



Alpena County

4-H Family News

March 2018

Please join us at the 2018 Alpena County 4-H Youth Day!

Sunday, March 18, 2018 at the Alpena Events Complex
1:00pm-4:30pm (arrive by 12:00pm for club display set-up)



(L) The Alpena County 4-H Sew Sister's 4-H Club donated quilts to the baby pantry at the 2017 Youth Day and (R) the Alpena County Spruce Ridge Wranglers 4-H Club made a photo prop for members to take pictures! What is your 4-H club doing for the 2018 Youth Day?

2018 Alpena County 4-H Market Club Dates



3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at the Merchant's Building on the Fairgrounds

4-H members must attend at least 3/5 meetings

- Tuesday, March 20th
- Tuesday, April 17th
- Tuesday, May 15th
- Tuesday, June 19th
- Tuesday, July 17th
- Tuesday, August 21st

*Tuesday, August 21st is an optional market club meeting for thank you cards and record books



2017 Market Club Officers: (L-R) Courtney Krentz, Brooke Gersewski, Lindsay Hoppe, and Demi Oliver. Interested in serving as an officer? 2018 elections will take place at the March 20th market club meeting.

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MSU Extension Hours
Tues-Thurs; 8:30a-4:30p



Michigan 4-H teen leaders have many roles and responsibilities. Learn more in the *NEW* Michigan 4-H teen leadership publication—Visit: <http://bit.ly/2CkViWh>

Alpena 4-H Council Senior Scholarship!

Apply for an Alpena 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: <http://msue.anr.msu.edu/>
 Select: Counties > Alpena > Alpena County 4-H > Scholarships
Application Deadline:



Wednesday, April 11th at 4:30pm to MSUE ★

Interview Date:
Monday, April 16th starting at 6:00pm

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

2017 Senior Scholarship Recipients:
 Dakota Gersewski
 Demi Oliver
 Julia Butch
 Randy Udell



4-H Events & Workshops

March 1: Deadline to Enroll in Alpena 4-H*

<https://mi.4honline.com/Login.aspx>

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, 2018 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>

March 6: ANR Week—Certified Pullorum Tester Workshop (*Expected Training Date*)

<http://www.canr.msu.edu/anrweek/sessions/>

Michigan State University, East Lansing
 *4-H Volunteers are needed to help pullorum test poultry at the 2018 Alpena County Fair.

March 18: Alpena County 4-H Youth Day*

<http://bit.ly/2wCxeIq>

Aplex, Alpena

March 25: Michigan FFA and 4-H Horse Judging Contest

<http://bit.ly/2ygW0n5>

MSU Pavilion, East Lansing

April 14: TSC Paper Clover Campaign Sign-up*

Tractor Supply Co., Alpena (Sign-up times: 10am-12pm & 12pm-2pm) - See page 8 in newsletter

April 15-18: Michigan 4-H Capitol Experience

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_capitol_experience_4

State Capitol, Lansing

April 21: TSC Paper Clover Campaign Sign-up*

Tractor Supply Co., Alpena (Sign-up times: 10am-12pm & 12pm-2pm) - See page 8 in newsletter

May 2: Alpena County 4-H Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up and Pizza Dinner*

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/alpena_county_4_h_adopt_a_highway_clean_up

Long Rapids Hall, Lachine (meet at 5:45pm)

May 9: Animal Care and Well Being*

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/animal_care_and_well_being

Alcona High School, Lincoln (7:00pm-8:30pm)

June 20-22: Michigan 4-H Exploration Days

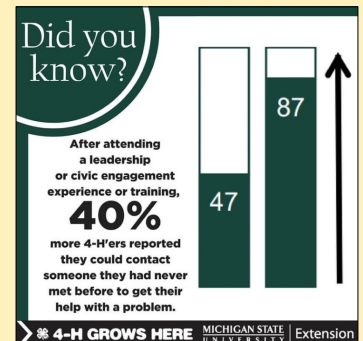
http://msue.anr.msu.edu/events/4_h_exploration_days_1

MSU, East Lansing - See page 9 in newsletter

June 25-27: Five County 4-H Summer Camp*

http://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/alpena/alpena_county_4_h/summer_camp

Ocqueoc Outdoor Center, Millersburg - See page 3 in newsletter



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

*Indicates a local event

4-H Summer Camp:



Join us at Summer Camp!

