



## Schoolcraft County

# 4-H Family News

September 2016

**HELLO  
my name is  
MSU Extension**

### I'm back. Have you missed me?

April 11, 2016 was an important day for the youth in Schoolcraft County. It was on that Monday that the Schoolcraft County MSU Extension office reopened and with it came the possibility of 4-H clubs. The office was closed in March of 2011 after three failed millage requests. MSU Extension is the umbrella organization for 4-H in Michigan and without an MSU Extension office in the county, 4-H clubs had to disband.

Opportunities and programs for Schoolcraft County youth are certainly needed. This office will work to expand the horizons of our youth, opening doors to new ideas, seminars, workshops, trips, and community service adventures. 4-H is open to ALL youth aged 9-19 with options for Cloverbuds who are 5-8 years old.

4-H is a program run through the work of amazing volunteers. The process to become a volunteer is simple and you do not need to be an expert on a topic to lead a club. We are currently looking for adults willing to lead animal-focused clubs. It could be one club with "branches" for each species or separate species-specific clubs. If you think this is something that you'd be interested in, please contact the office.

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### Robotics/STEM club starting September 20<sup>th</sup>

Julia and Jon Burk will be kicking off their new 4-H club at 6:30 on Tuesday, September 20th in room 34 of the middle/high school (6th-grade hallway). This club will meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Youth ages 9-19 are encouraged to attend, with older members taking on some leadership by helping younger members. Parents/guardians are asked to attend the first meeting to complete 4-H enrollment forms. There is a \$10 4-H participation fee for the 2016-17 program year and the club dues are \$20, to cover the purchase of kits and materials.

**ALERT**



Hoophouse SPIN Club member planted carrot seeds during their first meeting in June.

## In the works for Schoolcraft County...

- ✘ Office open house
- ✘ Home economics club
- ✘ Community Resource Fair booth
- ✘ National Youth Science Day event
- ✘ Shooting sports club (special certification is a slow process)

### 4-H Workshops

September 13: Explaining Environmental Education Webinar  
<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=156AC65DE21E3417>  
 Your computer

September 14-16: Facilitative Leadership Workshop for Youth-Serving Professionals & Volunteers  
<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=EAB1845F2861118D>  
 Louhelen Baha'I School Retreat and Conference Center, Davison Township

September 15: Explaining Environmental Education Webinar  
<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=156AC65DE21E3417>  
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September 17-18: 4-H Shooting Sports 101  
<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=89CAF2D7207B424D>  
 Jay's Sporting Goods, Clare

October 5-6: Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference  
<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/cec>  
 Port Huron

October 8-9: 4-H Regional Shooting Sports Air Pistol Training  
<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h-regional-shooting-sports-air-pistol-training>  
 Demmer Center, Lansing

October 15-16: Michigan 4-H Goat Workshop  
<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-goat-workshop>  
 Kettunen Center, Tustin

October 29-30: 4-H Visual Arts, Crafts, Sewing & Textiles Workshop  
<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h-visual-arts-crafts-sewing-and-textiles-workshop-1>  
 Kettunen Center, Tustin

November 19-20: 4-H Advisory Group Retreat  
<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4-h-advisory-group-retreat-1>  
 Kettunen Center, Tustin

November 25-29: National 4-H Congress  
<https://www.facebook.com/National4HCongress>  
 Atlanta, Georgia

### Other 4-H Events

September 17: Michigan 4-H Poultry Expo  
<http://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=78FB376DDDF5EE9F0>  
 Anthony Hall, Michigan State University

October 2-8: National 4-H Week  
 Nationwide

October 5: 4-H National Youth Science Day  
<http://4-h.org/parents/national-youth-science-day>  
 Nationwide

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/events/4-h>