



Newaygo County

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MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR

Once again, I am delighted to share the results of another successful year of partnership between Newaygo County and Michigan State University (MSU) Extension. Because of your continued support, we've been able to make a difference in the lives of youth, families, businesses, and communities.

MSU Extension offers a broad range of research-based educational services to County residents. Over this past year, we've empowered families and individuals to live healthier lives, supported new and local businesses, created opportunities for youth leadership development and career exploration, helped farmers with business management and mental health, and much more. Our staff live and work alongside County residents, are rooted in community relationships and are responsive to community needs.

Again, this year, we've welcomed Newaygo County residents into our online community: we've offered online educational courses, answered questions on topics ranging from gardening to food safety, raised program awareness through social media, and provided a library of research-based resources they've browsed on our website.

Our partnership with you makes this all possible. On behalf of the MSU Extension team serving Newaygo County, thank you for another great year. We look forward to your continued support and hope you'll be able to join us during one of our upcoming programs.

James Kelly,

District Director





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MSU Extension Newaygo County

Food • Ag • Youth • Health • Environment • Community

Since 1913, the Michigan State University (MSU) Extension has helped the residents of Newaygo County improve their lives through an educational process that applies knowledge to critical issues, needs, and opportunities.

80	3,117	289	1,396	12,424
Programs delivered in Newaygo County	Newaygo County Residents <small>Participated in programs offered by MSU Extension in Newaygo County.</small>	Programs Attended <small>By Newaygo County residents, either in county, outside of Newaygo County, or on-line.</small>	Newaygo County Youth <small>Participated in programs offered by MSU Extension in Newaygo County.</small>	Program Participants <small>In programs lead by Newaygo staff on-line or statewide.</small>
21% Increase	3% Increase	9% Increase	16% Decrease	27% Increase

30,369 Facebook Page Reach	46 Soil Test Kits sold and processed.	108 Plat Books Sold	3,950 Direct Contacts
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3 Educators	2 Program Instructors	0.5 Clerical Support	45 Partnerships and coalitions
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NEWAYGO COUNTY FOCUS AREAS

Agriculture

MSU Extension works to increase farmers' success while protecting the environment, ensuring food safety, reaching new markets and advancing agriculture through applied research. Agriculture is now one of the fastest growing sectors of the Michigan economy.

- Manure Management Summit
- Milker Training, Dairy Judging
- Beginner Grazing School
- Farm Bill and Crop Insurance Training
- Backyard Fruit, Pear Meeting
- Grass Fest
- Animal Handling Training
- Asparagus Day
- Heroes to Hives & Beekeepers Assoc.
- Pruning Workshop
- Corn and soybean conference

Environment

Our natural resources programs improve public understanding, help landowners and communities use those assets for sustainable long-term social and economic development and conserve natural resources for future generations.

- Not MI Species
- Intro to Lakes & Lakes Monitoring Program
- Various Local Lake Consultations
- Newaygo County Healthy Lakes Program
- Steelhead Fishery Workshop
- Forest Management Basics
- Pesticide applicator Training
- Choices for Sustainable Living

Community

Successful and thriving communities combine knowledgeable and engaged legislators, businesses, community groups and residents. By connecting these groups with the most trusted tools, MSU Extension helps enhance the quality of life in Michigan.

- Citizen Planner
- Capital Asset and Management Training

Community (cont.)

- Budgeting for Fiscal Sustainability
- Foreclosure Triage
- Product Center Counselling
- Rethinking Local Government budgeting
- Zoning Administrator Certification
- Opening Doors to Affordable Housing

Health & Nutrition

MSU Extension's programming promotes healthy lifestyles and empowers Michigan residents to take control of their health. Participants learn how to build nutritious diets on a budget, reduce foodborne diseases and become leaders in the food industry.

- Nutrition Education at Daisy Brook, Grant Elementary, Pathfinder, Croton, Hesperia.
- Diabetes Education/Prevention
- Mindful Eating
- Cooking for Crowds.
- Mindful Moving
- Safe Food Healthy Kids
- ServSafe training
- Mental Health First Aid
- Cottage Food Law
- How to Start a food truck business
- Mental Health First Aid
- Feeding a Picky Eater

Family

Keeping Michigan families strong and successful—financially, emotionally and physically—is a big part of measuring MSU Extension's success. Programs devoted to keeping families safe include those dealing with bullying and violence prevention.

- Powerful Tools for Caregivers
- Adulting 101- Wealth building
- Various 4-H Events
- Mindfulness for Children
- Positive Discipline
- County Fair Activities
- Relax: Alternatives to Anger
- Exploration Days on MSU Campus
- Citizenship Washington Focus

4-H Newaygo County

*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.*

38
Clubs

425
Members

89
Volunteers

1,189
Volunteer Hours