What are you doing this summer? Join us at summer camp, with 4-H'ers from Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, Otsego, and Presque Isle counties! Learn about natural resources, our Great Lakes, engineering, and more! This year's camp theme is all about S.E.T. or "Science, Engineering and Technology." You don't have to be a 4-H member to attend camp!

Serve as a Camp Counselor

Do you like working with youth in a leadership role? Then serving as a counselor at 4-H summer camp is just for you! Counselors must be 15-19 years old by January 1, 2018.

Deadline to apply as a counselor: **April 18, 2018 at 4:30p**

Complete your counselor application at: bit.ly/1LCuDBb

When:
June 25—27, 2018
TBD if counselors stay until June 28th

Where:
Ocqueoc Outdoor Center
Presque Isle, County

Who:
Youth ages 9-12 years old
Youth that will be 9 years old by the
Start of camp are eligible to attend

Cost:
\$75 (additional \$20 non 4-H'ers)
*Partial scholarships may be available—
Please contact your local MSU Extension
office for more information

Registration:
March 5—May 17, 2018 @ 4:30p
<http://bit.ly/2n7o3lk>
Each county gets 13 spaces, first come—
Then campers go on a waiting list until
May 1 to see if extra spaces are open

Camp Activities:

Archery
Kayaking/Canoeing
Group Games
Paint War
Water Slide
Water Exploration
And More!

Questions?

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Montmorency: colli427@anr.msu.edu | 989.785.8015
Otsego: david72@anr.msu.edu | 989.731.0273
Presque Isle: schalk@anr.msu.edu | 989.734.2168



ALPENA COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DAY

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- Youth Day Individual Project Areas -

All Ages as of January 1, 2018

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- 1) Clothing & Textiles (9-13 years old)** Showcase your sewing, knitting, crocheting, tie dye, and other related projects.
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- 2) Clothing & Textiles (14-19 years old)** Showcase your sewing, knitting, crocheting, tie dye, and other related projects.
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- 3) Cloverbuds (5-8 years old)** We want to see the work of our youngest members and the future of 4-H! Cloverbuds (All 4-H'ers age 5-8 years old) will have the opportunity to discuss and showcase their project(s) in a non-competitive but rewarding venue.
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- 4) Cooking** Bring in those cakes, cookies, hors d'oeuvres, pies, smoothies, honey, and canning items to name a few ideas.
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- 5) Visual Arts/Crafts (9-13 years old)** Arts and crafts that do not fall under any other category will be evaluated here.
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- 6) Visual Arts/Crafts (14-19 years old)** Arts and crafts that do not fall under any other category will be evaluated here.
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- 7) Gardening and Conservation** Did you make a garden related art project, design a bird house, or start a recycling program at your house? Maybe you have a seed experiment that you tried. Perhaps you have learned about no-till methods and completed a project on it. Showcase your gardening, horticulture, conservation and other related projects in this category.
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- 8) Pets** Projects that should be included in this category include personal pet projects such as dogs, cats, birds, mice, hamsters and other domestic pets. You could present about how you trained your dog, talk about how you take care of your cat, make a poster on what you feed your pet, and more. *(No pets can be brought in for this project category)*
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- 9) Horse Veterinarian Science (9-13 years old)** This project area can include a research based poster or display related to horses, a research project on a disease or current issue related to horses, a presentation about your horse related 4-H projects, etc. Any project specifically related to horses should be presented in this category.
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- 10) Horse Veterinarian Science (14-19 years old)** This project area can include a research based poster or display related to horses, a research project on a disease or current issue related to horses, a presentation about your horse related 4-H projects, etc. Any project specifically related to horses should be presented in this category.
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- 11) Large Animal Veterinarian Science** Ex: beef, dairy, swine, goat, sheep, alpaca, etc. This project area can include a research based poster or display related to large animal livestock, a research project on a disease or current issue related to large animal livestock, a presentation about your large animal livestock related 4-H projects, etc. Any project specifically related to large animal livestock should be presented in this category.
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- 12) Small Animal Veterinarian Science** Ex: poultry, rabbits, etc. This project area can include a research based poster or display related to small animal livestock, a research project on a disease or current issue related to small animal livestock, a presentation about your small animal livestock related 4-H projects, etc. Any project specifically related to small animal livestock should be presented in this category. To see if you can bring your small animal livestock projects please contact the Alpena MSU Extension office at least two weeks prior to Youth Day for permission. No poultry can be brought.
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- 13) Informational Displays and Exhibits** Projects such as a family history poster, a display on how you collected honey from bees you raised, a poster on safety when riding ORVs, etc should be presented in this category. This project category includes all informational posters and displays that are **NOT** specifically focused on horse, livestock, or pets.
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- 14) Photography, Drawing and Painting**
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- 15) S.T.E.M** This category includes all projects related to S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics); such as invasive species, water science related projects, welding, ROVs, etc.
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- 16) Shooting Sports** Bring in your bow and talk about your archery 4-H project, make a display on your shooting sports project(s), bring in the bow or rifle case you designed, etc. *(No firearms or ammunition can be brought in for this project category)*
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- 17) Woodworking** Bring your 4-H wood projects to be evaluated. Such as a table you made, wood burning project, and more.
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- 18) Written Expression** Poetry, short stories, reports and other written projects should be displayed in this category.
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- Youth Day Individual or Group Project Areas -

