



Alpena County

4-H Family News

February 2019

YOU'RE INVITED: ALPENNA COUNTY 4-H FUN DAY!

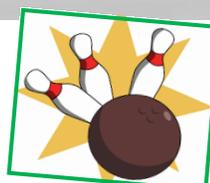
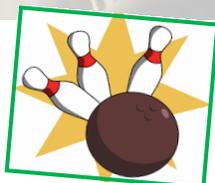
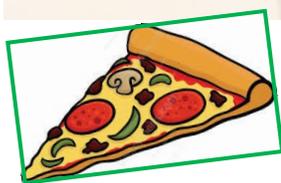
(Youth Day has been moved to July)

When: Sunday, March 3, 2019

Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Where: Thunder Bowl Lanes (2191) US-23, Alpena

Join us for bowling and pizza for all 4-H members!
We hope to see you there!



*** Enroll in 4-H Today - Just 2 Steps ***

The 2018-2019 4-H year is here—Enroll in 4-H today! Volunteers and youth can enroll at home or use our 4-H volunteer computer at the MSU Extension office. The \$20 4-H enrollment fee (\$60 family fee for 3+ children in the same family) or participation fee scholarship form can NOT be paid or completed online, you must come into our office, drop it in our secure mailbox located outside of our main entrance, or mail us your participation fee/waiver form. **Youth are NOT enrolled in 4-H until their participation fee/scholarship is turned into the Alpena MSU Extension office and they have completed their 4-H Online enrollment.** Don't miss the **March 1, 2019 deadline** in order to be eligible to market livestock projects at this year's fair.

4-H Online Website: <https://mi.4honline.com/Login.aspx>

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4-H Rabbit Fitting and Showing Member Guide



The new and updated Michigan 4-H Rabbit Fitting & Showmanship Guide is out! Download your copy at:
<https://bit.ly/2LmPksx>

Alpena County MSUE Welcomes New 4-H Program Coordinator Michelle Eagling!



Michelle is a Posen native who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the 4-H program. She has an Associates degree in Science from ACC and is currently working on her Bachelors degree in Social Work through Madonna University. She is looking forward to working with and meeting everyone who is involved in making 4-H such a successful and wonderful program. 4-H is something she is passionate about and cannot wait to share her enthusiasm and experiences with the youth in Alpena County. Michelle works at the Alpena MSUE office Mon—Fri from 8:00a-2:00p. She can be reached by e-mail at: eaglingm@msu.edu

4-H Events & Workshops

February 2 : 4-H Benefit Clinic

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

Learn more about form, function, improving patterns and lead changes from experts Brian Bannerman, September Croel and Karen Waite during this day of interactive sessions.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-benefit-clinic>

February 15-16: 4-H Veterinary Science Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Explore animal systems and learn about animal health for a broad array of animals species. Come prepared to learn from experienced veterinarians and others.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-veterinary-science-teen-and-adult-leaders-workshop>

February 16: Michigan 4-H at the Griffins

VanAndel Arena, Grand Rapids

Come out to VanAndel Arena for an exciting night of hockey with the Grand Rapids Griffins! A portion of each ticket will support Michigan 4-H programming.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/michigan-4-h-at-the-griffins>

February 16-17: 4-H Beef, Sheep and Swine Teen and Adult Leaders Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

This workshop is designed for both teen and adult leaders who are involved with beef cattle, sheep and swine projects. Topics include animal health, management, care and nutrition. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-beef-sheep-and-swine-teen-and-adult-leaders-workshop>

February 23: 4-H Teen and Adult 4-H Horse Leaders Conference

Anthony Hall, East Lansing

Attend this conference to explore topics such as horse judging, equine first aid, and veterinary care for horses. Information shared will assist leaders in youth development and more.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/mi-4-h-teen-adult-4-h-horse-leaders-conference>

February 23-24: 4-H Teen Leaders in Action Workshop

Kettunen Center, Tustin

Teens attending this workshop will learn how to teach an educational lesson to other youth in their local community.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-teen-leaders-in-action-workshop>

February 24: 4-H Alumni Tip-Off Reception

MSU Spartan Stadium, East Lansing

The Michigan 4-H alumni community is invited to an alumni reception prior to the 4-H Day at the Breslin event.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-alumni-tip-off-reception>

February 24: 4-H Day at the Breslin

MSU Breslin Center, East Lansing

Show your Michigan 4-H pride while cheering on the MSU Women's Basketball team during this annual event.

