

Message from the District Director



Mother Teresa said, "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters and create many ripples." MSU Extension acts as a catalyst for lasting change across the Upper Peninsula and beyond, reaching all ages and communities. Our programs support youth, farmers, older adults, and local economies, making a broad impact.

For over 100 years, MSU Extension has partnered with organizations to bring Michigan State University's knowledge to our communities, amplifying our collective impact. Together, we achieve more than any single entity could alone.

I've been with MSU Extension for nine years, first as a Health Educator and now as District Director for the Eastern Upper Peninsula. I look forward to continuing our work and exploring new ways to collaborate and create positive ripples of impact in Schoolcraft County and beyond.

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114

EXTENSION PROGRAMS INCLUDING SCHOOLCRAFT RESIDENTS

975

SCHOOLCRAFT RESIDENTS ATTENDED EXTENSION PROGRAMS

MSU Financial Impacts in Schoolcraft County

- \$812,749 total impact in Schoolcraft County
- \$263,470 Financial aid disbursement
- \$7,522 Spent in local businesses

43

Extension programs held in the county

991

People attended programs held in the county



REPORTING

32

Extension educators, specialists and program staff reported data for Schoolcraft County

30

Commerical Residential soil test kits analyzed for Schoolcraft County

3

"Ask Extension" questions answered in Schoolcraft County

7,470

questions answered across the state

206

Youth enrolled in Schoolcraft County 4-H

819

Youth participants



Staff Success Stories



"B' was a student in a kindergarten class where I delivered Show Me Nutrition in the spring of 2022. The farthest we got B to go with food tasting was touching a carrot with his tongue. His aunt was his teacher that year so it wasn't for lack of support or encouragement from everyone in the room - he said he just didn't like the way food felt in his mouth. Fast forward to fall of 2022 when I'm in his class for a 4-H mindfulness series and every session B asks me if I brought food to try. I paused to crouch down and ask him if his tastebuds have changed.

Jill Connin
4-H
Program
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'Mrs. Connin, I think I might be ready to try some of the foods you bring if you bring more.'

I am pleased to report that I will be in B's 1st-grade class for a nutrition series in early 2023 and look forward to watching him grow." - Jill

"I added some chicken since you said cooking recipes are mostly an outline and we can add other foods that we have on hand. We had leftover chicken that needed to be used and I needed more protein for my day."



Partnership Success:

Limestone Federal Credit Union is excited to announce a funding partnership beginning May, 2023 for an Education Coordinator through MSU Extension. Limestone FCU has a long history of actively participating in youth financial literacy, and in recent years, a focus on youth entrepreneurial ventures. This partnership brings a unique collaboration between MSU Extension, 4-H, and a member-owned financial institution, the first of its kind in the State of Michigan.

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4-H FINANCIAL LITERACY & ENTREPRENEURIAL PROGRAMS
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Limestone Federal Credit Union Partnership Programming:

Jill used the **Money Carnival kit** and a teen volunteer to deliver financial literacy activities at the **Schoolcraft County Fair**. The three stations were: how to write checks, spend/save/share and financial terms and definitions. **68 participants** enjoyed this program and learned financial literacy that will last a lifetime.



4-H 2023 Recap



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4-H Program
Coordinator

2023 4-H Camp at Clear Lake Educator Center

*“Schoolcraft County had a wonderful group of **22 youth, 5 volunteers, and 1 program coordinator** attend U.P. 4-H Camp at Clear Lake Education Center nestled in a lush forest off the grid Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week. The campers participated in a clue challenge, a dance, arts & crafts, apple play, canoeing, campfire time (skits, songs & smores), ice cream making, introduction to coding, iPad: nature sketching, learning financial literacy through a money carnival, nature hikes, team sports, scavenger hunts, shooting sports (archery & BB guns), swam, and more - all while learning new skills and making new friends. We ended with awards and a slideshow.” - Jill*



2023 Schoolcraft County Archery Week

“It is archery week in Mr. Kangas’ 1st-hour PE class! The U.P. Whitetails Association, Inc. was instrumental in getting these archery kits for Manistique Area Schools several years ago. With a few tune-ups, all bows are back in action. As a certified 4-H archery instructor, I assisted by running the line this morning. Two adults are always safer than one with 25 youth per class!” - Jill



According to research completed by the Institute for Applied Research in Youth Development at Tufts University, 4-H’ers are 4X more likely to make contributions to their communities, 2X more likely to be civically active, and 2X more likely to make healthier choices.