To be completed after individual project judging on stage

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- 19) Speech** Speeches can be done individually or by a group and can be on any appropriate topic. Topic such as what 4-H has taught you and/or how it has impacted your life, current events related to 4-H (animal disease, climate, new regulations, etc), what your 4-H club is doing in Alpena County, confidence, etc are some topic examples. **Time restriction: < 8 mins.**
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- 20) Demonstration** Demonstrations can be done individually or by a group and should consider teaching something you know how to do to others. Demonstrate anything from how to properly saddle a horse to making French crepes. **Time restriction: 5-12 mins.**
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- 21) Performing Arts** This category could include a group or individual dance routine, singing, musical instrument, comedy act, skit, etc. **Time restriction: < 8 mins.** If you need background music for your performance contact Helen-Ann.
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- 22) 4-H Clubs** This category is for presentations, skits, etc conducted by a whole 4-H club. **Time restriction: < 8 mins.**
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Alpena County 4-H Youth Day

Sunday, March 18, 2018 @ the Apex

- 701 Woodward Avenue, Alpena -

1:00pm—4:30pm (arrive by 12:00pm for club set-up)

Who can participate in Youth Day? All 4-H members are encouraged to participate! This event is open to the public; so invite your parents, family, and friends.

How do I participate? Bring your 4-H project(s) to Youth Day—it could be a poster, record book, something you made, or more. Then you present your project to a judge in that category (project categories listed on page #4). After you present you will immediately receive a ribbon—if you receive an honor ribbon you are in the running for the best of show; which is the overall best project in that category. There are (18) best of show individual project areas and (4) best of show individual/group project areas.

Why should you participate? The purpose of Youth Day is to recognize you for your hard work this past year, and specifically your winter projects. Come showcase what you have been working on. Another reason to come is so you can interview for a chance to receive a 4-H Council scholarship that can be used for Summer Camp, Exploration Days, or another educational 4-H event or activity during the 2018 year. **Participating in Youth Day is also a requirement in order to be eligible to represent Alpena County at the State Horse Show**— If you are unable to participate at Youth Day and plan to try out for the state horse show please contact the Alpena MSUE office to set-up a presentation with the HDC.



2018 Alpena 4-H Youth Day Schedule:

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| 12:00pm | 4-H Members Arrive (club display set-up) |
| 12:55pm | Youth Day Kick-off with 4-H Member of the Year |
| 1:00pm | Individual Project Judging and 4-H Council Scholarship Interviews <u>Start</u> |
| 3:00pm | Individual Project Judging and Interviews <u>Stop</u> |
| 3:00pm | Speeches, Demonstrations, Performing Arts, and 4-H Club Presentations Start |
| 4:00pm | Best Name Tag Award Club Display Winner and Runner-up 4-H Scholarship Recipients Best of Show and Reserve of Show Awards |
| 4:30pm | Conclusion and Clean-up |



10 Reasons to Participate in Youth Day

- 1. SUPER FUN!**
It's really, really, really fun!
- 2. Showcase your 4-H project(s)**
Present all your 4-H projects from summer and/or winter and get recognized for all your hard work and dedication!
- 3. Compete for Best of Show**
Compete against your fellow 4-H members in a fun environment.
- 4. Talk and network with judges about your 4-H project(s)**
You will be presenting your project(s) to a judge—it's a great time to meet new people and make a few connections!
- 5. You could get \$\$\$**
At Youth Day you can interview for a scholarship from Alpena 4-H Council that can be used for an educational 4-H activity or event (like Exploration Days or Summer Camp).
- 6. Meet 4-H'ers**
In 2017 over 80 4-H members participated in Youth Day! Join your fellow 4-H'ers and meet new people.
- 7. Your club could win prizes**
Prizes will be given to the club with the best name tags and to 2 clubs that have a display.
- 8. State Horse Show Requirement**
If you're thinking of trying out for the state horse show it's a requirement to participate in Youth Day.
- 9. Exploration Days Registration Books will be available**
Interested in going to Exploration Days? Pick up information about this year's trip, classes, and registration information at Youth Day!
- 10. Show Your 4-H Spirit**
Come show your 4-H spirit and cheer on your fellow 4-H members while they present their projects.