<https://www.canr.msu.edu/events/4-h-day-at-the-breslin>

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

Alpena 4-H Council Senior Scholarship!

Apply for an Alpena County 4-H Council Senior Scholarship! All current Alpena County 4-H'ers that are graduating high school seniors are eligible to apply (this includes students enrolled in the early college program through ACC that are in what would be their senior year of high school). Applications are available online:

<https://bit.ly/2AMAckk>

Application Deadline:

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 4:30pm

Interview Date:

Monday, April 15, 2019 starting at 6:00pm

**Sign-up for your interview time slot at the Alpena MSUE office or call us at (989) 354-9870.*

2018 Senior Scholarship Recipients:

Carly Leatzow
Conner McDonald



Market Club



2019 Market Club Dates:

(3rd Tuesday of the month)

- Tuesday, March 19 @ 6pm
- Tuesday, April 16 @ 6pm
- Tuesday, May 14 @ 6pm
- Tuesday, June 18 @ 6pm
- Tuesday, July 16 @ 6pm



All market club meetings will be held at the Merchant's Building at the Alpena County Fair grounds. If you are planning to market livestock at the 2019 Alpena County Fair, you need to be a member of the Market Club. For questions please contact the Alpena MSU Extension office. Market Club rules, Market Sale Guidelines, and other important information regarding the market sale will be discussed at meetings. To be a member of the market club, just come to meetings and make sure to sign-in. You must attend at least 3/5 meetings to be eligible to market livestock at the Alpena County Fair.

Michigan 4-H Participant Age Policy Change

Beginning September 1, 2018, the Michigan 4-H Participant Age Policy changed to reflect lowering our competitive age from 9 to 8 years old. The new age for competitive 4-H members is 8 to 19 years old, continuing to use January 1 of the program year (September 1 – August 31) as the date of calculation. The 4-H Cloverbud experience will remain available to youth ages 5–7. Alpena County 4-H has aligned their market animal sale and other contest rules with the Michigan 4-H participant age policy change.

Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign!

Please help support Alpena County 4-H by volunteering at the TSC Paper Clover Campaign! March 27-April 7, 2019!

***Worth 2 points!**



Sign Up Times:

Saturday, March 30, 2019 (10:00am-12:00pm) & (12:00pm-2:00pm)

Saturday, April 5, 2019 (10:00am-12:00pm) & (12:00pm-2:00pm)

Members and Clubs:

- Please contact the Alpena MSUE to sign up for a time slot or sign up at Alpena County 4-H Fun Day-

What is the TSC Paper Clover Campaign? Twice a year TSC has a two week time period when customers can donate \$1 to purchase a 4-H paper cover. 4-H members volunteer at the store to help carry purchases to customers vehicles, and more. 70% of the funds go to state and county 4-H programs and 30% go to the National 4-H Council. Thank you Alpena TSC for your dedication and support of 4-H!

Brooke Gersewski

2018-2019 4-H Member of the Year

Danielle Hoggard, the granddaughter of Dale and Joann Huggler, awarded the title of Alpena County 4-H Member of the Year to **Brooke Gersewski**, daughter of Paul and Jeanna Gersewski of Lachine. The 4-H Member of the Year is the highest honor a 4-H'er can receive in Alpena County. The 4-H Member of the Year is sponsored by Dale and Joann Huggler, who have been the sole sponsors of the award since its inception in 1975. Congratulations to Brooke! Great job accomplishing the 4-H motto and *making the best better* right here in Alpena County.



