Introducing 3 new 4-H clubs:

**Girls 6th/7th/8th-grade Volleyball:** Amy Nixon, Christine Partyka and Ashlee Eisinger were planning to run the annual volleyball program again this year on their own. After a few conversations it was decided that this program and the participants could benefit from becoming a 4-H club. The paperwork was quickly put into motion and their practices started in January. The teams will be hosting a tournament on March 11th (9am-?) with promotional materials purchased through the YV:YC Grant (see below).

**Emerald Clover Buddies:** Cloverbud clubs allow youth ages 5-8 participate in 4-H programs at a developmentally appropriate level. The projects focus on fun, discovery, exploring and not on competition. This club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month in the library at Emerald Elementary immediately after school until 4:30. Adults who would like to help with this club are asked to contact the office so we can complete the volunteer selection process together.

**Friends Helping Friends:** This is another example of a club that has been meeting on a weekly basis but benefits from becoming a 4-H club so they can get an be recognized as official group with an EIN (from the IRS), open a bank account and apply for grants. Tracie Abram oversees this group at the high school during lunch/seminar on Tuesdays. The teens focus on learning about the social, emotional and mental challenges that teens face.

### $2,000 Youth Voice: Youth Choice Grant Received

In November, I agreed to participate in a state-wide grant for counties that wanted to expand their current health/nutrition/fitness 4-H programming to reach 175 youth. Because I am one of only five 4-H program coordinators that splits my job with SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Education, I was uniquely suited for this grant. The 3rd-grade classrooms at Emerald Elementary just completed their Great Garden Detective Adventure series. Each Monday we spent an hour learning about produce through a tasting table, poster creation, food miles, MyPlate, lunch menus and seed starting. Manistique Middle School’s 6th-grade classes will begin their Dig In! program, utilizing the school hoop house, in March.
LOCAL Opportunities:

**Shooting Sports Certification Training, Archery**
April 8 and 9, 8:00am-5:00pm at Mather Elementary School in Munising. This workshop is for adult leaders and teens 16 and older who would like to start a shooting sports club in Schoolcraft County. Participants will be provided the necessary skills, resources and background to successfully teach shooting sports and it is mandatory for anyone who wants to conduct range activities. For more information and to register, please call the Schoolcraft County MSU Extension office at 906-286-3327. The $60 registration fee for Schoolcraft County participants will be covered by county 4-H funds.

**Exploration Days**
Registration opens March 12—booklets with session descriptions and registration forms are available from the office or online: [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/4_h_exploration_days/registration_information](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/4_h_exploration_days/registration_information) Get your forms turned in by March 12 for best chance at getting into your top-choice sessions! The first 15 registrations from the county will receive a $40 scholarship. Bus fees and the fee for staying on campus Tuesday night are being covered by Schoolcraft County 4-H Funds.

**Upper Peninsula 4-H Camp**
June 21-23, 2017 at Michigan State University

**4-H Workshops**
March 11-12: Challenge U 4-H Funfest
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=45166123621BDFFE](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=45166123621BDFFE)
Kettunen Center, Tustin

March 18-19: 4-H Robotics Workshop
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=CFBB42F26791A2C6](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=CFBB42F26791A2C6)
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**Other 4-H Events**
March 19-22: 4-H Capitol Experience
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=087C25CC2694CBDE](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=087C25CC2694CBDE)
Okemos Conference Center, Okemos

April 15: State 4-H Goat Expo
[https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=6549761B2168714F](https://events.anr.msu.edu/event.cfm?eventID=6549761B2168714F)
Anthony Hall, MSU, East Lansing

For the most up-to-date events listing, go to [http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/events/4_h](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/events/4_h)