Youth Day Name Tags

Who should make a name tag? Each club designs their own matching name tag for all their members and leader(s)



What should be on my name tag? Your first and last name, and the name of your 4-H club
**We will be randomly drawing a winner from each club that has name tags. The winning club will receive a \$50 prize sponsored by the Alpena County 4-H Council.*

Youth Day Club Display

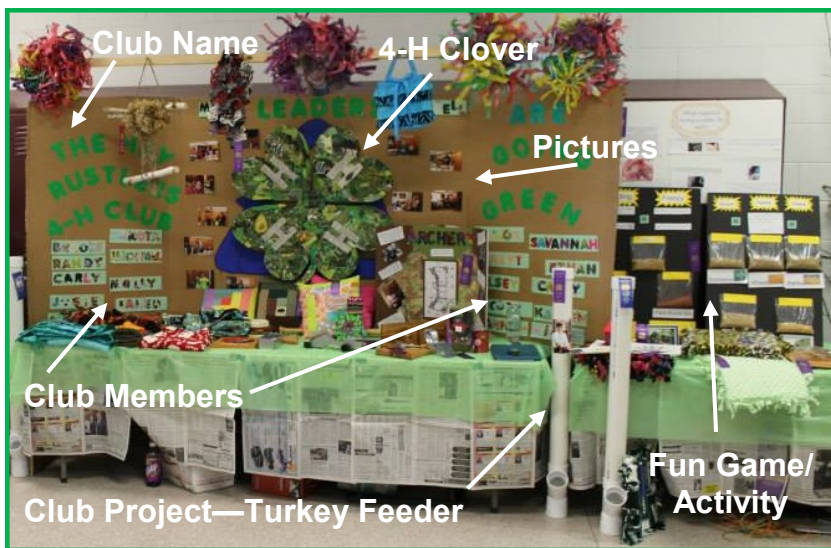
What should we include in our club display? Club name, 4-H clover (stickers are available at our office if needed), member list, projects your club does, pictures, a fun game or activity for other 4-H'ers and community members, and an educational component.

Activity at display: The activity at your club display should be a fun educational game; such as matching, trivia, obstacle course, etc. This activity is for fellow 4-H members and community members!

Club display rules: You must have at least one 4-H member by your display at all times to help answer questions, and showcase your 4-H club. Help inform the community on the power of 4-H in Alpena County!

Club Display Contest: There will be a 4-H club display contest at Youth Day! The winning 4-H Club will receive a \$50 prize and the runner-up 4-H Club will receive a \$25 prize.

Example Display (Hay Rustlers 2014 Club Display):



4-H Council Scholarship Interview

Who should interview for a scholarship? All 4-H members age 9-19 interested in attending Exploration Days (11-19 year olds), Summer Camp (9-12 year olds), a Kettunen Center Workshop, MI 4-H State Horse Show, or another 4-H educational event/activity.

How: When you arrive at Youth Day fill out an application and get in line to complete a 5 minute interview. If you want to complete a scholarship application prior to Youth Day see pages 7-8 in the newsletter or visit the Alpena MSUE website: <http://bit.ly/2C1dyGI>

Requirements: In order to be eligible to receive a 4-H Council scholarship you must participate in an individual project category at Youth Day.