Katie Kasubowski— Volunteer of the Year

Katie Kasubowski was honored for her tireless dedication to the Alpena County 4-H Youth Development Program at our County Awards Banquet in October. Katie has been an instrumental volunteer in Alpena County 4-H, by serving on the 4-H Council, chairing various committees, hosting 4-H events and activities, and more. Thank you for your dedication to Alpena County 4-H, Katie!



Save the Dates:

2019 Horse Camp: June 21-23
2019 Achievement Day: June 30

Registration information for horse camp will be available in the April newsletter. If you have any questions about horse camp please contact the Alpena MSU Extension office.

Fundraiser for the Alpena County Fair:

-Hosted by the Alpena County Horseman's Club (ACHC)-

- Saturday, March 16, 2019 @ the Aplex
- Doors open @ 5:30 pm H-Bone Groove Band plays at 7:00 pm-11:00 pm
- \$8.00 a ticket or \$10.00 at the door, tickets available at Neiman's, the Aplex or any ACHC Member.
- Cash bar, Silent Auction, games and famous Tony Burgers!



State News



Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience

March 17-20, 2019

Join Michigan teens speaking out on the hot topics that matter to them in education, agriculture, health, crime, jobs, equality and the environment.

4-H Capitol Experience is a four-day conference held in Lansing that focuses on civic engagement and public policy. The program is open to ALL high school students in Michigan. Each year, 75—100 students take action on issues that matter to them and learn how they can have an influence on state government and laws.

Registration deadline:

February 10, 2019

Register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/4HCapEx/>

For more information visit:

<https://bit.ly/2ED6MrD>

4-H Exploration Days June 19-21, 2019 @ MSU

Every year, approximately 2,500 youth (ages 11-19 years old) and chaperones from every Michigan county come to MSU for 4-H Exploration Days. This MSU pre-college program could be the highlight of your summer – it could even change your life! Registration is **\$220** (additional \$20 fee for non 4-H members) There are state scholarships available, 4-H Council scholarships, and if you are going to Exploration Days as a state awards delegate, Alpena 4-H Council will pay your registration!

- More than 200 session options to choose from—Quidditch, glass etching, dairy production, shooting sports, and much more. There is something for everyone!
- Live in a MSU dorm—just like a college student!
- Spend time with other 4-H'ers from across the state swimming, skating, souvenir shopping, exploring, dancing, going to class, and more!
- We applied for a \$40 scholarship for the first (15) Alpena 4-H'ers to apply!

For more information on this year's Exploration Days, possible scholarships available or to register, please contact Michelle Eagling, Alpena County 4-H Program Coordinator. **Registration starts March 12**—You can apply prior to the registration date. Classes fill quick—so turn your application in as soon as you get it. Registration books will be available in February.

Interested in serving as an instructor at Exploration Days?

Contact the Alpena MSU Extension office. You could teach a class on sewing, poultry, dance, singing, and more. You may not realize it, but you are an expert! Share your knowledge and in doing so, teach youth. There are over 200 classes for youth to choose from at Expo Days—In order for this to be possible, help from volunteers is needed. The Exploration Days fee (including lodging and meals) is covered for all instructors.



4-H EXPLORATION DAYS 50TH ANNIVERSARY



more to explore
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



Fun Day Scholarship Application

Sponsored by: Alpena County 4-H Council



Must be an Alpena County 4-H member age 9-19 years old
Please turn in at the start of your 5 minute interview at Fun Day

Name: _____ Years in 4-H: _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Age: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian(s): _____ Phone: _____

Scholarship Amount: ~ (exact amount TBD at Fun Day)

4-H Exploration Days – June 19-21, 2019 at Michigan State University

Age limit 11-19 years old as of January 1, 2019

Please note receiving a scholarship does not automatically sign you up for Exploration Days

4-H Summer Camp – June 24-27, 2019 at Ocqueoc Outdoor Center

Age limit: 9-12 years old as of camp

Please note receiving a scholarship does not automatically sign you up for Summer Camp

Other Educational 4-H Activity?

