



# ANNUAL REPORT

## MSU Extension Dickinson County

Food • Ag • Youth • Health • Environment • Community

Since 1914, Michigan State University (MSU) Extension has helped residents in Dickinson County improve their lives through an educational process that applies knowledge to critical issues, needs, and opportunities.

**28**

Programs hosted in Dickinson County

**655**

Participants attended programs hosted in Dickinson County

**120**

MSU Extension Programs (in county, online or statewide) were attended by Dickinson County residents

**766**

Dickinson County Residents attended MSU Extension Programs (in county, on-line or statewide)

**2,556**

Facebook reach

**490**

Individual class sessions attended

**11**

Submissions to Ask Extension

**27**

Programs delivered by Dickinson County staff

## DICKINSON COUNTY STAFF

**.5**

Community Nutrition Instructor

**.5**

4-H Program Coordinator

**28**

Partnerships and coalitions

# DICKINSON 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. Highlights include:

- MI Ag Ideas to Grow With Conference
- UP Agriculture for Tomorrow Conference
- Beginning Farmers DEMaND Series (Webinar Program)
- 2022 Residential Soil Testing - Smart Gardening
- 2022 Commercial Soil Testing

## 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. Highlights include:

- 2022 Introduction to Lakes Online
- Michigan Inland Lakes Convention 2022
- Michigan Inland Guides Workshop
- 2022 Michigan Birding 101 Spring Course & Fall Refresher

## Community

### Home Horticulture Classes

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. Highlights include:

- MSU Product Center Client Consultations
- Webinar: Making it in Michigan: Food Entrepreneurs' Path to Success
- Savvy Tips for Starting a Small Business
- Homebuyer Education
- Fiscally Ready Communities: Financial Best Practices Webinar

## 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 food borne diseases and become leaders in the food industry. Highlights include:

- ServSafe Class
- Presentations to: Felch Senior Center
- Iron Mountain Senior Center
- Breen Senior Center
- Norway Senior Center
- MSU Extension Dickinson County
- Sagola Senior Center
- Washington Court Apartments
- Hulst Manor Apartments
- Kingswood Apartments

## 4-H Programs and Youth

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. Highlights include:

- Dickinson County 4-H Proud Equestrian Program
- SPIN CLUB: Theater Workshop @ The Braumart — Ages 9 to 11 and 12 to 18
- SPIN CLUB: 4-H China "Visual Letters" Art Exchange/Crafts from Around the World
- 4-H Russ Mawby Sidewalk Art Competition
- SPIN CLUB: 4-H Volunteer PEP Club
- 4-H STEAM Activities for Families
- SPIN CLUB: Plant Germination Project
- Nutrition and Physical Activity Programming North Elementary and Woodland Elementary Schools

## Dickinson County 4-H

*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.*

**15**  
Clubs

**145**  
Members

**8**  
Adult Volunteers