4-H Capitol Experience! April 15-18, 2018

4-H Capitol Experience is an annual four day conference that helps prepare high school 4-H members for active citizenship by focusing on civic engagement and public policy. Up to 130 teens from around the state converge on Lansing, Michigan to experience state government in action and learn how they can influence policy issues. Participants interact with legislators, state agency staff, lobbyists and other resource people to learn how policy is made. Attendees will:

- Understand the responsibilities of a citizen
- Explore different aspects of a policy issue that may affect individuals and communities
- Explore various careers in public policy
- Attend a bill writing session
- Have an in-depth meeting with someone in (or involved with) state government

Register today at:
<http://bit.ly/2BUgscW>



MARKET SALE INFORMATION

2018 Livestock Birth/Hatch Dates

(First Day of Fair: Saturday, August 4, 2018)

- **Market Beef** Earliest Birth: December 4, 2016 (max age 20 months at fair)
Must be purchased, tagged & filed at MSUE office by December 1
- **Feeder Calf** Earliest Birth: January 1, 2018
Must be purchased, tagged & filed at MSUE office by spring weigh-in
- **Baby Beef** Earliest Birth: January 1, 2018
Must be purchased, tagged & filed at MSUE office by spring weigh-in
- **Veal** Suggested Birth: March 31–April 28, 2018 (age 14-18 weeks at fair)
Must be purchased, tagged & filed at MSUE office by spring weigh-in
- **Goat** Earliest Birth: January 1, 2018; must be purchased by spring weigh-in
Must be weighed at spring weigh-in in order to be eligible to market
- **Lamb** Earliest Birth: January 1, 2018; must be purchased by spring weigh-in
Must be weighed at spring weigh-in in order to be eligible to market
- **Swine** Suggested Birth: February 1-March 31, 2018
Must be purchased, tagged & filed at MSUE office by spring weigh-in
- **Stewer Rabbit (pen of 1)**
Birth Range: January 1-February 4, 2018 (min age 6 months)
- **Turkey/Goose (pen of 1)**
Earliest Hatch: February 17, 2018 (max age 24 weeks)
- **Pheasant (pen of 2)**
Earliest Hatch: April 14, 2018 (max age 16 weeks)
- **Duck (pen of 1)**
Earliest Hatch: April 28, 2018 (max age 14 weeks)
- **Rabbits (pen of 3)**
Earliest Birth: May 12, 2018 (max age 12 weeks)
- **Quail (pen of 4)**
Earliest Hatch: May 26, 2018 (max age 10 weeks)
- **Broilers (pen of 2)**
Earliest Hatch: June 16, 2018 (max age 7 weeks)
- **Cornish Hens (pen of 3)**
Earliest Hatch: July 7, 2018 (max age 4 weeks)

2018 Sheep & Goat Spring Weigh-in

- **Wednesday, May 23 @ 5:00pm-6:30pm (Swine Barn)**
Sheep and Goats Only—required to get weighed in for market eligibility
If this TIME does not work contact Helen-Ann prior to May 17, 2018.

2018 Poultry Proof of Hatch Requirement

- 4-H members are required to keep a copy of their proof of hatch date. It is highly recommended you bring your proof of hatch date to the Alpena County Fair in the event the age of your poultry is questioned by the weigh master or judge. Members are not required to submit proof of hatch dates to the MSU Extension office in 2018.

Market Sale Record Books Available Online!

This is a form for a 'Novice Market Record Book'. It includes fields for Name, Date of Birth, Species (Pheasant, Turkey, Duck, Rabbit, Quail, Chicken, Turkey, Goose, Rabbit, Quail, Chicken, Turkey), and Year. It also has sections for Project Leader, Youth Signature, and Parent/Guardian Signature. A disclaimer at the bottom states: 'Michigan State University Extension does not assume any liability for the use of this information. It is provided as a service to the public and is not intended to constitute an offer of insurance or any other financial product. Please contact your insurance agent for more information.' The Michigan State University Extension logo is at the bottom.

This is a form for a 'Junior Market Record Book'. It includes fields for Name, Date of Birth, Species (Duck, Goose, Pheasant, Quail, Chicken, Turkey), and Year. It also has sections for Project Leader, Youth Signature, and Parent/Guardian Signature. A disclaimer at the bottom states: 'Michigan State University Extension does not assume any liability for the use of this information. It is provided as a service to the public and is not intended to constitute an offer of insurance or any other financial product. Please contact your insurance agent for more information.' The Michigan State University Extension logo is at the bottom.

This is a form for a 'Senior Market Record Book'. It includes fields for Name, Date of Birth, Species (Duck, Goose, Pheasant, Quail, Chicken, Turkey), and Year. It also has sections for Project Leader, Youth Signature, and Parent/Guardian Signature. A disclaimer at the bottom states: 'Michigan State University Extension does not assume any liability for the use of this information. It is provided as a service to the public and is not intended to constitute an offer of insurance or any other financial product. Please contact your insurance agent for more information.' The Michigan State University Extension logo is at the bottom.