Questions 1-6

1) If you receive a scholarship, what educational event or activity do you plan to use it for? Why do you want to attend this event?

2) What is the greatest thing you have learned from 4-H?

3) What does the 4-H motto, “*To Make the Best Better*” mean to you?

4) What is the most important 4-H project you have undertaken? What does this project entail?

5) What other 4-H events have you been involved with (camps, exploration days, capitol experience, 4-H workshops, etc.)? Please describe these events.

6) Do you have any additional information on why you should be considered for a scholarship?

4-H MEMBER CHALLENGE!

Alpena County 4-H Council 2018-2019 4-H Member Challenge!

Member Points Tracking Form:

September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019

4-H Member: _____ 4-H Age: _____ Phone #: _____

Parent Name: _____ T-shirt Size: Adult or Youth _____

Date	Event	Member Initials	Leader/Parent Signature	Point Value
Sept. 1 – March 1	Enrolled in Alpena 4-H by March 1st			1
Oct. 28	Attended County Awards Banquet			2
Nov. 23 July 4	Participated in Parade (2pts each; max 4)			
March 3	Participated in 4-H Fun Day			5
Oct. 3-14 Mar 27-Apr 7	TSC Clover Days (2 pts each, max 4pts)			
June 19-21	Exploration Days			5
Aug 10 – 18	Exhibit at Alpena County Fair (grandstands or livestock)			5
	State Sponsored Activity (ex: Kett. Ctr) Can do more than 1; worth 2pts each			
	Adopt-A-Highway – September, April and/or July (2 pts each, max 4 pts)			
	Club Meetings – (1 pt each max 5 points)			
	4-H Summer Camp/GLNR Camp			5
	Teen counselor at summer camp			2
	Present to Community Leaders—coordinate with MSUE office for this			2
	Fair workbees – (2 points each, max 4)			
	Food Booth Volunteer (4 hour shift)			4
	Attend council meeting (1 pt each, max 2)			
	Teen Council Member			4
	Participate in Evening Barn Event at the Fair (2pt each, max 4)			2
	Other Alpena County Event:			2
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Members age 5 – 11 need to earn a minimum of 25 points

Members age 12 – 19 need to earn a minimum of 30 points

Your active participation in 4-H can earn you a custom t-shirt, recognition at the 2019 County Awards Banquet and an invitation to the annual 4-H Member Challenge Fun Day event!

Tracking Sheets are due to the MSU Extension office Tuesday, September 10, 2019 by 4:30pm



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Enroll in 4-H Today for the 2018-2019 Year!

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Enroll Online + Pay \$20 Enrollment Fee/Scholarship

Introducing the Alpena County 4-H Tech Changemakers!



Is technology a friend or a foe? The National 4-H Council and Microsoft hope to make technology a friend to select communities across the nation, empowering youth to address community needs using technology-based projects and community events. The Alpena 4-H Tech Changemakers want to educate their community about the impact of microplastics on our Great Lakes. While encouraging residents to refuse single-use plastics through the development of a fun, multi-purpose website and associated smartphone app. The goal is to reduce the amount of marine debris that is produced from Alpena County. Concurrently, the Tech Changemakers hope to increase traffic to local businesses and promote sustainable Great Lakes tourism. Stay tuned for our team's exciting work! Find out what other 4-H Tech Changemakers are doing around the country at bit.ly/4HTechChangemakers. Interested high schoolers contact Hannah Hazewinkel at hazewin4@msu.edu



4-H GROWS HERE

Alpena County 4-H is sponsored by the Alpena Youth and Recreation Millage