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.

Robotics/STEM club starting September 20th

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.

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Hoophouse SPIN Club member planted carrot seeds during their first meeting in June.
### 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 Bahá’í 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=78FB376DDF5EE9F0  
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