Get a PDF of your record book at:
<http://bit.ly/2lp0ba4>
 *Under the market animal sale tab on the Alpena County MSUE website

MARKET RULES & TSC PAPER CLOVER INFO

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Market Sale Rule Changes

In November the Alpena County 4-H Council voted on the proposed market sale rules. Please find the approved rule changes listed below. A final copy of the market sale rules is available at the Alpena MSUE office or online at: <http://bit.ly/2lp0ba4>

Page 2; #4 change to:

- “Members must also enroll in Alpena County 4-H by the dates listed below in order to be eligible to sell. Livestock pictures and electronic and local ID for Beef project are due by December 1st and all other large animal pictures are due by spring weigh-in. The 4-H member must be visible in the picture and the animals ID. **Clear, hard copy colored pictures must be submitted (no digital pictures).** Swine must have the USDA tag issued from the MSU Extension office visible in their picture. You may have to submit more than one picture in order to ensure the tag is visible.”

Page 3; #10 change to:

- “Members should wear proper show clothing while showing in showmanship, market class, and the sale ring (see page 6). Clothing with club name, personal names, or slogans is not appropriate to be worn in the show or sale ring. If a second 4-H member is needed to help with market class it is recommended they wear proper showmanship clothing.”

Page 3; #16 change to:

- “If a 4-H member is showing 2 animals in a Market class it is the responsibility of the 4-Her to find another 4-H member to handle their second animal in the ring. The handler of your second animal must be another 4-H member. If the second 4-H member is from another county you must submit their name and county to the MSU Extension office by the July market club meeting.”

Page 4; #25 change to:

- “A 4-H member who exhibits an animal must complete a 4-H Market Animal Record Book. 4-H Market Animal Record Books must be turned into the MSU Extension office by September 1st of that calendar year for the member to participate in the Alpena County 4-H Market Animal Sale the following year. Record books will be reviewed by a committee. If your book is deemed not complete you will be required to make revisions to your record book by the County Awards Banquet or you will not be eligible to participate in the Alpena County 4-H Market Animal Sale the following year.”

Page 4; #27 change to:

- “Each member will send a thank you note to their buyer after the market animal sale. These are to be given personally or mailed to the buyer. Thank you cards and postage will be provided by 4-H Council if you coordinate with the MSU Extension office.”

Page 9; #16 new rule:

- “All finished beef must be dehorned by December 1st.”

Page 18; table:

- “Minimum weight for goose 9lbs.”

Join us at the
Spring 4-H
Adopt-A-Highway
Clean-up &
Pizza Dinner!



Worth 2 points!

Wednesday,
May 2, 2018
@ 5:45pm

- Meet at Long Rapids
Hall in Lachine -

*Alpena 4-H Council will
be sponsoring a pizza
dinner for all volunteers



Tractor Supply Paper Clover Campaign!

Please help support Alpena County 4-H by volunteering
at the TSC Paper Clover Campaign! April 11-25, 2018



Sign Up Times:



Saturday, April 14 (10:00am-12:00pm) & (12:00pm-2:00pm)

Saturday, April 21 (10:00am-12:00pm) & (12:00pm-2:00pm)

- Please contact the Alpena MSUE to sign up for a time slot -

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. Local funds raised from the paper clover campaign are used to send 4-H members to 4-H camps and leadership experiences.

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4-H Exploration Days June 20-22, 2018 @ 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 \$165 (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 Helen-Ann Cordes, Alpena County 4-H Program Coordinator.

Registration opens starts March 13— You can apply prior to the registration date. Classes fill quick—so turn you 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





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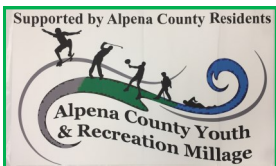


Enroll in 4-H Today for the 2017-2018 Year!

Don't miss the **March 1, 2018** deadline to be eligible to market livestock at the 2018 Alpena County Fair.
Enroll Online + Pay \$20 Enrollment Fee/Scholarship



A special congratulations to the four Alpena County 4-H members that received senior scholarships in 2017, (L-R) **Dakota Gersewski**, **Randy Udell**, **Demi Oliver**, and **Julia Butch** (not pictured). All graduating Alpena County 4-H members are invited to apply for a 2018 Alpena County 4-H Council Senior Scholarship. See page 2 in the newsletter for more information. Senior scholarships are due April 11th.



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