assistance will be waived upon verification at check-in. An experienced MSU Extension food safety educator will teach the workshop. For more information, contact Lisa Treiber at treiber@anr.msu.edu or 989-832-6643. To register, go to https://events.anr.msu.edu/frzgladwin17
September 28	Enjoy Your Michigan Fall Produce by Blanching and Freezing 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Clare County MSU Extension, 225 W. Main St, Harrison. Blanching and freezing can be done year round, learn how to successfully freeze fall produce. This class will provide you with handouts and resources to reference. The cost of the workshop is \$10. Registrations for SNAP, WIC and other participants on assistance will be waived upon verification at check-in. An experienced MSU Extension food safety educator will teach the workshop. For more information, contact Lisa Treiber at treiber@anr.msu.edu or 989-832-6643. To register, go to https://events.anr.msu.edu/frzclare17

GARDENING

August 17 – November 16	Master Gardener Training Thursdays 5:30 – 9:30 pm. West Branch MSU Extension Office, 205 S. 8 th St. West Branch. Gain “World Class” gardening knowledge to help your communities become “greener” places! \$300 includes a manual and 14 training sessions from MSU Experts in soil & plant science; composting; growing healthy lawns/vegetables/fruit/flowers/shrubs/trees; diagnosing & treating pests/disease; & gardening methods that protect water/environment. For more information, go to https://events.anr.msu.edu/mgvpwestbranch17 For information on scholarships and carpooling, contact Cindy or Sarah at 989-362-3449.
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Garden or yard questions? Visit the Gardening in Michigan website: www.migarden.msu.edu
View our tip sheets on smart vegetables and other smart gardening topics.



Or Ask an Expert!

Call the MSU Extension toll-free hotline: 1-888-678-3464

Use the website's Ask an Expert box to email your question with an image through eXtension.

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